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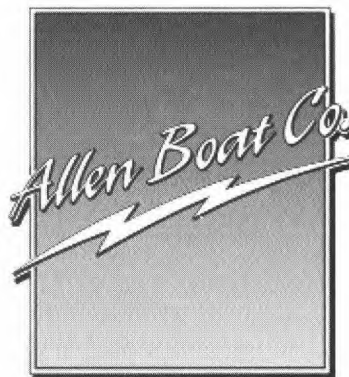
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Dedication

HELEN E. LIMBAUGH

Executive Secretary/Director ILCA 1965-1982

On February 17, 1999 the International Lightning Class Association lost Helen E. Limbaugh, one of its most dedicated, hard-working, respected and loyal members. Helen and her husband, Jay (ILCA President in 1964) joined the Class in 1956 and immediately became active in all aspects of the Class, including the Fleet, District and North American levels. Together, Jay and Helen sailed in many Lightning regattas, literally all over the world. When she wasn't racing, Helen was active in all other aspects of a regatta. She was always available to assist in racing activities, registration and scoring.

Members who were active in the Class administration during Helen's tenure as Executive Secretary and Director will confirm how valuable her attention to detail and follow-up was to the Class, particularly in the days before the modern marvels of computers, email and faxes. She was instrumental along with several other members in the Class achieving world status and international recognition. Her contributions have been recognized by all members of the Class worldwide.

Helen will always be an inspiration to all of us. Her great personality, her incanny ability to skillfully nudge officers of the Class to perform their responsibilities (the writer can attest to this), her love of the Class and her ambition to make the Class the number one sailing association in the world speak for themselves.

- George Fisher and John Schneider

Helen was the Lightning Class' Mother to many of us. She could be a stern taskmaster to those of us involved in the Class. She taught us about what was right for the Class. She gave us the lessons from the past while always looking out for all of our futures. Helen kept the Class going. She knew when to prod the volunteers and when to lead them. To so very many of us, she WAS the Class. We will all miss her.

- David Sprague

Dedication

On the 60th Anniversary of the Lightning Class Association . . .

to the designers and the builders of the first Lightning

and to the builders of the next one and the next 15000.

to the sailors who have raced the Lightning

and to those who sail but do not race.

to the sailors who have stayed with the Class since they first sailed

and to those who have returned.

to every sailor who has been a member of a Fleet, from Skaneateles #1

to Lagos, Nigeria #510.

to everyone who loves the Lightning

and to the graceful boat herself.

Happy 60th Birthday, lady Lightning.

1938 - 1998

60
years

The ILCA Fund

The International Lightning Class Association has been granted status as a 501(c)3 charity by the Internal Revenue Service. Just like gifts to the United Fund and the Olympic Committee, gifts to the I.L.C.A. can be deducted from income in computing your taxes. You can make a gift and the I.L.C.A., of course, gets the full value of your gift to use for many worthy projects.

The I.L.C.A. Fund was formed in 1982 to give some direction and impetus to the solicitation of charitable gifts. The I.L.C.A. Fund is directed by a committee of five I.L.C.A. members who serve staggered three year terms. Each year members send gifts along with their I.L.C.A. dues. Several large gifts have been received, including a 30 acre farm in Mississippi and the funds to purchase the beautiful Masters' Trophy awarded each year at the St. Petersburg Regatta. Other uses of the Fund have been the newest computer and printer, the FAX machine, the copying machine and several Junior events. Income from the I.L.C.A. farm is earmarked for use in promotion of Lightning sailing.

The long term objective of the Fund is to build an endowment equal to two hundred percent of the I.L.C.A.'s annual budget to stand as the guarantee that the Class will remain solvent so long as boats float on water and to ensure future sailors the opportunity to enjoy the excitement and fellowship of sailing Lightning Class sailboats.

Most sailors who have been members of the I.L.C.A. for several years come to realize that the value they receive from participation in the sport of racing and sailing Lightning Class yachts is much greater than the \$45.00 annual dues. Gifts to the Fund provide a means, with help of the tax deduction, to pay the I.L.C.A. back.

When you pay your membership dues, include something extra as a gift to the Fund.

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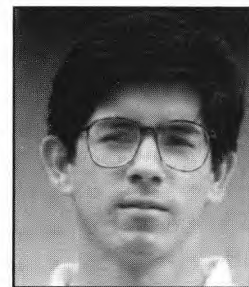
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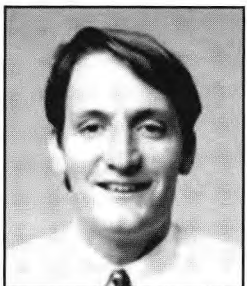
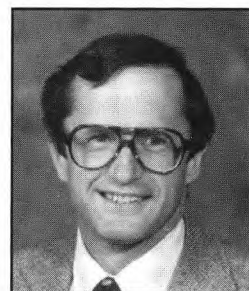
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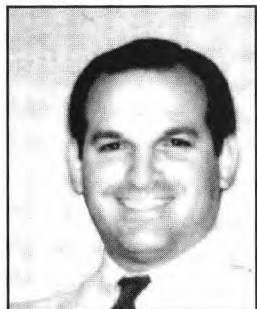


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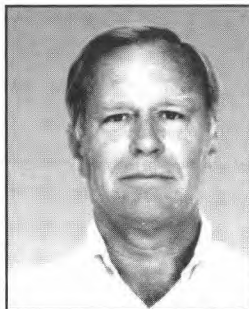
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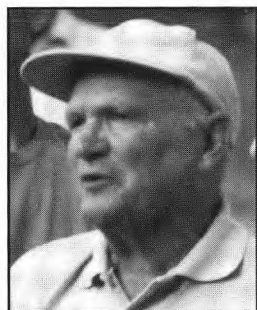
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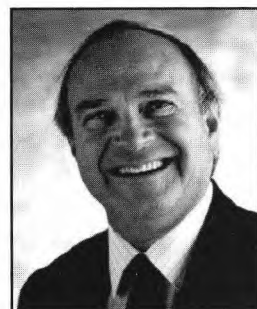


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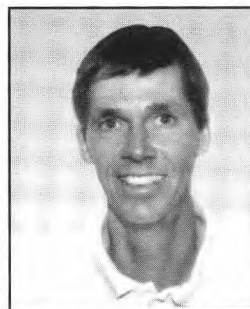


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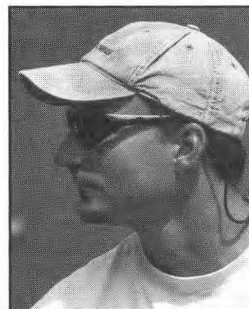
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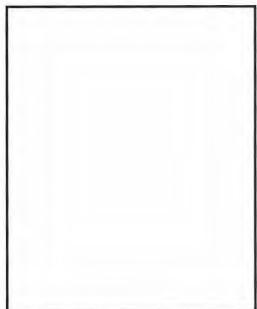
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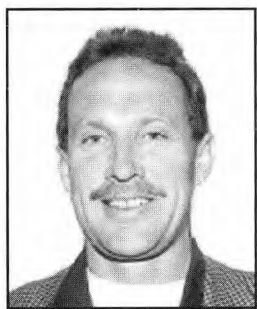


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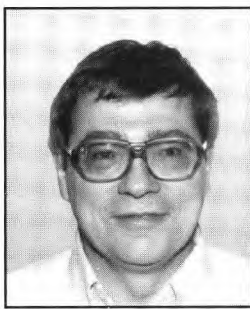


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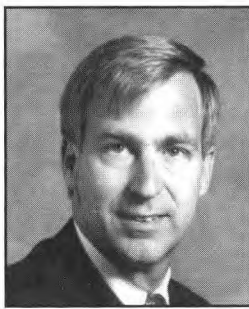
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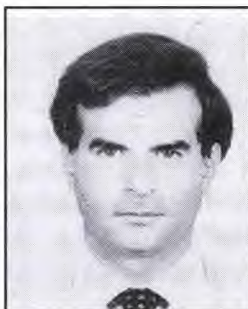


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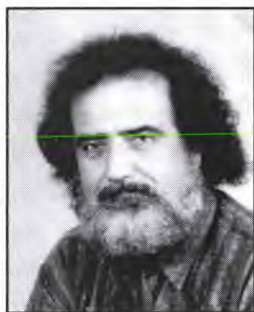
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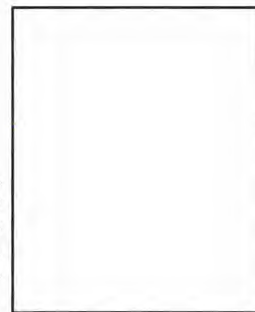
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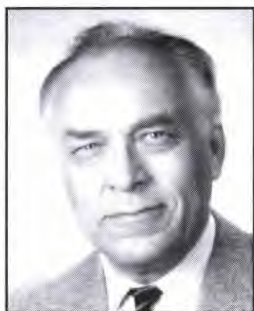
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1946	Len Ladenburger	John W. Orelup	Edward McCain	Edward McCain	
1947	John W. Orelup	Arthur Burtscher	Edward McCain	Karl Smither	
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1952	Wayne L. Brockett	H. Richard Krauss	C. B. Crittenden	Charles H. Dore, III	Clifford O'Kane
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1958	Carleton J. Allan	H. J. Cawthra	Samuel D. Knox	Thomas D. Fallon	Burrows Morley
1959	H. J. Cawthra	Burrows Morley	Thomas D. Fallon	John M. McIntosh	James G. Carson
1960	Burrows Morley	James G. Carson	John M. McIntosh	Martin O'Meara, Jr.	Herman Henschen
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World CHAMPIONS

YEAR	PLACE	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	YEAR	PLACE	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
1961	Milford Y.C. Milford, CT USA	Thomas Allen III Buffalo, NY	Jorge Salas-Chavez Buenos Aires, Argentina				
1963	Club DeRegatas Lima, Peru	Thomas Allen III Buffalo, NY	Robert Seidelmann Westmont, NJ				
1965	Circolo Canottieri Naples, Italy	Thomas Allen III Buffalo, NY	Alan Raffee San Diego, CA				
1967	Royal Canadian Y.C. Toronto, Canada	Dr. Louis Pocharski Marblehead, MA	Thomas Allen III Buffalo, NY				
1969	Yacht Club Olivos Buenos Aires, Argentina	Bruce Goldsmith Chicago, IL	James R. Crane Darien, CT				
1971	Merenkavijat Y.C. Helsinki, Finland	William A. Shore Depew, NY	Jack Mueller, Jr. Rocky River, OH				
1973	Buffalo Canoe Club Point Abino, Ontario, Canada	Bruce Goldsmith Chicago, IL	Jim Dressel Columbus, OH				
1975	Salinas Yacht Club Salinas, Ecuador	Mario Buckup São Paulo, Brazil	William A. Shore Newport, RI				
1977	Spiez Yacht Club Spiez, Switzerland	Thomas Allen III Buffalo, NY	Mario Buckup São Paulo, Brazil				
1979	Rush Creek Yacht Club Heath, Texas USA	Glenn Darden Ft. Worth, TX	William A. Shore Newport, RI				
1981	Gran Hotel Puçon Puçon, Chile	Walmor Gomes Soares Florianopolis, Brazil	Glenn Darden Ft. Worth, TX				
1983	Circola Velici Napoletani	Jay Lutz Bonnie Shore Newport, R.I.	Sergio Messina Marsala, Italy				
1985	Little Egg Harbor Y.C. Beach Haven, NJ USA	William Shore Betsy Allison Karen Neri Newport, R.I.	Mario Bucku São Paulo, Brazil				
1987	Club Naval Castillogrande Cartagena, Colombia	Manuel Gonzalez Mas Santiago, Chile	Eddy Martin Montreal, Quebec				
1989	Yacht Racing Club of Athens Athens, Greece	Peter Hall Al Boucher Westmount, Quebec	Matt Fisher Westerville, OH				
1991	Severn Sailing Association Annapolis, MD USA	David Dellenbaugh Hale Walcoff Kip Hamblet Essex, CT	Larry MacDonald, Jr. Carlisle, Ontario				
1993	Ilhabela Island São Paulo, Brazil	Manfred Kaufmann São Paulo, Brazil	Fernando Hackerott São Paulo, Brazil				
1995	Kuopion Pursiseura Kuopio, Finland	Alberto Gonzales Mas Rodrigo Zuazola German Schacht Santiago, Chile	Thomas Allen IV Jim Allen Jane Allen Buffalo, NY				
1997	St. Claire Yacht Club Montreal, Canada	Larry MacDonald Jr. Jody Swanson Ian Jones Carlisle, Ontario	Manuel Gonzales Mas Juan Francisco Novion German Novion Santiago, Chile				

World Youth CHAMPIONS

YEAR	PLACE	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	YEAR	PLACE	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
1978	Yacht Club Peruna Peru	Stephen Craig Heath, TX USA	Hugo Castro Buenos Aires, Argentina				
1980	Buffalo Canoe Club Point Abino Ontario, Canada	Ian Jones Snyder, NY USA	Otavio Machando de Almeida São Paulo, Brazil				
1982	Circolo Velico Marsala Marsala, Sicily Italy	Gordon Anderson Halifax, Nova Scotia Canada	Pasquale Vitaggio Marsala, Sicily Italy				
1984	Metedeconk River Y.C. Brick, New Jersey USA	Jody Swanson Eggertsville, NY USA	Anthony Fink Leonardo, NJ, USA				
1986	Yacht Club Olivos Olivos, Argentina	Guillermo Parada Argentina	Christian Frers Argentina				
1988	Nasijarven Purjehdusseura- Nasijarvi Segelsallskap R.Y. Tampere, Finland	Duncan Stewart Kingston, Ontario Canada	Alexandros Dimou Piraeus, Greece				
1990	Buffalo Canoe Club Point Abino Ontario, Canada	Ned Roseberry Buffalo, NY USA	Sjoerd-JanVanderhorst Blacklick, OH USA				
1992	Higuerillas Yacht Club Viña del Mar, Chile	Thomas Starck Buffalo, NY USA	Nicholas Granucci Buenos Aires, Argentina				
1994	Cercle de Voile de Neuchâtel Neuchâtel, Switzerland	Marty Essig Hamilton, Ontario Canada	Miguel Plaza, Jr. Guayaqui Ecuador				
1996	Metedeconk River YC Brick, New Jersey USA	Miguel Plaza, Jr. Guayaquil Ecuador	Chad Atkins Rochester, New York USA				
1998	Salinas Yacht Club Salinas Ecuador	Sean Carroll Jericho, VT USA	Konstantinos Merentitis N. Smirni Greece				

North American CHAMPIONS

The first National Championship was held when the first boat was publicly less than eight months old. Nineteen boats participated, and John Barnes won with three firsts.

In 1945, the Championship was renamed International, there being thirty some boats in "foreign" countries.

In 1961, the first Lightning World Championship was held and that year the Internationals were renamed once again, this time to the North American Championships.

YEAR	PLACE	NATIONAL CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	PRESIDENTS CUP	RUNNER-UP	GOVERNORS CUP	RUNNER-UP
1939	Bay Head YC Barnegat Bay - Bay Head, NJ	John S. Barnes Skaneateles, NY	John C. Hirst Mantoloking, NJ				
1940	Riverside YC Long Island Sound - Riverside, CT	John S. Barnes	Carl Dixon Skaneateles, NY	Riverside, CT			
1940	Riverside YC Long Island Sound - Riverside, CT	John S. Barnes	Carl Dixon Skaneateles, NY	Riverside, CT			
1941	Skaneateles C. C. Skaneateles, NY	John M. Stern Buffalo, NY	David G. Cluett Lawrence, NY				
1942 *	South Haven YC Lake Michigan - South Haven, MI	David G. Cluett	Walter E. Swindeman, Jr. Lawrence, NY	Toledo, OH			
1943 *	Bay Head YC Barnegat Bay - Bay Head, NJ	Karl Smither Buffalo, NY	John W. Orelup Short Hills, NJ				
1944 *	Buffalo Canoe Club Lake Erie - Pt. Abino, Ontario	Theodore Maher Riverside, CT	Karl Smither-Robert Crane Buffalo, NY				
1945 *	Riverside YC Long Island Sound - Riverside, CT	George R. Barnes CT	Karl Smither Skaneateles, NY	Buffalo, NY	* Special War-Time Regattas		
1946	Skaneateles C. C. Skaneateles, NY	Walter E. Swindeman, Jr. Toledo, OH	Buffalo, NY	Karl Smither-Robert Crane Philadelphia, PA			
1947	Toledo YC Lake Erie - Toledo, OH	Walter Swindeman, Jr. Toledo, OH	K. Smither-R. Crane Buffalo, NY	Robert H. Siemer Williamsville, NY	Leo E. Wasserberger Pontiac, MI		
1948	Buffalo Canoe Club Lake Erie - Pt. Abino, Ontario	Richard H. Bertram Miami Beach, FL	Walter Swindeman, Jr. Toledo, OH	K. Smither-R. Crane Buffalo, NY	R. Ludlow Wray Philadelphia, PA		
1949	Miami, Coconut Grove, Biscayne Bay Y. Clubs - Miami, FL	Richard H. Bertram Miami Beach, FL	Bob Graf Buffalo, NY	Dr. Herbert Virgin, Jr. Miami, FL	Felix Ross Miami, FL		
1950	Buffalo Canoe Club Lake Erie - Pt. Abino, Ontario	H. Richard Krauss Toledo, OH	Magnus Pederson Nyack, NY	William Walker Erie, PA	Dr. Gerald Murphy Lake Fenton, MI		
1951	Toledo YC Lake Erie - Toledo, OH	John Teigland, Jr. Bedford, NJ	John N. F. Robertson Hamilton, Ontario	Howard J. Foht Erie, PA	Karl Smither Buffalo, NY		
1952	Spray Beach YC Spray Beach, NJ	Robert W. Graf Buffalo, NY	Eugene Walet III New Orleans, LA	Thomas Allen III Buffalo, NY	Edward G. Waters Little Silver, NJ		
1953	Buffalo Canoe Club Lake Erie - Pt. Abino, Ontario	Harry J. Cawthra Detroit, MI	Karl Smither Buffalo, NY	Warren F. Jones Detroit, MI	James G. Carson Philadelphia, PA		
1954	Crescent Sail Club Lake Erie - Detroit, MI	Thomas Allen III Bainbridge, MD	Harry R. Sindle Little Falls, NJ	Peter Grainge N. Tomawanda, NY	Clarence L. Holman, Jr. Fenton, MI		
1955	Southern YC Lake Ponchartrain - New Orleans, LA	Thomas Allen III	Robert Adams Buffalo, NY	Paul Shreck Rydal, PA	C. J. Prados New Orleans, LA		
1956	Buffalo Canoe Club Lake Erie - Pt. Abino, Ontario	William S. Cox, Sr. Darien, CT	Gene Walet New Orleans, LA	Richard Karslake Chautauqua, NY	Marjorie J. Adams Rydal, PA		
1957	Milford YC Long Island Sound-Milford, CT	William S. Cox, Sr. Darien, CT	John Teigland Lake Pine, NJ	Henry J. Cawthra Grosse Pointe, MI	John M. McIntosh Savannah, GA		
1958	Little Egg Harbor YC Beach Haven, NJ	Henry J. Cawthra Grosse Pointe, MI	William T. Uhl Syosset, NY	Tim Nelson Kitchener, Ontario	Keneth L. Ireland Nichols, CT		
1959	Crescent Sail Club Lake St. Clair - Detroit, MI	Herman Nickels, Jr. Fenton, MI	Thomas Allen III Buffalo, NY	Carter G. Ford Riverside, CT	John W. Swanson Buffalo, NY		
1960	Tawas Bay YC East Tawas, MI	Carl Eichenlaub San Diego, CA	Henry J. Cawthra Grosse Pointe, MI	Jay L. Doty Chicago, IL	Dr. John T. Gentry Skaneateles, NY	Dr. Charles H. Maltb Youngstown, OH	Robert Birmingham Pittsburgh, PA
1961	Mission Bay YC San Diego, CA	Thomas Allen III Buffalo, NY	Robert B. Crane Darien, CT	Wendell Harter Manhattan Beach, CA	David K. Storrs Oyster Bay, NY		
1962	Buffalo Canoe Club Lake Erie, Ontario, Canada	Thomas Allen III Buffalo, NY	Carl Eichenlaub San Diego, CA	Carter G. Ford Riverside, CT	David Chanoux Trumbull, CT	James Coggan Kalamazoo, MI	J. R. G. Bleasby Toronto, Ontario
1963	Tawas Bay YC East Tawas, MI	Carl Eichenlaub San Diego, CA	William Campbell St. Joseph, MI	W. Stephen Bachman, Jr. Southport, CT	Howard J. Mullin Saddle River, NJ	David Chanoux Trumbull, CT	Warren R. Gross San Diego, CA
1964	Mission Bay YC San Diego, CA	Robert Seidelmann Moorestown, NJ	David M. Peterson Old Saybrook, CT	Dr. Leo Wasserberger Pontiac, MI	Richard C. Benner Palos Verdes, CA	Alton A. Nerg Northbrook, IL	Arnold Schwartz Lincroft, NJ
1965	Bay Head YC Barnegat Bay - Bay Head, NJ	Thomas Allen III Buffalo, NY	Louis A. Pocharski, Jr. Marblehead, MA	Carl Eichenlaub San Diego, CA	Dr. Charles H. Maltbie Youngstown, OH	Robert Don Clark Kent, WA	Robert Polhemus Noroton, CT

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1966	Buffalo Canoe Club Lake Erie, Ontario, Canada	Robert Seidelmann Cherry Hill, NJ	Thomas Allen III Buffalo, NY	Jay L. Doty Chicago, IL	Hugo C. Long St. Joseph, MI	William T. Uhl Woodbury, NY	Robert S. Shuris Wyckoff, NJ
1967	Cleveland Yachting Club Lake Erie-Rocky River, OH	Bruce Goldsmith Chicago, IL	Tom Allen III Buffalo, NY	W. Stephen Bachman, Jr. Whittier, CA	Ralph B. Sperry, Jr. Southport, CT	Chas. G. Obersheimer, Jr. Buffalo, NY	Richard W. Hallagan Newark, NY
1968	Chicago Corinthian YC Lake Michigan - Chicago, IL	Thomas Allen III Buffalo, NY	Louis A. Pocharski, Jr. Marblehead, MA	William T. Uhl Woodbury, NY	R. Garrett Demarest III Bridgeport, CT	Sam B. Fortenbaugh III Bay Head, NJ	Robert K. Smither Hinsdale, IL
1969	Buffalo Canoe Club Lake Erie, Ontario, Canada	Thomas Allen III Buffalo, NY	Louis A. Pocharski, Jr. Marblehead, MA	John W. Mueller, Jr. Rocky River, OH	Richard Ferrick Orchard Park, NY	William E. Neal Perry, NY	John Schneider New York, NY
1970	Southern YC Lake Ponchartrain-New Orleans, LA	Thomas Allen III Buffalo, NY	James G. Carson Philadelphia, PA	Richard W. Hallagan Newark, NY	Fred H. Hamblet Keene, NH	A. Marcy Lippincott Riverton, NJ	Allan W. Siegner, Jr. Kenmore, NY
1971	Milwaukee YC Lake Michigan - Milwaukee, WI	William A. Shore Depew, NY	James G. Carson Philadelphia, PA	John J. Collins Marblehead, MA	A. Marcy Lippincott Riverton, NJ	Dr. A. J. Penfield Fayetteville, NY	C. O. Jones, Jr. Buffalo, NY
1972	Rehoboth Bay Sailing Assn. - Rehoboth, DE	James Crane Darien, CT	Bob Seidelmann Gibbsboro, NJ	Dr. Georges Peter Annisquam, MA	John S. Schneider New York, NY	Arnold Schwartz Red Bank, NJ	Howard J. Mullin Colts Neck, NJ
1973	Tawas Bay YC East Tawas, MI	Bruce Goldsmith Chicago, IL	James R. Crane Darien, CT	Steve Harper Gilford, NH	John A. Ballatin Metairie, LA	Cal Schmiede Lewiston, NY	Mark Bryant Cheektowaga, NY
1974	Cleveland Yachting Club Rocky River, OH	Bruce Goldsmith Chicago, IL	Mario Buckup Brazil	Greg Zettler Bellevue, WA	Djoerd Hoekstra Haverford, PA	Warren Gross San Diego, CA	George Sipel Morenci, MI
1975	Savannah YC Sea Pines Plantation-Hilton Head, SC	Bruce Goldsmith Chicago, IL	William A. Shore Newport, RI	Bob Hutchinson Red Bank, NJ	Bill McKinley Saginaw, MI	John Mueller, Sr. Rocky River, OH	Jack Burwell South Freeport, ME
1976	Sheboygan YC Sheboygan, WI	William Shore Newport, RI	Fisk Hayden Liverpool, NY	Dave Peters Ann Arbor, MI	Fred Hamblet Keene, NH	John Cuccio Westport, CT	Christopher Hamblet W. Swanzey, NH
1977	Buffalo Canoe Club Lake Erie, Ontario, Canada	Matt Fisher Columbus, OH	Greg Fisher Newport, RI	David M. Peterson Old Saybrook, CT	Denis Farley Middletown, NJ	Jon Schwartz Fair Haven, NJ	John A. Ballatin Metairie, LA
1978	Rehoboth Bay Sailing Assn. Rehoboth, DE	William Shore Newport, RI	Matt Fisher Columbus, OH	Dr. Donald Delorme Alexandria, VA	Jim Carson Brick, NJ	David Sprague Toronto, Ontario	Lenny Krawcheck Charleston, SC
1979	Cleveland Yachting Club Rocky River, OH	Jim Crane Norwalk, CT	Bruce Goldsmith Lake Geneva, WI	Will Petersilge Newark, OH	Ross Bailey Thunder Bay, Ontario	Jim McCoy Drayton Plains, MI	Peter Huston Tonawanda, NY
1980	Mission Bay YC San Diego, CA	Mark Bryant Buffalo, NY	David Curtis Marblehead, MA	Ross Bailey Thunder Bay, Ontario	Luis Herman, Jr. Santiago, Chile	Randy Ruhlman Cleveland, OH	Lance Drewes Lewisville, TX
1981	Cedar Point YC Westport, CT	David Curtis Marblehead, MA	Jay Lutz Brick, NJ	Ched Rogan Huntington, NY	Paul Gelenitis Metedeconk, NJ	Richard Thackaberry Fairfield, CT	Meredith C. Jones St. Louis, MO
1982	Buffalo Canoe Club Pt. Abino, Ontario, Canada	Jay Lutz Brick, NJ	Larry MacDonald Hamilton, Ontario	Tom Allen, Jr. Buffalo, NY	Jim Carson Brick, NJ	W. Todd Jones Tonawanda, NY	Paul Gelenitis Brick, NJ
1983	Rush Creek YC Heath, TX	William Shore Newport, RI	James R. Crane Norwalk, CT	Rick Tears Dallas, TX	Paul Emens Rockwall, TX	Kirk A. Johnson San Diego, CA	Hank Hodgson Horton, MI
1984	Corinthian YC Seattle, WA	Mark Bryant Buffalo, NY	Matt Fisher Westerville, OH	Paul Gelenitis Metedeconk, NJ	Jody A. Swanson Eggertsville, NY	Scott Zerban Belleville, IL	Warren Gross San Diego, CA
1985	Tawas Bay YC East Tawas, MI	William Shore Newport, RI	Manuel Gonzalez Santiago, Chile	Eric Larson Sheboygan, WI	Fred Hutchinson Miami, FL	Thomas Hering New York, NY	Jon Ewing Aptus, CA
1986	Olympic Harbor Kingston, Ontario, Canada	William Shore Newport, RI	Garry Demarest Traverse City, MI	Tom Ingram White Plains, NY	Edson White Westport, CT	James Ward, Jr. Hendersonville, TN	Bob Mathers Livonia, MI
1987	Buffalo Canoe Club Point Abino, Ontario, Canada	Larry MacDonald Hamilton, Ontario	Jed Dodge Sodus Point, NY	Fisk Hayden Fern Park, FL	Scott Finkboner San Diego, CA	Wiley Crockett Douglaston, NY	Gerry Paoli Belleville, IL
1988	Mission Bay YC San Diego, CA	Colin Park Midland, MI	Matt Fisher Westerville, OH	Lenny Krawcheck Charleston, SC	Hank Hodgson Manitou Beach, MI	Chuck Ellery Davenport, IA	Tony McBride Beaconsfield, Quebec
1989	North Cape YC Toledo, OH	Tom Allen, IV Buffalo, NY	Colin Park Midland, MI	Chris Vann Unionville, CT	Djoerd Hoekstra Malvern, PA	Dr. Joel Humphrey Walled Lake, MI	Bob Fidler Troy, MI
1990	Rochester YC Rochester, NY	Greg Fisher Columbus, OH	Colin Park Midland, MI	Ched Proctor Southport, CT	Djoerd Hoekstra Malvern, PA	Mark Whatley Farmington Hill, MI	Dr. Joel Humphrey Walled Lake, MI
1991	Sail Newport Fort Adams, Newport, RI	Jody Lutz Monroe, CT	Bradford Read Newport, RI	Thomas Allen, III Buffalo, NY	Mario Buckup Sao Paulo, Brazil	Chris Vann Unionville, CT	Ed Roseberry Buffalo, NY
1992	Buffalo Canoe Club Point Abino, Ontario	Larry MacDonald Toronto, Ontario	David Starck Buffalo, NY	Steve Hayden Altamonte Springs, FL	William Faude Cedarburg, WI	Scott Finkboner San Diego, CA	Paul Wurtzebach Woodbridge, IL
1993	Milwaukee YC Milwaukee, WI	Ched Proctor Southport, CT	Steve Hayden Altamonte Springs, FL	Allan Leibel Toronto, Ontario	David Stix Chicago, IL	Craig Gabel Manitou Beach, MI	Dave Decker East Grand Rapids, MI
1994	Boulevard Club Toronto, Ontario, Canada	Ched Proctor Southport, CT	Stu Nickerson Milton, MA	Don Brush Charlotte, VT	Jody Lutz Trumbull, CT	Ray Harrington Bomoseen, VT	Warren Emblidge III Orchard Park, NY
1995	Henderson Harbor YC Henderson, NY	Brian Taboada Brick, NJ	Jim Crane Westport, CT	Jack Elfman Surf City, NJ	Ray Harrington Bomoseen, VT	Gary Hurban Palisades, NY	Dan Reichelsdorfer Sheboygan, WI
1996	Southern YC New Orleans, LA	Matt Fisher Westerville, OH	Tim Healy Niantic, CT	Tom Allen, Jr. Kenmore, NY	Dick Hallagan Newark, NY	Paul Gelenitis Kearny, NJ	Joe Buczkowski Mantoloking, NJ
1997	Crescent Sail YC Grosse Pointe Farms, MI	Tim Healy Niantic, CT	Greg Fisher Columbus, OH	Paul Wurtzebach Woodridge, IL	Aaron Stange Toledo, OH	----- -----	----- -----
1998	Buffalo Canoe Club Point Abino, Ontario	Matt Fisher Westerville, OH	Tito Gonzalez Santiago, Chile	James Crane Darien, CT	Stuart Nickerson Milton, MA	Juan Carlos Uzategui Bogota, Colombia	Mike Thomas Bowling Green, OH

North American Junior CHAMPIONS

YEAR	PLACE	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	YEAR	PLACE	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
1974	Cleveland Yachting Club Rocky River, OH	Matt Fisher Columbus, OH	Greg Fisher Columbus, OH	1993	Sheboygan YC Sheboygan, WI	Andrew Horton Shelburne, VT	Mike Thomas Bowling Green, OH
1975	Lake Murray S.C. Lake Murray, SC	Robby Wilkins Columbia, SC	Jay Lutz Brick, NJ	1994	Royal Hamilton YC Hamilton, Ontario, Canada	Andrew Horton Shelburne, VT	Marty Essig Hamilton, Ontario
1976	Milwaukee YC Milwaukee, WI	Mark Bryant Kenmore, NY	Jay Lutz Brick, NJ	1995	Malletts Bay Boat Club Colchester, VT	John Dane Pass Christian, MS	Charlie Wardwell Richmond, VA
1977	Buffalo Canoe Club Point Abino Ontario, Canada	Jay Lutz Brick, NJ	Larry MacDonald Hamilton, Ontario	1996	Southern Yacht Club New Orleans, LA	Gaston Vedani Guayaquil, Ecuador	Ryan Dunn Brick, NJ
1978	Metedeconk River YC Brick, NJ	Larry MacDonald Hamilton, Ontario	Stephen Craig Heath, TX	1997	North Cape Yacht Club LaSalle, MI	Charles Wardwell Richmond, VA	Sean Carroll Jericho Ctr, VT
1979	Cleveland Yachting Club Rocky River, Ohio	Stephen Craig Heath, TX	Ian Jones Snyder, NY	1998	Buffalo Canoe Club Point Abino, Ontario	Nicholas Mercier Manchester, NH	Sam Septembre Miami, FL
1980	Mission Bay YC San Diego, CA	Jody Lutz Brick, NJ	Ian Jones Snyder, NY				
1981	Cedar Point YC Westport, CT	Kevin Corr Middletown, NJ	Peter R. Hallagan Newark, NY				
1982	Buffalo Canoe Club Point Abino Ontario, Canada	Michael Hein Upper Arlington, OH	Keith Taboada Brick, NJ				
1983	Rush Creek YC Heath, TX	Peter Hallagan Newark, NY	Keith Taboada Brick, NJ				
1984	Corinthian YC Seattle, WA	Trevor Born Kingston, Ontario	Jody Swanson Eggertsville, NY				
1985	Tawas Bay YC East Tawas, MI	John Swanson Eggertsville, NY	David Starck Kenmore, NY				
1986	Henderson Harbor YC Henderson Harbor, NY	Jim Allen Buffalo, NY	Steve Hayden Fern Park, FL				
1987	Buffalo Canoe Club Point Abino Ontario, Canada	David Starck Buffalo, NY	Sean Fidler Troy, MI				
1988	Mission Bay YC San Diego, CA	Ned Roseberry Eggertsville, NY	Ross Nemeroff San Diego, CA				
1989	North Cape YC Toledo, OH	Sean Fidler Troy, MI	Sjoerd-Jan Vanderhorst Blacklick, OH				
1990	Rochester YC Rochester, NY	Ned Roseberry Buffalo, NY	Tom Starck Kenmore, NY				
1991	Sail Newport Newport, RI	Jay Miles Newport, RI	Tom Starck Buffalo, NY				
1992	Buffalo Canoe Club Point Abino Ontario, Canada	Warren Emblidge Orchard Park, NY	Tom Starck Buffalo, NY				

North American Women CHAMPIONS

YEAR	PLACE	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	YEAR	PLACE	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
1978	Bay Head YC Bay Head, NJ	Bonnie Shore Newport, RI	Ann Boyd Columbia, SC	1997	North Cape YC LaSalle, MI	Mandy Hofmeister Nashville, TN #14706	Bonnie Nickels Waterford, MI #14755
1979	Cleveland Yachting Club Rocky River, OH	Cherie Neville Shaker Heights, OH	Bonnie Shore Newport, RI	1998	Buffalo Canoe Club Point Abino, Ontario	Kathryn Connell Blauvelt, NY #14174	Joan Hurban Palisades, NY #14482
1980	Mission Bay YC San Diego, CA	Brenda Allen Buffalo, NY	Cherie Neville Cleveland, OH				
1981	Cedar Point YC Westport, CT	Cherie Neville Chautauqua, NY	Cheryl Osgood Riverside, CT				
1982	Buffalo Canoe Club Point Abino Ontario, Canada	Anne Allen Buffalo, NY	Fay Regan Miami, FL				
1983	Rush Creek YC Heath, TX	Fay Regan Miami, FL	Bonnie Nickels Linden, MI				
1984	Corinthian YC Seattle, WA	Betsy Gelenitis Brick, NJ	Fay Regan Miami, FL				
1985	Tawas Bay YC East Tawas, MI	Mary Anna Portner Washington, DC	Bonnie Nickels Linden, MI				
1986	Henderson Harbor YC Henderson Harbor, NY	Pamela Tuttle Tully, NY	Fay Regan Miami, FL				
1987	Buffalo Canoe Club Point Abino Ontario, Canada	Brenda Crane Norwalk, CT #11138	Susan Rogers Stony Creek, Ontario #13671				
1988	Mission Bay YC San Diego, CA	Joni Palmer San Diego, CA	Lynn Huntley Richmond, CA				
1989	North Cape YC Toledo, OH	Christine Kronich Sheboygan, WI	Betsy Alison Newport, RI				
1990	Rochester YC Rochester, NY	Jean Palm Oswego, NY	Tammi Jamison Glens Falls, NY				
1991	Sail Newport Newport, RI	Betsy Alison Newport, RI	Tammi Jamison Glen Falls, NY				
1992	Buffalo Canoe Club Point Abino Ontario, Canada	Cory Sertl Rochester, NY	Betsy Alison Newport, RI				
1993	Sheboygan YC Sheboygan, WI	Hannah Swett Jamestown, RI	Christine Kronich Sheboygan, WI				
1994	Royal Hamilton YC Hamilton Ontario, Canada	Susan Rogers Burlington, Ontario	Lori Foster Rochester, NY				
1995	Mallets Bay Boat Club Colchester, VT	Susan Rogers Burlington, Ontario	Kathy Connell South Nyack, NY				
1996	Southern YC New Orleans, LA	Betsy Alison Newport, RI	Jo Ann Jones Burlington, VT				

North American Masters CHAMPIONS

YEAR	PLACE	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	YEAR	PLACE	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
1983	Rush Creek YC Heath, TX	Stu Anderson Stuart, FL #11702	Buck Ballatin Metairie, LA #9696				
1984	Corinthian YC Seattle, WA	Stu Anderson Stuart, FL #11702	John Teigland, Jr. Allentown, PA #11666				
1985	Tawas Bay YC East Tawas, MI	R. G. "Lal" Burridge St. Louis, MO #11800	Jim Carson Brick, NJ #13710				
1986	Henderson Harbor YC Henderson Harbor, NY	Dick Hallagan Newark, NY #12355	Crit Currie Memphis, TN #14099				
1987	Buffalo Canoe Club Point Abino Ontario, Canada	Dick Hallagan Newark, NY #12355	Fisk Hayden Fern Park, FL #14066				
1988	Mission Bay YC San Diego, CA	Fisk Hayden Fern Park, FL #14066	Myron Lyon San Diego, CA #13911				
1989	North Cape YC Toledo, OH	Dick Hallagan Newark, NY #14255	Bob Mathers Livonia, MI #14240				
1990	Rochester YC Rochester, NY	Dick Hallagan Newark, NY #14255	Joe Dissette Midland, MI #14433				
1991	Sail Newport Newport, RI	George Fisher Hilliard, OH #14345	R. G. "Lal" Burridge St. Louis, MO #14229				
1992	Buffalo Canoe Club Point Abino Ontario, Canada	Tom Allen, III Buffalo, NY #14524	Bob Crane Darien, CT #14572				
1993	Sheboygan YC Sheboygan, WI	Bruce Goldsmith Hillsdale, MI #14449	Fisk Hayden Fern Park, FL #13970				
1994	Royal Hamilton YC Hamilton Ontario, Canada	Don Sherburne Nashville, TN #14588	Sandy Huntsman Red Bank, NJ #14492				
1995	Malletts Bay Boat Club Colchester, VT	Dick Hallagan Newark, NY #14655	Cal Schmiede Lewiston, NY #14580				
1996	Southern YC New Orleans, LA	George Fisher Hilliard, OH #14345	Tom Allen, Sr. Buffalo, NY #14611				
1997	North Cape YC LaSalle, MI	Bruce Goldsmith Hillsdale, MI #14649	Jim Dressel Columbus, OH #10680				
1998	Buffalo Canoe Club Point Abino, Ontario	George Fisher Hilliard, OH #14345	Bruce Goldsmith Midland, MI #14649				

Canadian Open CHAMPIONS

YEAR	PLACE	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	YEAR	PLACE	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
1952	Toronto	T. Allen, BCC		1980	Vancouver Kitsilano	Larry MacDonald, RHYC	Dave Sprague, BC
1953	Toronto	T. Allen, BCC	W. Swindeman, TYC	1981	Thornbury RBC	Dick Hallagan, NYC	David Sprague, BC
1954	Toronto	T. Fallon, BCC	G. Layton, RStLYC	1982	Thunder Bay TRYC	Larry MacDonald, Jr. RHYC	Jay Lutz, MRYC
1955	Toronto	G. Layton, RStLYC	S. Anderson, NSC	1983	Montreal RStLYC	Ross Bailey	Susan MacDonald RHYC
1956	Toronto	A. Dutton, QCYC		1984	Toronto NYC	Larry MacDonald, Jr. RHYC	Tom Allen, Jr. BCC
1957	Toronto	June Methot, RBYC	R. Robson, SBYC	1985	Point Abino BCC	Jim Crane CPYC	Tom Allen, Sr. BCC
1958	Toronto	J.R.G. Bleasby, RCYC		1986	Montreal RStLYC	Larry MacDonald, Jr. RHYC	Peter Hall RStLYC
1959	Toronto	A. Dutton, QCYC	G. Russell, RCYC	1987	Toronto BC	Peter Hall RStLYC	Larry MacDonald, Jr. RHYC
1960	Toronto RCYC	G. Russell, RCYC	G. Hampson, RHYC	1988	Montreal RStLYC	Larry MacDonald, Jr. HBC	Peter Hall RStLYC
1961	Ottawa BYC	J.R.G. Bleasby, RCYC	J. Miwann, QCYC	1989	Montreal PCYC	Jay Mann RStLYC	Jody Lutz MRYC
1962	Montreal RStLYC	J.R.G. Bleasby, RCYC	D. M. Allen, RHYC	1990	Hamilton FBC	David Starck BCC	Peter Hall RStLYC
1963	Toronto RCYC	J. Bernel, BCC	S. Anderson, NSC	1991	Toronto BC	Jim Cameron TRSC	Matt Fisher BLYC
1964	Hamilton RHYC	D. M. Allen, RHYC	J.R.G. Bleasby, RCYC	1992	Thunder Bay TRSC	Larry MacDonald, Jr. BCC	Peter Hall RStLYC
1965	Owen Sound GYC	T. Allen, BCC	S. Anderson, NSC	1993	Montreal RStLYC	Marty Essig RHYC	Allan Leibel RCYC
1966	Port Arthur TRSC	T. Allen, BCC	P. Sulman, NYC	1994	Point Abino BCC	Jim Crane CPYC	Larry MacDonald, Jr. RHYC
1967	Montreal RStLYC	S. Anderson, NSC	R. Hallagan, SBYC	1995	Montreal PCYC	Dick Hallagan NYC	Don Brush MBBC
1968	Hamilton RHYC	S. Anderson, NSC	R. Hallagan, SBYC	1996	Thunder Bay TRSC	Alain Boucher PCYC	Jean-Francois Simard RStLYC
1969	Montreal Hudson Y.C.	D. Hallagan, SBYC	D. Allen, RHYC	1997	Point Abino BCC	Thomas Allen IV BCC	David Starck BCC
1970	Toronto RCYC	W. Shore, BCC	D. Hallagan, SBYC	1998	Gimli, Manitoba	Tito Gonzalez Santiago, Chile	Larry MacDonald, Jr. BCC
1971	Kingston KYC	J. Mueller, CYC	D. Allen, RHYC,				
1972	Montreal RStLYC	D. Allen, RHYC	J. Hansen, BCC				
1973	Kingston KYC	W. Shore, BCC	M. Nelson, BRYC				
1974	Toronto N.Y.C.	Bill Buckles, CYC	Jay Hansen, BCC				
1975	Montreal RStLYC	Dick Hallagan, SBYC	Bob Wardwell, HHYC				
1976	Hamilton RHYC	Dick Hallagan, SBYC	Tom Allen, BCC				
1977	Thunder Bay TRYC	Jay Hansen, BCC	Larry MacDonald, RHYC				
1978	Toronto NYC	Tom Allen, BCC	Larry MacDonald, RHYC				
1979	Montreal RStLYC	Larry MacDonald, RHYC	Dick Hallagan, SBYC				

South American CHAMPIONS

YEAR	PLACE	CHAMPION	PARTICIPANTS	YEAR	PLACE	CHAMPION	PARTICIPANTS
1955	Olivos, Argentina	Alberto Mignone	Argentina, Bolivia Argentina Ecuador, Peru Uruguay	1977	Puñon, Chile	Jaime Fernandez Chile	Argentina, Brazil Chile, Ecuador, Peru
1956	Callao, Peru	Julio C. Goldie Uruguay	Argentina, Bolivia Colombia, Ecuador Peru, Uruguay	1978	São Paulo, Brazil	Mario Buckup Brazil	Argentina, Brazil Chile, Peru, Uruguay
1957	Buceo, Uruguay	Feliz Castellanos Uruguay	Argentina, Brazil Colombia, Ecuador Peru, Uruguay	1979	Ancon, Peru	Francisco Sola Ecuador	Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Peru Ecuador, Uruguay
1958	Guayaquil, Ecuador	Carlos Navarro Peru	Argentina, Bolivia Chile, Colombia Ecuador, Peru, Uruguay	1980	Tomine, Colombia	Fernando de la Concha Colombia	Argentina, Brazil Chile, Colombia Ecuador, Peru
1959	Muna, Colombia	Rafael Obregon Colombia	Argentina, Colombia Ecuador, Peru Venezuela	1981	Salinas, Ecuador	Mario Buckup Brazil	Argentina, Brazil Chile, Colombia Ecuador
1960	Algarrobo, Chile	Isidoro Melero Chile	Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil Chile, Colombia, Peru, Uruguay	1982	Puñon, Chile	Jaime Fernandez Chile	Argentina, Brazil Chile, Colombia Ecuador, Peru
1961	Guanabara, Brazil	Erik Schmidt Brazil	Argentina, Brazil Chile, Colombia Ecuador, Peru, Uruguay	1983	Olivos, Argentina	Mario Abinzano Argentina	Argentina, Brazil Chile, Colombia, Peru
1962	Ancon, Peru	Jose Barreda Moller Peru	Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador Peru, Uruguay	1984	São Paulo, Brazil	Mario Buckup Brazil	Argentina, Brazil Chile, Colombia Peru
1963	Olivos, Argentina	Alberto Mignone Argentina	Argentina, Bolivia Chile, Ecuador Peru, Uruguay	1985	Lima, Peru	Alberto Gonzalez Mas Chile	Chile, Colombia Ecuador, Peru
1964	Salinas, Ecuador	Santiago Maspons Ecuador	Argentina, Chile Colombia, Ecuador Peru	1986	Bogota, Colombia	Andres Lisocki Colombia	Argentina, Colombia Ecuador, Peru
1965	Puerto Bucco, Uruguay	Pedro Sisti Argentina	Argentina, Brazil Chile, Peru, Uruguay	1987	Salinas, Ecuador	Francisco Sola Ecuador	Chile, Colombia Ecuador, Peru
1966	Viña del Mar, Chile	Carlos M. Collet Argentina	Argentina, Chile Ecuador, Peru	1988	Santiago, Chile	Claudio Biekarck Brazil	Argentina, Brazil Chile, Ecuador, Peru
1967	Cartagena, Colombia	Rafael Obregon Colombia	Colombia, Ecuador Peru	1989	Ilhabela, Brazil	Claudio Biekarck Brazil	Brazil, Chile Ecuador
1968	Callao, Peru	Rafael Obregon Colombia	Argentina, Chile Colombia, Ecuador Peru	1990	Callo, Peru	Manuel Gonzalez Mas Chile	Chile, Ecuador, Peru
1969	Olivos, Argentina	Pedro Sisti Argentina	Argentina, Brazil Chile, Ecuador Peru, Uruguay	1991	Bogota, Colombia	Santiago Uzcatogui T. Colombia	Ecuador, Colombia
1970	Salinas, Ecuador	Mario Isola Argentina	Argentina, Brazil Chile, Colombia Ecuador, Peru, Uruguay	1992	Salinas, Ecuador	Juan Santos Ecuador	Brazil, Chile, Colombia Ecuador, Peru
1971	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	Mario Buckup Brazil	Argentina, Brazil Chile, Colombia, Peru, Uruguay	1993	São Paulo, Brazil	Claudio Biekarck Brazil	Brazil, Chile
1972	Algarrobo, Chile	German Novion Chile	Argentina, Brazil Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru	1994	Salinas, Ecuador	Alberto Gonzalez Mas Chile	Argentina, Brazil Chile, Colombia Ecuador, Peru
1973	Cartagena, Colombia	Robert Buckup Brazil	Argentina, Brazil Chile, Colombia Ecuador, Peru	1995	Olivos, Argentina	Alberto Gonzalez Mas Chile	Argentina, Chile
1974	Callao, Peru	Mario Isola Argentina	Argentina, Brazil Colombia, Ecuador, Chile, Peru	1996	Cartegena, Colombia	Juan Santos, Garces Ecuador	Argentina, Chile Colombia, Ecuador Peru
1975	Salinas, Ecuador	Mario Buckup Brazil	Argentina, Brazil Chile, Colombia Ecuador, Peru	1997	Santiago, Chile	Alberto Gonzalez Mas Chile	Argentina, Chile, Equador, Peru, USA
1976	Olivos, Argentina	Robert Buckup Brazil	Argentina, Brazil Chile, Ecuador Peru, Uruguay	1998	Tomine, Colombia	Sebastian Higuera Colombia	Argentina, Chile Colombia, Ecuador

European CHAMPIONS

YEAR	PLACE	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	YEAR	PLACE	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
1956	La Borde de Tribord La Neuville, Switzerland	Ralph Camardella Italy Fl. 191, #4122	Franco Cavallo Italy Fl. 223, #4966	1978	Yacht Club of Greece Phaleron Bay Athens, Greece	George Andreadis Greece Fl. 286, #11459	Christoph Lüthy Switzerland Fl. 250, #13099
1957	Royal Y.C. of Greece Corfu, Greece	Gaetano Pesce Italy Fl. 191, #6390	Franco Cavallo Italy Fl. 223, #4966	1979	SPS Helsinki, Finland	Jean-Claude Dupasquier Switzerland Fl. 169, #13067	Terho Aromaa Finland Fl. 166, #13130
1958	Ostra Nylands Anzio, Italy	Franco Cavallo Italy Fl. 223, #7422	Catello Russo Italy Fl. 237, #6728	1980	YCG Lake Neuchâtel Switzerland	Jean-Claude Dupasquier Switzerland Fl. 169, #13067	Roberto Crucitti Italy Fl. 449, #13414
1959	Club Vela di Roma Anzio, Italy	Franco Cavallo Italy Fl. 223, #7422	Catello Russo Italy Fl. 237, #6728	1981	Circolo Velico Marsala Marsala, Sicily	Capt. C. F. Coccoloni Italy Fl. 235, #13374	George Andreadis Greece Fl. 286, #11459
1960	Yacht Club Lucerne Lucerne, Switzerland	Franco Cavallo Italy Fl. 223, #7422	Claude Lambelet Switzerland Fl. 169, #7467	1982	Yacht Club Of Greece Phaleron Bay Athens, Greece	George Andreadis Greece Fl. 286, #11459	Sergio Messina Italy Fl. 449, #13065
1961	Royal Y.C. of Greece Corfu, Greece	HRH King Constantine Greece Fl. 287, #6943	Gaetano Pesce Italy Fl. 191, #7212	1983	Circoli Velici Napoletani Naples, Italy	George Andreadis Greece Fl. 286, #11459	Giuseppe Palomba Italy Fl. 312, #13036
1962	Merenkavijat Y.C. Helsinki, Finland	Maurizio di Segno Italy Fl. 318, #7238	Carlo Postiglione Italy Fl. 237, #6728	1984	BSF Pori, Finland	George Andreadis Greece Fl. 286, #11459	Urs Wyler Switzerland Fl. 358, #13790
1963	Circolo Velico Stabia Stabia, Italy	Stelios Bonas Greece Fl. 251, #8397	Catello Russo Italy Fl. 237, #6728	1985	Cercle de la Voile Grandson, Switzerland	Christoph Lüthy Switzerland Fl. 250, #13099	Carlo Galetti Italy Fl. 249, #13878
1964	Cercle de Neuchâtel Lake Neuchâtel Switzerland	Stelios Bonas Greece Fl. 251, #8397	Giorgio Focanti Italy Fl. 278, #753z	1986	Yacht Club of Greece Phaleron Bay Athens, Greece	Marcello Attina Italy Fl. 449, #13481	S. Coutisikos Greece Fl. 286, #13981
1965	Circolo Canottieri Procida, Italy	Guido Tulli Italy Fl. 312, #9322	George Andreadis Greece Fl. 286, #9447	1987	Brezzone/Lago di Garda Numana, Italy	Marcello Attina Italy Fl. 449, #13481	Urs Wyler Switzerland Fl. 358, #13790
1966	Yacht Club of Greece Phaleron Bay Athens, Greece	George Andreadis Greece Fl. 286, #9447	Alfred Lanz Switzerland Fl. 169, #8396	1988	Nasijärven Purjehdusseura- Nasijärvi R.Y. Tampere, Finland	Francesco Ferrari Italy Fl. 249, #14245	Urs Wyler Switzerland Fl. 358, #13790
1967	Nasijärvi Sailing Club Lake Nasijärvi Tampere, Finland	Catello Russo Italy Fl. 237, #8492	Stig Haglund Finland Fl. 166, #9166	1989	Yacht Racing Club of Athens, Greece	Urs Wyler Switzerland Fl. 358, #13790	Marcello Attina Italy Fl. 449, #14361
1968	Regattverein Brunnen Brunnen, Switzerland	Guido Tulli Italy Fl. 381, #10740	Dag Bjurström Finland Fl. 394, #8211	1990	Bordee de Tribord Lake Biel La Neuville, Switzerland	Gaetano Pellizzaro Italy Fl. 476, #14243	Urs Wyler Switzerland Fl. 358, #13790
1969	Circolo Della Veladi Roma Anzio, Italy	Stelios Bonas Greece Fl. 251, #1096	Pentti Puupera Finland Fl. 166, #10057	1991	Trasimeno Lake Perugia, Italy	Mario Noto Italy Fl. 449, #14361	Stefano Reina Italy Fl. 449, #13706
1970	Royal Y.C. of Greece & Piraeus Sailing Club Athens, Greece	George Andreadis Greece Fl. 251, #10996	Stelios Bonas Greece Fl. 286, #9447	1992	Kuopio Yacht Club Kuopio, Finland	Mario Noto Italy Fl. 449, #14361	Urs Wyler Switzerland Fl. 358, #13790
1971	Y. C. Helsingfors Segelklubb Helsinki, Finland	Stelios Bonas Greece Fl. 251, #11633	Alexander Andreadis Greece Fl. 286, #11459	1993	Yacht Racing Club of Athens, Greece	George Andreadis Greece Fl. 286, #14264	Costas Lyberakis Greece Fl. 286, #14334
1972	Lake of Geneva Morges, Switzerland	Stelios Bonas, Greece Fl. 251, #11633	Hans Lüthy Switzerland Fl. 250, #9503	1994	Matelote YC Yverdon, Switzerland	Urs Wyler Switzerland Fl. 358, #13790	Giuseppe Alagna Italy Fl. 449, #13481
1973	Circolo Della Veladi Roma Anzio, Italy	Alexander Andreadis Greece, Fl. 286, and Lasse Hammar Finland, Fl. 307 Fl. 219, #12305	Hans Rahn Switzerland Fl. 219, #12305	1995	HSK Helsinki, Finland	Mario Noto Italy Fl. 449, #14731	Urs Wyler Switzerland Fl. 358, #13790
1974	Yacht Club of Greece Phaleron Bay Athens, Greece	George Andreadis Greece Fl. 286, #9447	Nicholas Dimou Greece Fl. 286, #11459	1996	Societa Canottieri Marsala, Italy	Mario Noto Italy Fl. 449, #14731	Antonio Marino Italy Fl. 449, #13402
1975	PP & KP Keuru, Finland	Antti Ruuskanen Finland Fl. 394, #12257	Christoph Lüthy Switzerland Fl. 250, #12320	1997	Yacht Racing Club of Athens, Greece	Theodore Tsoulfas Greece	Alexandros Dimou Greece
1976	Grandson Sailing Club Lake Neuchâtel Switzerland	Urs Wyler Switzerland Fl. 358, #12637	Jean-Claude Dupasquier Switzerland Fl. 169, #12319	1998	Tuusulanjarven Purjehtijat Finland	Urs Wyler Switzerland	Kari Huusko Finland
1977	Club Nautico Numana Adriatic Sea Italy	Jean-Claude Dupasquier Switzerland Fl. 169, #13067	Antti Ruukanen Finland Fl. 166, #12805				

Southern Circuit

Year	Deep South Regatta Savannah, Georgia	Winter Lightning Championship St. Petersburg, Florida	Savannah—St. Petersburg Champion
1957	Bob Crane	Walt Swindeman	
1958	John McIntosh	Gene Walet	
1959	John McIntosh	Herman Nickels	
1960	Carl Eichenlaub	Tom Fallon	
1961	Carl Eichenlaub	Hank Cawthra	
1962	Bob Seidelmann	Bob Seidelmann	
1963	Bob Seidelmann	Bob Seidelmann	
1964	Stu Anderson	Carl Eichenlaub	Stu Anderson
1965	Stu Anderson	Bob Seidelmann (R)	Bob Seidelmann
1966	Bob Seidelmann (R)	Bob Seidelmann	Bob Seidelmann
1967	Bob Seidelmann	Tom Allen	Bob Seidelmann
1968	Bob Seidelmann	Tom Allen	Bob Seidelmann
1969	Bob Seidemann (R)	Lou Pocharski	Tom Allen
1970	Richard Lippineott	A. Marcy Lippincott	Bob Seidelmann
1971	Carl Eichenlaub	Bruce Goldsmith	Bruce Goldsmith
1972	Bill Shore	Tom Allen (R)	Bruce Goldsmith
1973	Jack Mueller	Jim Crane	Bruce Goldsmith
1974	Bruce Goldsmith	Jack Mueller	Jack Mueller
1975	Bill Shore	Bill Shore	Bill Shore
1976	Don Delorme	Bruce Goldsmith	Mark Bryant
1977	Bill Shore	James Lippincott	James Lippincott
1978	Bill Shore	Tom Allen	Jim Dressell
1979	Bruce Goldsmith	Jeff Boyd	Jeff Boyd
1980	Peter Isler	Jim Dressell	Jay Lutz
1981	Bruce Goldsmith	Mark Bryant	Mark Bryant
1982	David Curtis	David Curtis	David Curtis
1983	David Curtis	Ed Baird	David Curtis
1984	Bill Shore	Ken Read	Bill Shore/Ken Read
1985	Neal Fowler	Ched Proctor	Ched Proctor
1986	Dick Hallagan	Tom Allen, Jr.	Bill Shore
1987	Larry MacDonald, Jr.	Jim Crane	Brad Read
1988	Tom Allen, Jr.	Jim Crane (R)	Jim Crane
1989	Jim Crane	Matt Fisher	Ched Proctor
1990	Lenny Krawcheck	David Dellenbaugh	David Dellenbaugh
1991	David Dellenbaugh	Jody Swanson	Brad Read
1992	Lenny Krawcheck	Matt Fisher	Terry Hutchinson
1993	Larry MacDonald, Jr.	Peter Hall	Larry MacDonald, Jr.
1994	Larry MacDonald, Jr.	Brad Read	-----
1995	Larry MacDonald, Jr.	David Starck	-----
1996	Larry MacDonald, Jr.	Brian Taboada	Taboada/Drake/Faude
1997	Larry MacDonald, Jr.	Larry MacDonald, Jr.	Larry MacDonald, Jr.
1998	Greg Fisher	Tim Healy	Tito Gonzalez

Deep South Regatta sailed at Savannah Yacht Club, Savannah, Georgia.

Trophies: Deep South Regatta Perpetual Trophy, deeded by the Savannah Yacht Club, retired by winner of it three times. (R)

August A. Busch, Jr. Trophy, deeded to S.Y.C. for the Lightning Regatta.

Winter Lightning Championship sailed at St. Petersburg Yacht Club, St. Petersburg, Florida.

Trophies: Wally Bishop Trophy, presented by Mrs. Wally Bishop.

I.L.C.A. Past Presidents Trophy, deeded by Past Presidents of I.L.C.A. to I.L.C.A. for the winner of combined Savannah and St. Petersburg.

CHAMPIONS

	Year	Miami, Florida	St. Petersburg / Miami Champion	Overall Circuit Champion
	1957			
	1958			
	1959		Alex Carlin	
	1960		Tom Fallon	
	1961		Hank Cawthra	Bob Lippincott
	1962		Bob Seidelmann	Bob Seidelmann
	1963		Bob Seidelmann	Bob Seidelmann
	1964	Karl Smither	Karl Smither	Stu Anderson
	1965	Bob Seidelmann	Bob Seidelmann	Bob Seidelmann
	1966	Tom Allen	Tom Allen	Bob Seidelmann
	1967	Bruce Goldsmith	Harry Sindle	Bob Seidelmann
	1968	Bruce Goldsmith	Bruce Goldsmith	Bruce Goldsmith
	1969	Tom Allen	Lou Pocharski	Tom Allen
	1970	Bruce Goldsmith	Bruce Goldsmith	Bruce Goldsmith
	1971	Lou Pocharski	Lou Pocharski	Bruce Goldsmith
	1972	Tom Allen	Tom Allen	Tom Allen
	1973	Bill Shore	Bruce Goldsmith	Bruce Goldsmith
	1974	Bill Shore	Bill Shore	Bruce Goldsmith
	1975	Don Delorme	Bill Shore	Bill Shore
	1976	Bill Shore	Bill Shore	Bill Shore
	1977	Bill Shore	James Lippincott	Bruce Goldsmith
	1978	Matt Bryant, Jr.	Jay Lutz	Jim Crane
	1979	Larry MacDonald, Jr.	Larry MacDonald, Jr.	Jeff Boyd
	1980	Mark Bryant	Mark Bryant	Jim Dressel
	1981	Jim Crane	Jim Crane	Mark Bryant
	1982	David Curtis	David Curtis	David Curtis
	1983	Richie Silverman	David Curtis	David Curtis
	1984	Bill Shore	Bill Shore/Ken Read	Bill Shore/Ken Read
	1985	Larry MacDonald, Jr.	Larry MacDonald, Jr.	Larry MacDonald, Jr.
	1986	Jim Crane	Jim Crane	Jim Crane
	1987	Bill Shore	Ched Proctor	Ched Proctor
	1988	Jim Crane	Jim Crane	Jim Crane
	1989	Tom Allen	-----	Ched Proctor
	1990	Stuart Nickerson	-----	David Dellenbaugh
	1991	Brad Read	-----	Brad Read
	1992	Dave Curtis	-----	Jody Lutz/Dave Curtis
	1993	Brad Read	-----	Neal Fowler/Greg Fisher
	1994	Terry Hutchinson	-----	MacDonald/Proctor
	1995	Ched Proctor	-----	MacDonald/Proctor
	1996	Tim Healy	-----	Taboada/Drake/Faude
	1997	Ched Proctor	-----	Larry MacDonald, Jr.
	1998	Tito Gonzalez	-----	Tito Gonzalez

Midwinter Championship sailed at Coral Reef Yacht Club, Miami, Florida

Trophies: Regal Cup, deeded to I.L.C.A. by a Miami Company.

Alex Carlin Trophies, presented by Alex Carlin for the Miami-St. Petersburg (Special Formula).

Retired to top skippers' yacht club after nine years.

Buffalo Canoe Club received the trophy in 1969. The second Trophy was retired, after the 1978 Regatta, to Tom Allen for the Buffalo Canoe Club. The third and last trophy was retired in 1988 to the Buffalo Canoe Club, donated by Alex's wife Ethel in his memory.

I.L.C.A. Southern Circuit Champion, presented by I.L.C.A. for the winner of combined Savannah, St. Petersburg, and Miami. No retirement.

FOCUS ON CREW WORK AT SAVANNAH'S DEEP SOUTH REGATTA



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1998

March 14-15, 1998 SAVANNAH DEEP SOUTH REGATTA

SAVANNAH YACHT CLUB · SAVANNAH, GA

42 Boats, 3 Races

Boat #	Team	Race #1	Race #2	Race #3	TOTAL
1	14045 Greg Fisher, Laura Milne, Will Jeffers	5	2	4	11
2	11011 Tito Gonzalez, Rodrigo Zuazola, German Schacht	3	8	2	13
3	14548 Thomas Starck, Steve Roseberry, Becky Nitterauer	1	6	10	17
4	14787 Sean Fidler, Bill Shore, Betsy Altman	14	3	1	18
5	14821 Ched Proctor, Katherine Josenhans, Ned Roseberry	8	1	12	21
6	14884 Philip Grotheer, Leslie Frymier, Jeff Riedle	4	5	16	25
7	14695 Len Krawcheck, Beau Samuelson, Oliver Humphries	13	7	6	26
8	14768 Peter Hall, Jay Deakin, Tyler Moore	6	12	9	27
9	14763 Tim Healy, Bill Healy, Maria White	12	10	8	30
10	14878 Bill Fastiggi, Heather Rowe, Tim Ambrose	2	16	13	31
11	14730 Jeff Linton, Amy Linton, Mark Taylor	17	9	5	31
12	14698 Hans Birkholz, Heidi Dickerson, Mike Vann	7	11	18	36
13	14825 Bob Wardwell, Rob Wardwell, Dan Holloway	9	4	24	37
14	14740 Bill Faude, Jared Drake, Ralph Fisher	15	19	11	45
15	11754 Sean Carroll, David Halsted, Katie Dutton	10	22	19	51
16	13010 Frank Atkinson Jr., Rick Villamil, Anne Allen/Sam Septembre	23	14	15	52
17	14867 Tom Allen Jr., Bill Pictor, Blaire Largay	11	23	20	54
18	14746 Brian Hayes, Carter Utzig, Charlie Usher	18	27	14	59
19	14684 Paul Gelenitis, Frank Mergenthaler, Stephanie Ruiter	25	29	7	61
20	13911 Neff McIntosh, Olivia McIntosh, Will McIntosh	27	15	23	65
21	14866 Bill Mauk, April Richards, Cameron Carlin	21	dnf (43)	3	67
22	14321 Jack Jones, Ray Cudney, John Steiner	28	13	26	67
23	14655 Dick Hallagan, Lori Foster, Dan Pope	26	26	17	69
24	11753 Caroline S. Hoedemaker, Bob Hoedemaker, Mary Grace Folwell	31	17	25	73
25	14591 Alain Boucher, Terry Line, Tom Madronich	33	21	22	76
26	14111 Bob Shapiro, Michael Aversa, Jeffrey Baker	36	18	29	83
27	14634 John Porter, Stephanie Maxheimer, Mike Mathewson	20	dnf (43)	21	84
28	14612 *Charlie Burns, *Mike Couture, Kelly McCaig	30	24	31	85
29	14485 Charles Wardwell, Ryan Dunn, Melissa Schulz	16	dnf (43)	27	86
30	14273 Norman Deyett, Jeff Gibby, Ken Deyett	dns (43)	20	33	96
31	14809 John Gochberg, Danielle Septembre, Greg Enos	29	25	43	97
32	14482 *Joan Hurban, *Gary Hurban, Theresa Kramer	39	28	30	97
33	14739 Jack Elfman, Cindy Lister, Rich Kirby	19	dnf (43)	43	105
34	14595 *Jarrett Lynn, Jim Carson, Bill Bogardus	34	dnf (43)	28	105
35	14701 Jim Harris, Connie Harris, Tom Niles	22	dnf (43)	dns (43)	108
36	14654 *Gerry Paoli, *Dan Moriarty, Carol Aljets	24	dnf (43)	dns (43)	110
37	14366 Carl Muska, Linda Morgan, Pat Phelan	35	dnf (43)	32	110
38	11767 Harry Keith, Steve Putscher, Tony Vernon	38	dnf (43)	35	116
39	13602 Joe Ray, Marcel Mercier, John Mayer	40	dnf (43)	34	117
40	14680 Bill Killebrew, Mike Osborne, Bruce Campbell	32	dnf (43)	dns (43)	118
41	14190 Pierce Barden, Josh Crosby, Sam Harris	37	dnf (43)	dns (43)	123
42	14811 Tom Allen Sr., Kerry Lynaugh, SAM SEPTEMBRE!	dnf (43)	dns (43)	dns (43)	129

* indicates Circuit co-skippers



Laura Milne, Will Jeffers, Greg Fisher, winners of the Deep South Regatta.
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March 17-18 MIAMI MIDWINTER REGATTA

CORAL REEF YACHT CLUB · MIAMI, FLORIDA

49 Boats, 4 Races

Boat #	Team	Race #1	Race #2	Race #3	Race #4	TOTAL
1	11011 Tito Gonzalez, Rodrigo Zuazola, German Schacht	1	5	1	2	9
2	14045 Greg Fisher, Laura Milne, Brian Hayes	3	1	6	1	11
3	14768 Peter Hall, Jay Deakin, Tyler Moore	6	8	2	6	22
4	14740 Bill Faude, Jared Drake, Ralph Fisher	4	4	20	3	31
5	14695 Len Krawcheck, Jamie Ewing, Oliver Humphries	22	2	5	8	37
6	14821 Ched Proctor, Katherine Josenhans, Dave Peck	2	6	3	30	41
7	14739 Jack Elfman, Cindy Lister, Rich Kirby	10	13	7	16	46
8	14752 Steve Hayden, Barr Batzer, Dave Hood	9	10	14	14	47
9	13927 Jean-Francois Simard, Marc Robin, Marcel Tremblay	20	14	9	5	48
10	14098 Eamonn deLisser, Heidi deLisser, Kolisch	18	7	15	12	52
11	14809 John Gochberg, Danielle Septembre, Greg Enos	12	20	10	15	57
12	14825 Bob Wardwell, Rob Wardwell, Pablo Bordino	23	18	11	11	63
13	14878 Bill Fastiggi, Heather Rowe, Tim Ambrose	11	31	4	20	66
14	14763 Tim Healy, Mike Breault, Maria White	5	9	dsq(51)	4	69
15	14730 Jeff Linton, Amy Linton, Mark Taylor	15	3	ocs(51)	10	79
16	14698 Hans Birkholz, Heidi Dickerson, Mike Vann	14	11	dnf(50)	9	84
17	14595 *Bill Bogardus, Jim Carson, Jarrett Lynn	24	17	21	27	89
18	14548 Thomas Starck, Steve Roseberry, Becky Nitterauer	13	19	8	ocs(51)	91
19	14684 Paul Gelenitis, Frank Mergenthaler, Stephanie Ruiter	19	12	13	dns(50)	94
20	14591 Alain Boucher, Terry Line, Tom Madronich	7	15	26	dnf(50)	98
21	14655 Dick Hallagan, Dan Pope, Jeff Brault	43	24	19	18	104
22	14111 Bob Shapiro, Michael Aversa, Jeffrey Baker	31	27	25	22	105
23	13010 Frank Atkinson Jr., Rick Villamil, P.J. Buhler	21	ocs(51)	17	17	106
24	14779 Jim Davis, Chris Davis, Les Lashaway	26	16	16	ret(50)	108
25	14758 David Gorman, Morgan, Limaugh	29	21	12	dnf(50)	112
26	14654 *Gerry Paoli, *Dan Moriarty, Rick Bernstein	27	22	18	dns(50)	117
27	11767 Harry Keith, Steve Putscher, Tony Vernon	35	33	27	25	120
28	14680 Bill Killebrew, Mike Osborne, Bruce Campbell	34	28	32	26	120
29	14866 Bill Mauk, April Richards, Cameron Carlin	16	42	ret(50)	13	121
30	14787 Sean Fidler, Bill Shore, Betsy Altman	17	dnf(50)	dns(50)	7	124
31	14612 *Charlie Burns, *Mike Couture, Kelly McCaig	38	dnf(50)	22	19	129
32	14321 Jack Jones, JoAnn Jones, Marsder	33	26	24	dns(50)	133
33	11753 Caroline S. Hoedemaker, Bob Hoedemaker, Mary Grace Folwell	30	32	23	ret(50)	135
34	14207 Joe Anderson, Thomas Cinko, Dennis Turcotte	45	39	30	24	138
35	14030 Christopher Miller, Gardiner Cleaves, Chris Howard	46	35	31	29	141
36	13602 Joe Ray, John Mayer, John Hughes	36	30	29	dns(50)	145
37	11754 Sean Carroll, David Halsted, Katie Dutton	25	23	dnf(50)	dns(50)	148
38	11425 Walter Beckwith, Holland, DePlaya	44	36	ret(50)	21	151
39	14482 *Joan Hurban, *Gary Hurban, Theresa Kramer	39	40	dns(50)	23	152
40	14374 Jon Ewing, Vickie Matthews, Tim Banks					
	28 29 dnf(50) ret(50)	157				
41	14266 David Pyle, Carl Wilson, Andy Moore					
	41 38 28 dns(50)	157				
42	14884 Philip Grotheer, Leslie Frymier, Jeff Riedle					
	8 ret(50) dnf(50) dns(50)	158				
43	14273 Norman Deyett, Jeff Gibby, Ken Deyett					
	37 25 dnf(50) dns(50)	162				
44	13934 Jesse Miller, Virginia Miller, Byrne O'Brien					
	dnf(50) 41 dns(50) 28	169				
45	13861 Randy Clee, Stringos, Pszeny					
	40 34 dnf(50) ocs(51)	175				
46	14828 Tom Aquino, Carol Aljets, Scott Aljets					
	42 37 dnf(50) dns(50)	179				
47	14174 David Sprague, Megan Sprague, Kelly Bayer					
	32 dnf(50) dns(50) dns(50)	182				
48	14366 Carl Muska, Linda Morgan, Pat Phelan					
	dnf(50) dnf(50) dns(50) dns(50)	200				
49	12606 Dave Marsicano, Nate Vilardebo, Jeanette Rodriguez					
	dns(50) dns(50) dns(50) dns(50)	200				

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*Tito Gonzalez, winner of the Miami Midwinter Regatta and Southern Circuit Champion
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March 20-22 ST. PETERSBURG WINTER CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA

ST. PETERSBURG YACHT CLUB • FLORIDA

68 Boats, 4 Races

Boat #	Team	Race #1	Race #2	Race #3	Race #4	TOTAL	fleet
1	14763 Tim Healy, Mike Breault, Maria White	3	4	1	5	13	
2	11011 Tito Gonzalez, Rodrigo Zuazola, German Schacht	1	1	3	12	17	
3	14821 Ched Proctor, Katherine Josenhans, Ned Roseberry	4	3	7	16	30	
4	14548 David Starck, Becky Nelson, Thomas Starck	2	2	10	17	31	
5	14752 Steve Hayden, Barr Batzer, Dave Hood	9	5	2	18	34	
6	14878 Bill Fastiggi, Heather Rowe, Tim Ambrose	8	10	17	3	38	
7	14866 Bill Mauk, April Richards, Cameron Carlin	7	11	8	13	39	
8	14730 Jeff Linton, Amy Linton, Mark Taylor	5	29	13	1	48	
9	14045 Greg Fisher, Laura Milne, Will Jeffers	30	7	11	10	58	
10	14787 Sean Fidler, Bill Shore, Blaire Largay	20	6	15	24	65	
11	14655 Dick Hallagan, Jeff Brault, Craig Thayer	19	15	18	14	66	M
12	14825 Bob Wardwell, Rob Wardwell, Karen Park	36	18	9	7	70	
13	14884 Philip Grotheer, Leslie Frymier, Jeff Riedle	26	28	14	6	74	
14	14880 Dan Dressel, Amy Dunlea, Steve Callison	21	36	12	11	80	
15	13010 Frank Atkinson Jr., Rick Villamil, Dave Beatson	14	23	21	28	86	
16	14768 Peter Hall, Jay Deakin, David Berger	15	17	16	38	86	
17	14739 Jack Elfman, Cindy Lister, Rich Kirby	13	13	25	39	90	M
18	14740 Bill Faude, Jared Drake, Ralph Fisher	ocs(70)	9	4	15	98	
19	14698 Hans Birkholz, Heidi Dickerson, Mike Vann	10	19	32	40	101	
20	13927 Jean-Francois Simard, Marc Robin, Marcel Tremblay	6	ocs(70)	23	4	103	
21	14701 Jim Harris, Colin Park, Connie Harris	27	dnf(69)	6	2	104	
22	14649 Bruce Goldsmith, Vickie Matthews, Dave Laidlaw	23	12	40	30	105	M
23	14779 Jim Davis, Chris Davis, Les Lashaway	25	20	37	25	107	M
24	14809 John Gochberg, Danielle Septembre, Greg Enos	11	8	ocs(70)	19	108	
25	14758 David Gorman, Chris Morgan, Chris Snyder	12	14	44	43	113	
26	14190 Pierce Barden, Josh Crosby, Sam Harris	22	27	39	36	124	
27	11753 Caroline S. Hoedemaker, Bob Hoedemaker, Mary Grace Folwell	40	25	34	27	126	
28	14482 *Gary Hurban, *Joan Hurban, Theresa Kramer	33	30	29	37	129	M
29	14229 Matthew Burrige, Ken Kneipmann, Mark Kneipmann	35	dnc(69)	19	9	132	
30	14591 Alain Boucher, Terry Line, Tom Madronich	29	ocs(70)	27	8	134	
31	14706 William Hofmeister, Sean Claire, Mike Hester	32	33	31	41	137	
32	14824 Jeffrey Hagman, Rick Rothenbuhler, John Hagman	17	21	ocs(70)	31	139	
33	14699 Allan Crew, Hugh Hutchison, Mark Venables	dnf(69)	22	26	29	146	M
34	14321 Jack Jones, JoAnn Jones, John Atkins	31	32	38	46	147	M
35	14111 Bob Shapiro, Michael Aversa, Jeffrey Baker	41	37	20	50	148	
36	14345 George Fisher, Tom Emch, Greg Shea	dns(69)	dnc(69)	5	20	163	M
37	13602 Joe Ray, John Mayer, John Hughes	42	24	46	53	165	
38	13970 Rod Koch, Matt Mulock, Charles Clifton	34	dnc(69)	33	35	171	
39	14695 Len Krawcheck, Oliver Humphries, Beau Samuelson	18	16	dnc(69)	dnc(69)	172	
40	14273 Norman Deyett, Jeff Gibby, Ken Deyett	44	dnc(69)	28	33	174	
41	14175 Edward Duffy, Craig Mellor, Mike Plosica	dnf(69)	31	36	45	181	
42	14025 Robert Bush, Sterling Bush, Dave Hess	16	dnc(69)	47	51	183	
43	14286 Warren Emblidge, Jack O'Donnell, Brian Starck	dnf(69)	dnc(69)	22	23	183	
44	14266 David Pyle, Carl Wilson, Andy Moore	49	35	45	55	184	
45	14595 *Jim Carson, Jarrett Lynn, Bill Bogardus	24	dnc(69)	ocs(70)	22	185	
46	14828 Tom Aquino, Carol Aljets, Scott Aljets	52	dnc(69)	30	42	193	M
47	14590 Peter Wenzler, Jon Bennett, Diana Fernando	dnf(69)	dnf(69)	24	32	194	
48	14600 Brad Wagnon, Bill Allen, Peggy Lehman	47	34	49	dnc(69)	199	
49	14366 Carl Muska, Linda Morgan, Pat Phelan	50	dnf(69)	41	48	208	
50	14680 Bill Killebrew, Mike Osborne, Bruce Campbell	ocs(70)	26	ocs(70)	44	210	
51	11754 Sean Carroll, David Halsted, Erin Shea	39	ocs(70)	ocs(70)	34	213	
52	11767 Harry Keith, Steve Putscher, Tony Vernon	46	dnf(69)	50	52	217	
53	13934 Jesse Miller, Virginia Miller, Byrne O'Brien	51	dnf(69)	48	54	222	M
54	14612 *Mike Couture, *Charlie Burns, Kelly McCaig	43	dnf(69)	42	dnf(69)	223	
55	14006 Bill Meyer, Chris Gittens, John Ward	dnf(69)	dns(69)	43	47	228	
56	12606 Dave Marsicano, Nate Vilardebo, Andy Hayward	dnf(69)	dnc(69)	ocs(70)	21	229	
57	14126 James Mick, Lal Burrige, Jeff Buchanan	45	dnc(69)	ocs(70)	49	233	
58	14148 Mike Thomas, Jennifer Johnson, Bill Thomas	dnf(69)	dnc(69)	dsq(70)	26	234	
59	14654 *Dan Moriarty, *Gerry Paoli, Rick Bernstein	28	ocs(70)	dnc(69)	dnc(69)	236	
60	14539 Alfred Morton, John Morton, Nick Montgue	dnf(69)	dnc(69)	35	dnf(69)	242	M
61	378 Mike Yates, Grace McNamara, Schyler Barnes	54	dnc(69)	51	dnc(69)	243	W
62	14527 Jeanne Ehrenberg, Tim Shambrook, Rob Zerban	37	dnc(69)	ocs(70)	dnf(69)	245	
63	14174 David Sprague, Megan Sprague, Merideth Allen	38	dnc(69)	dnf(69)	dnc(69)	245	
64	14030 Christopher Miller, Gardiner Cleaves, Chris Howard	48	dnc(69)	dnc(69)	dnc(69)	255	
65	2924 Kenneth See, Randy See	dnc(69)	dnc(69)	52	dnc(69)	259	W
66	14207 Joe Anderson, Thomas Cinko, Dennis Turcotte	53	dnc(69)	dnc(69)	dnc(69)	260	
67	14684 Paul Gelenitis, Frank Mergenthaler, Stephanie Ruiter	dnf(69)	dnc(69)	dnc(69)	dnc(69)	276	
68	13063 James Taylor, Sandy Scheda, Ralph DiVivo, Jr.	dnf(69)	dnc(69)	dnc(69)	dnc(69)	276	

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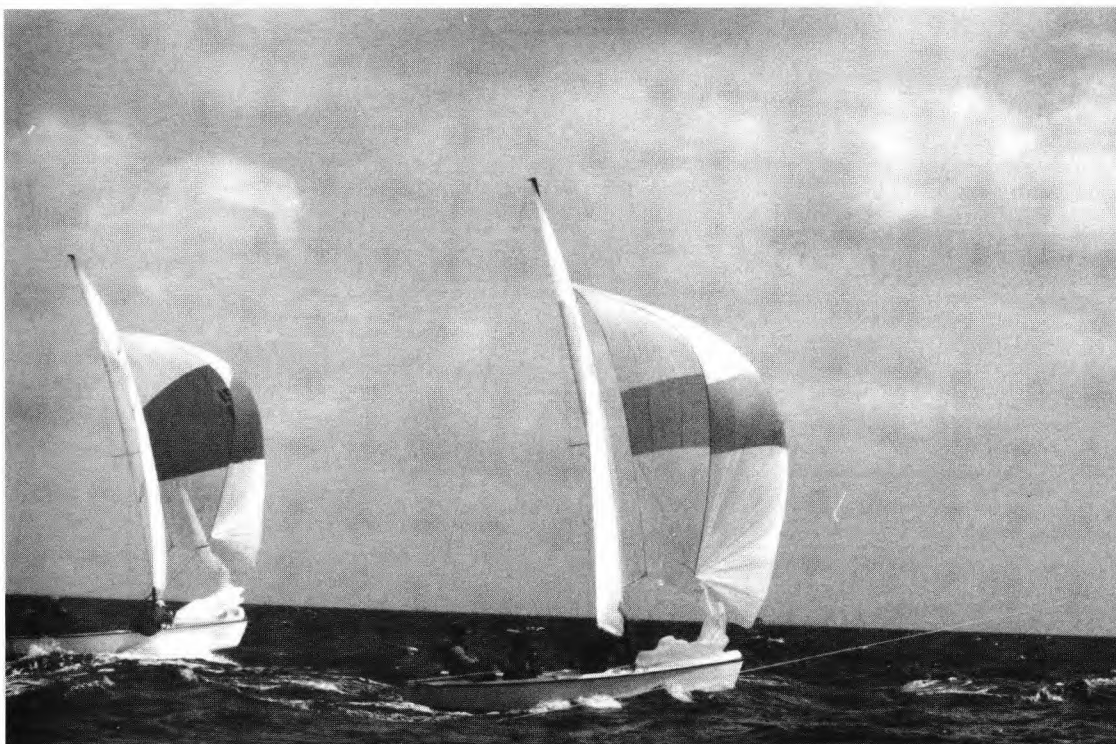
11 Boats, 2 Races

Boat #	Team	Race #1	Race #2	TOTAL
1 14739	Jack Elfman, Cindy Lister, Rich Kirby	1	3	4
2 14655	Dick Hallagan, Jeff Brault, Craig Thayer	2	2	4
3 14482	Gary Hurban, Joan Hurban, Theresa Kramer	6	5	11
4 14779	Jim Davis, Chris Davis, Les Lashaway	4	8	12
5 14345	George Fisher, Tom Emch, Greg Shea	12	1	13
6 14649	Bruce Goldsmith, Vickie Matthews, Dave Laidlaw	3	10	13
7 14321	Jack Jones, JoAnn Jones, John Atkins	5	9	14
8 14828	Tom Aquino, Carol Aljets, Scott Aljets	8	6	14
9 14699	Allan Crew, Hugh Hutchison, Mark Venables	12	4	16
10 13934	Jesse Miller, Virginia Miller, Byrne O'Brien	7	11	18
11 14539	Alfred Morton, John Morton, Nick Montgue	12	7	19

ST. PETERSBURG WINTER CHAMPIONSHIP - WOODIES

St. Petersburg Yacht Club, St. Petersburg, FL, March 20-22, 2 Boats, 2 Races

Boat #	Team	Race #1	Race #2	TOTAL
1 378	Mike Yates, Grace McNamara, Schyler Barnes	1	1	2
2 2924	Kenneth See, Randy See	3	2	5



*Tim Healy, winner of the St. Petersburg Winter Championship.
Photo Mary Huntsman*



*Jack Elfman, St. Petersburg Winter Masters Champion.
Photo by David Sprague*

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March 14-22 1998 OVERALL SOUTHERN CIRCUIT

11 Races, 1 Throwout

Savannah Deep South Regatta, 42 Boats, 3 Races

Miami Midwinter Regatta, 49 Boats, 4 Races

St. Petersburg Winter Championship, 69 Boats, 4 Races

Boat #	Team	Sav1	Sav2	Sav3	Total	M1	M2	M3	M4	Total	SP1	SP2	SP3	SP4	Total	CIRCUIT		
Sail #																Total	Throw	Final
1 11011	Tito Gonzalez, Rodrigo Zuazola, German Schacht	3	8	2	13	1	5	1	2	9	1	1	3	12	17	39	12	27
2 14045	Greg Fisher, Laura Milne, Will Jeffers/Brian Hayes	5	2	4	11	3	1	6	1	11	30	7	11	10	58	80	30	50
3 14763	Tim Healy, Maria White, Bill Healy/Mike Breault	12	10	8	30	5	9	51	4	69	3	4	1	5	13	112	51	61
4 14821	Ched Proctor, Katherine Josenhans, Ned Roseberry/Dave Peck	8	1	12	21	2	6	3	30	41	4	3	7	16	30	92	30	62
5 14768	Peter Hall, Jay Deakin, Tyler Moore	6	12	9	27	6	8	2	6	22	15	17	16	38	86	135	38	97
6 14878	Bill Fastiggi, Heather Rowe, Tim Ambrose	2	16	13	31	11	31	4	20	66	8	10	17	3	38	135	31	104
7 14740	Bill Faude, Jared Drake, Ralph Fisher	15	19	11	45	4	4	20	3	31	70	9	4	15	98	174	70	104
8 14730	Jeff Linton, Amy Linton, Mark Taylor	17	9	5	31	15	3	51	10	79	5	29	13	1	48	158	51	107
9 14825	Bob Wardwell, Rob Wardwell, Dan Holloway/ Pablo Bordino/Karen Park	9	4	24	37	23	18	11	11	63	36	18	9	7	70	170	36	134
10 14787	Sean Fidler, Bill Shore, Betsy Altman/Blaire Largay	14	3	1	18	17	50	50	7	124	20	6	15	24	65	207	50	157
11 14695	Len Krawcheck, Oliver Humphries, Beau Samuelson/ Jamie Ewing	13	7	6	26	22	2	5	8	37	18	16	69	69	172	235	69	166
12 14698	Hans Birkholz, Heidi Dickerson, Mike Vann	7	11	18	36	14	11	50	9	84	10	19	32	40	101	221	50	171
13 14866	Bill Mauk, April Richards, Cameron Carlin	21	43	3	67	16	42	50	13	121	7	11	8	13	39	227	50	177
14 14809	John Gochberg, Danielle Septembre, Greg Enos	29	25	43	97	12	20	10	15	57	11	8	70	19	108	262	70	192
15 13010	Frank Atkinson Jr., Rick Villamil, Anne Allen/ Sam Septembre/P.J. Buhler/Dave Beatson	23	14	15	52	21	51	17	17	106	14	23	21	28	86	244	51	193
16 14655	Dick Hallagan, Dan Pope, Lori Foster/Jeff Brault/Craig Thayer	26	26	17	69	43	24	19	18	104	19	15	18	14	66	239	43	196
17 14739	Jack Elfman, Cindy Lister, Rich Kirby	19	43	43	105	10	13	7	16	46	13	13	25	39	90	241	43	198
18 14884	Philip Grotheer, Leslie Frymier, Jeff Riedle	4	5	16	25	8	50	50	50	158	26	28	14	6	74	257	50	207
19 14591	Alain Boucher, Terry Line, Tom Madronich/Nicole Russo	33	21	22	76	7	15	26	50	98	29	70	27	8	134	308	70	238
20 11753	Caroline S. Hoedemaker, Bob Hoedemaker, Mary Grace Folwell	31	17	25	73	30	32	23	50	135	40	25	34	27	126	334	50	284
21 14111	Bob Shapiro, Michael Aversa, Jeffrey Baker	36	18	29	83	31	27	25	22	105	41	37	20	50	148	336	50	286
22 14321	Jack Jones, Ray Cudney/JoAnn Jones, John Steiner/ Marsder/John Atkins	28	13	26	67	33	26	24	50	133	31	32	38	46	147	347	50	297
23 14595	*Jim Carson, *Bill Bogardus, *Jarrett Lynn	34	43	28	105	24	17	21	27	89	24	69	70	22	185	379	70	309
24 14482	*Joan Hurban, *Gary Hurban, Theresa Kramer	39	28	30	97	39	40	50	23	152	33	30	29	37	129	378	50	328
25 11754	Sean Carroll, David Halsted, Katie Dutton/Erin Shea	10	22	19	51	25	23	50	50	148	39	70	70	34	213	412	70	342
26 14684	Paul Gelenitis, Frank Mergenthaler, Stephanie Ruiter	25	29	7	61	19	12	13	50	94	69	69	69	69	276	431	69	362
27 14273	Norman Deyett, Jeff Gibby, Ken Deyett	43	20	33	96	37	25	50	50	162	44	69	28	33	174	432	69	363
28 14612	*Mike Couture, *Charlie Burns, Kelly McCaig	30	24	31	85	38	50	22	19	129	43	69	42	69	223	437	69	368
29 14680	Bill Killebrew, Mike Osborne, Bruce Campbell	32	43	43	118	34	28	32	26	120	70	26	70	44	210	448	70	378
30 11767	Harry Keith, Steve Putscher, Tony Vernon	38	43	35	116	35	33	27	25	120	46	69	50	52	217	453	69	384
31 13602	Joe Ray, John Mayer, Marcel Mercier/John Hughes	40	43	34	117	36	30	29	50	145	42	42	46	53	183	445	53	392
32 14654	*Gerry Paoli, *Dan Moriarty, Carol Aljets/Rick Bernstein	24	43	43	110	27	22	18	50	117	28	70	69	69	236	463	70	393
33 14366	Carl Muska, Linda Morgan, Pat Phelan	35	43	32	110	50	50	50	50	200	50	69	41	48	208	518	69	449

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April 5-11 CALIFORNIA CIRCUIT

CORONADO YACHT CLUB • MISSION BAY YACHT CLUB • SAN DIEGO, CA

OVERALL CALIFORNIA CIRCUIT, 4 Regattas

1	Steve Ross	54 points
2	Scott Finkboner	60 points
3	John DeBenedetti	67 points
4	Scott McBurney	78 points
5	Joel Humphrey	78 points

Bernard Gross Memorial Trophy: Steve Ross
 Fred Knauer Memorial Trophy: Al Poindexter
 Bowling Trophy: Dick Brewer
 Susan M. Arnold Perpetual Trophy: Allison Webber



Overall Circuit Winners Skipper Steve Ross (center) with crew Bill Sturgeon and Artie Means

CORONADO SERIES

Coronado Yacht Club, April 5-6, 11 Boats, 5 Races, No Throwout

1	Steve Ross, Bill Sturgeon, Artie Means	MBYC	13938	2	2	1	1	1	7
2	Scott Finkboner, Damon Smith, Yumio Dornberg	MBYC	14681	1	8	2	3	3	17
3	John DeBenedetti, Allison Webber, David Webber	VLSC	13896	4	1	3	9	7	24
4	Joel Humphrey, Mark Allen, David Mountford	PYC	14451	7	3	8	2	4	24
5	Scott McBurney, Sean McBurney, Michelle Krengel	RYC	14481	6	7	7	5	2	27
6	Kirk Johnson, Edna Johnson, Frank Davies	MBYC	14095	3	6	4	6	dnf	31
7	Roger Hicks, Richard Austin, Bruce Harrington	VLSC	14040	5	9	6	8	5	33
8	Mike Brewer, Dick Brewer, Matthew Wilcox	MBYC	14846	8	5	5	7	8	33
9	Wendell Harter, Gordon Murphy, Joe Zarro	KHYC	13186	10	4	10	10	10	44
10	Al Poindexter, Chris Doolittle, Eddie Romans	MBYC	11514	dns	dns	dns	4	6	46
11	Chuck Artigues, Roger & Ron Artigues	VLSC	8966	9	10	9	11	9	48

MARATHON from San Diego Bay to Mission Bay, April 7

- 1st Al Poindexter
 2nd Steve Ross
 3rd Everyone Else (Note: all other competitors rounded the wrong mark and were scored DNF)

MISSION BAY OCEAN SERIES

Mission Bay Yacht Club, April 9, 12 Boats, 3 Races, No Throwout

1	Scott Finkboner, Damon Smith, Kyle Henehan	MBYC	14681	5	1	2	8
2	Kirk Johnson, Belen Poltorak, Karen Johnson	MBYC	14095	1	5	4	10
3	John DeBenedetti, Allison Webber, David Webber	VLSC	13896	2	2	6	10
4	Scott McBurney, Mark Breen, Michelle Krengel	RYC	14481	3	7	3	13
5	Steve Ross, Bill Sturgeon, Artie Means	MBYC	13938	7	8	1	16
6	Joel Humphrey, Mark Allen, David Mountford	PYC	14451	4	6	7	17
7	Mark Zimmer, Dawn Zimmer, Frank Davies	MBYC	13842	11	3	8	22
8	Mike Brewer, Dick Brewer, Matthew Wilcox	MBYC	14846	8	9	5	22
9	Roger Hicks, Richard Austin, Bruce Harrington	VLSC	14040	9	4	dns	26
10	Chuck Artigues, Roger & Ron Artigues	VLSC	8966	6	10	10	26
11	Al Poindexter, Chris Doolittle, Colleen Cooke	MBYC	11514	10	12	9	31
12	Wendell Harter, Gordon Murphy, Joe Zarro	KHYC	13186	12	11	11	34

MISSION BAY BAY SERIES

Mission Bay Yacht Club, April 10, 13 Boats, 5 Races, No Throwout

1	John DeBenedetti, Allison Webber, David Webber	VLSC	13896	6	5	5	3	2	21
2	Scott McBurney, Mark Breen, Michelle Krengel	RYC	14481	2	6	8	2	6	22
3	Scott Finkboner, Damon Smith, Kyle Henehan	MBYC	14681	1	8	2	5	7	23
4	Mike Poltorak, Ken Miller, Sue Arnold	MBYC	13475	7	10	3	1	3	24
5	Joel Humphrey, Mark Allen, David Mountford	PYC	14451	3	11	4	6	1	25
6	Steve Ross, Bill Sturgeon, Artie Means	MBYC	13938	12	1	1	11	4	29
7	Roger Hicks, Richard Austin, Bruce Harrington	VLSC	14040	4	2	8	8	11	33
8	Al Poindexter, Colleen Cooke	MBYC	11514	5	3	11	10	5	34
9	Kirk Johnson, Belen Poltorak, Karen Johnson	MBYC	14095	11	4	7	9	8	39
10	Mike Brewer, Dick Brewer, Matthew Wilcox	MBYC	14846	8	7	12	4	9	40
11	Wendell Harter, Gordon Murphy, Joe Zarro	KHYC	13186	10	9	10	7	10	46
12	Chuck Artigues, Roger & Ron Artigues	VLSC	8966	13	12	9	12	13	59
13	Mark Zimmer, Dawn Zimmer, Frank Davies	MBYC	13842	9	13	13	13	12	60

The Other Circuit The Other Coast

—EDNA JOHNSON

The California Lightning Circuit was begun 32 years ago by Bernard Gross after he and his son Warren towed their Lightning cross country to participate in the Southern Circuit. At that time there were 2 Lightning fleets in San Diego, one in Los Angeles and one in San Francisco, and Carl Eichenlaub was building Lightnings out here.

Unlike the Southern Circuit, the California Circuit has changed venues over the years, San Diego being the only constant location. It has historically been sailed the week before Easter, so sometimes it begins in March, most often in April. Most recently 4 venues are sailed: South San Diego Bay, sailing out of Coronado Yacht Club, the 17 mile Marathon, sailing from the Coronado Bay Bridge, out the channel, up the coast, into Mission Bay channel, finishing at Mission Bay Yacht Club; in the ocean off Mission Beach, sailing out of Mission Bay Yacht Club; and in Mission Bay for the last day. In the past, parts of the Circuit were sailed with Alamedas Bay Yacht Club's Olympic Classes Regatta and at King Harbor in Los Angeles. There is always talk of sailing at Lake Cachuma or San Francisco, but because of the difficulty for skippers who must fly to California and then charter a boat the Circuit has become a one-city event.

The winner of the first California Circuit in 1967 was Al Coho. Some well-known names have been added since then: Eichenlaub, Allen, Lutz, Mueller among them. A trophy is given for the overall winner and for the winner of each of the separate series. In addition, 2 special trophies have been dedicated: the Susan M. Arnold Perpetual goes to the woman, skipper or crew, who sails every race and finishes highest in the overall standings. The first winner was Edna Johnson. Audrey Matteson won it in 1995. Sue will be back in 1999 for her 25th consecutive Circuit. Someday we hope to present the trophy to Sue.



Allison Weeber (left) accepting the Susan M. Arnold Perpetual Trophy for the highest placing woman who sails the entire Circuit. Photos courtesy Edna Johnson



In 1985 the Bowling Trophy was dedicated. It goes to the skipper with the biggest screw-up and/or unintended and exceptional behavior. The kind of thing about which you hear people say "There oughta be a trophy for THAT!" Well, we have one. In 1998 it went to Mike Brewer. Leading the very windy Marathon, Mike rounded the wrong ocean buoy and led the entire fleet, with one exception, to scores of DNF. After 4 hours of heavy sailing the fleet was ready, upon finishing and learning it was all for naught, to give Mike something.

CALIFORNIA CIRCUIT WINNERS

1967	Al Coho	1983	Warren Gross
1968	Carl Eichenlaub	1984	Scott Finkboner
1969	Carl Eichenlaub	1985	Scott Finkboner
1970	Myron Lyon	1986	John Greene
1971	Carl Eichenlaub	1987	Tom Allen, Jr.
1972	Carl Eichenlaub	1988	Tom Allen, Jr.
1973	Warren Gross	1989	Tom Allen' Sr.
1974	John Mueller	1990	John Lyon
1975	Myron Lyon	1991	John Lyon
1976	Warren Gross	1992	Scott Finkboner
1977	Tom Allen, Sr.	1993	John Lyon
1978	Mark Patty	1994	John Lyon
1979	Myron Lyon	1995	John Lyon
1980	Jay Lutz	1996	Myron Lyon
1981	Jay Lutz	1997	Scott Finkboner
1982	John Greene	1998	Steve Ross



Bob Wardwell crossing the finish line in Sunday's race. Photo by J.H. Peterson

60th Anniversary Regatta

—BOB WARDWELL

Skaneateles Country Club, Skaneateles, NY, July 3-5

The 60th was definitely on our list of must do regattas this season not only for the sailing but also mainly for the chance to celebrate 60 years of Lightning Sailing and see many friends and people we had not seen for some time. The Skaneateles Country Club took on the huge task of hosting a 180+ boat regatta and did an excellent job even without the cooperation of Mother Nature on Saturday.

The fleet was split into serious racers, club racers and vintage boats; this allowed participants a choice and helped take some of the pressure off. We had planned to have fun, enjoy seeing old friends and relax some. My crew, Ron Buchanan and Regan Edwards commented we were going to a big party and there was also sailing. We arrived Friday evening, set the boat up and started the party.

Saturday dawned sort of gray and looking like rain. With a 9AM-harbor start we were up early, launched the boat and had breakfast. By the start of the first race there was a light southerly wind, the line was set very well but we thought there was a little more wind on the east (left) side of the course and opted to start close to the pin end. Fortunately we got away clean and worked the left side of the course as the wind went lighter and lighter. We saw a lot of Jody Lutz, Mark Sertl, Larry Macdonald and Phil Grotheer as we moved up the first beat. We stayed left mainly looking wind and managed to round first followed by Phil, Larry, Mark and Jody. On the run we stayed with our strategy of staying on the left side of the course and took the starboard side of the gate. We missed a shift from the west just before we rounded and this allowed Phil and Larry who rounded the Port gate to get up inside us. We held off everyone except Phil who went on to win a shortened race. The

top five were Grotheer, Wardwell, MacDonald, Sertl, and Lutz.

The second race was similar to the first with rain thrown in. We again started near the pin and worked the left side of the course. We saw a lot of Jack Huntsman and Scott Finkboner as we approached the weather mark, I think Scott rounded first with Jack close behind and us. We took the port gate and worked the West side of the course for the second beat and were able to catch Scott who stayed on the left side. Fortunately we were able to build a

lead downwind for the downwind finish and race to the hoist. Jack was 2nd followed by Scott, Brian Taboda and Mark Sertl. After two races the scores were: Wardwell 3, Sertl 9, Lutz 12, Huntsman 13, Finkboner 17, Hallagan 17, Chandler Owen 21, Phil Grotheer 22, Steve Hayden 24 and Jack Elfman 24.

The only way to describe Saturday night was rainy and muddy but we had great time anyway. I have to give a lot of credit to the club racers and vintage boats who had more rain and less wind and much longer wait at the hoist.

The front moved through Saturday night and Sunday turned into a beautiful day with a good breeze from the North. The first two races we could explain at least in our own minds. We had picked the correct side and had clear air and caught most of the shifts. Our plan in the third race was to start close to the middle, get clear air and try to stay close enough to Mark and Jody to not lose the lead. About 45 sec after the start our plan was scrapped. We were squeezed at the start between Phil Grotheer and George Sipel (I think) and had to bail out early. I seemed like we made a hundred tacks before we found a lane in the middle somewhere. After clearing

Bob Wardwell continued

we found Sertl on the right side looking pretty good but as we continued on a starboard tack the boats on the right fell down and we were able to cross Mark on a shift. As we approached the weather mark the boats that had gone left off the line came in strong; we were close and rounded about fifth behind Cal Schmiede, Larry Macdonald, Sean Fidler, George Sipel and Brian Hayes. We were on the outside at the wing mark and had to go low on the run which had us pretty nervous as we watched a large pack move on our inside. Fortunately staying low worked and we held our position rounding fourth or fifth. The next two legs we sailed the shifts and kept and eye on Mark who was two or three boats behind us. After the last leeward mark rounding the wind was pretty shift and we were able to move into second behind Larry MacDonald who won the last race. Sean Fidler was 3rd followed by George Sipel and Mark Sertl.

We came to Skaneateles to have fun and enjoy the weekend, winning the Regatta made it much more fun than we expected. Again I thank my crew, Ron Buchanan and Regan Edwards, they did a great job and had plenty of fun also. The entire Skaneateles County Club Team is to be congratulated for putting on a truly memorable event. ●

Photos by J.H. Peterson



On to Skaneateles

—DON JOHNSON, #14720, MUSCATINE, IOWA

The 60th Anniversary Lightning Regatta was also a memorial regatta for my daughter Jolene and me, in memory of the late Roger Grohne, that erstwhile lightning sailor from Decatur, Illinois. He had organized the group for the 50th when I was only a year out of Decatur and began organizing us for the 60th in '97. Unfortunately, he passed away in August of that year and was with us only in spirit.

I met Jolene en route as she resides in Lansing, Michigan. She had enlisted Chris Hedrick from Columbus as our third crew. The first highlight of the Regatta was pulling into the huge, festive parking area and meeting sailing friends from around the country. I could have left the boat at Lake Davenport and still enjoyed myself. I did leave my foul weather gear behind. If the weather was foul I wouldn't race, thought I, and besides, the weather forecast on the internet looked good! That was my first, and worst, mistake!

The practice race was fun and the tuning/trimming seminar was extremely helpful to me. I hope they are continued at major regattas. Details of the races are rapidly blurring into fond memories, such as the gentle rain, sans wind, of the first

race . . . the chaos at the leeward mark when a northerly sustained gust made it a windward mark just as both fleets converged upon it . . . We wound up well in back and my crew left it up to the wet, shivering skipper whether we raced the second one. I was about ready to throw in (or rather, get) the towel when WIND FILLED THE RACECOURSE! Of course we raced. Who cares about rain when the wind is blowing? I hardly felt wet and cold anymore, adrenaline will do that for you. A hot shower, a stiff drink and a good meal set everything right that night. With the ideal conditions on Sunday and the skipper making only three more mistakes, we crossed the finish line in the upper third of the fleet giving us an overall top half finish, which was one of our goals (it was my first race of the season).

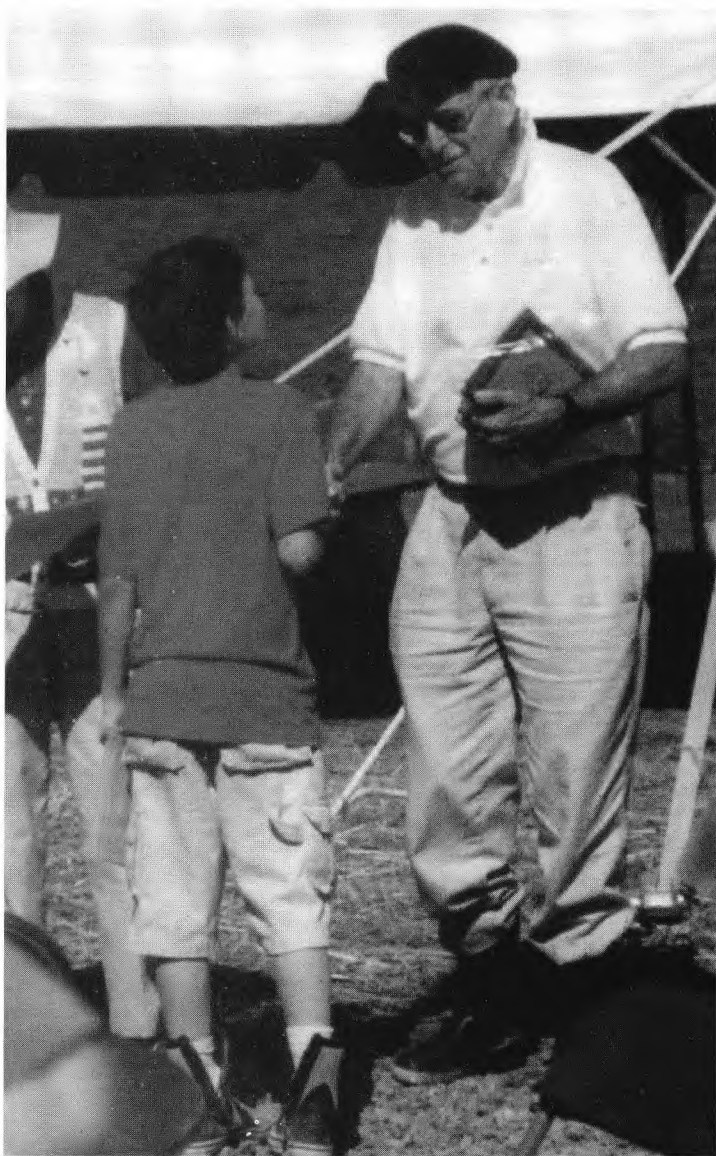
The other goal was to have as good a time as anticipated. We did that too in spite of the rain Saturday. We didn't even miss the fireworks; Jolene and I watched them as we drove through Cleveland, homeward bound on Sunday night. We did miss Roger; he would have been pleased.

Sailing with Joe at Skaneateles

-JOHN MCCREE



Our wives got us started. With the enthusiasm of newly-weds, Ann and Robin decided that Joe should travel to a regatta for once (like he had for so many years, so many years ago), and that I should crew for him for the 50th Anniversary Regatta at Skaneateles. We have put in a few Master NA's together since then, but we were back again from the 60th, Joe Dissette, Jim Schofield and me, rigging *Carousel XXXIII* on what was to become one of the few relatively dry parking spots on the hillside of the Skaneateles Country Club - there really was no place else we could be this weekend.



*Logan McReynolds, youngest skipper, shakes hands with Joe Dissette, winner of the "Green Fleet."
Photo courtesy Al McReynolds*

Joe would turn 76 on Tuesday. He has been the mainstay of Fleet 216 far longer than the short 15 years I've been here, selling his *Carousefs* and other fine used boats into the fleet, greeting us every spring at his home, making sure we start and end on the right Wednesday, and keeping us in endless supply of committee boats and new young crew. There's a lot more to the story than that, but let's just say it's not everybody that sets goals

of learning to do a decent pin end start or sail fast runs on this new-fangled windward leeward course, and does so with just a little coaching from one of the "young guys" - after 45 years of boat end starts and double reaches.

Jim still has the smile and twinkle in his eye of a younger man as well, but he has also been our fleet's yacht club liaison and a board member since I can remember, and I believe he's eligible to sail a Master's himself. If he'll have me, I hope to be crewing for Jim for the 80th.

Joe confided to me that he wasn't quite sure he'd signed up for the right fleet - he certainly had as much time at the helm as perhaps any skipper at the event. But there comes a time in life when you can pretty much sail with whom you choose, and it seemed to me this was Joe's time.

Saturday morning arrived with a little more anxiety than usual on a race day - Joe's rapid heart beat was not responding to the medication as well other days. We went down to the club to rig and launch the boat, with Joe to meet us when his pulse settled. At 09:30 Jim relayed Joe's suggestion - go ahead and pick up crew and sail without him if he wasn't there. We hung at the mooring like a pair faithful dogs waiting for the morning walk, but the crowd began to thin, and we hooked up with Doug, a bright young junior sailor who stepped onto a *Lightning* for his first time that morning. On our third circle round the dock the Buick pulled up, and Ann sent Joe down to our end of the dock with a kiss goodbye. Doug stepped off with a handshake and a thank-you, which didn't feel like enough, but a kiss probably would have been too much.

As it turned out we got to sail with the blue fleet after all, finishing right behind Ched Proctor who apparently had not taken full advantage of the head start. I also doubt he was carrying the extra tool bag, full ground tackle or bugle that Joe seems to feel is necessary. This was the only time I've ever asked for a gun, and after checking our flag, the score sheet, and looking around, we were graciously given one. Doesn't happen that way every day.

The only other moment on the course that I remember, besides that time I suddenly remembered the "no pee rule" and the booming voice of David Bull, was down the run on the last race. We looked over into the boat next to us at a skipper clearly Joe's junior.

"Hey, how old are you?"

"..um, I'm 12."

"Does your Dad know that you're out here with his new sails?"

"That's him next to me."

"And I suppose that's your sister next to him?"

"Yup."

Sailing with Joe continued

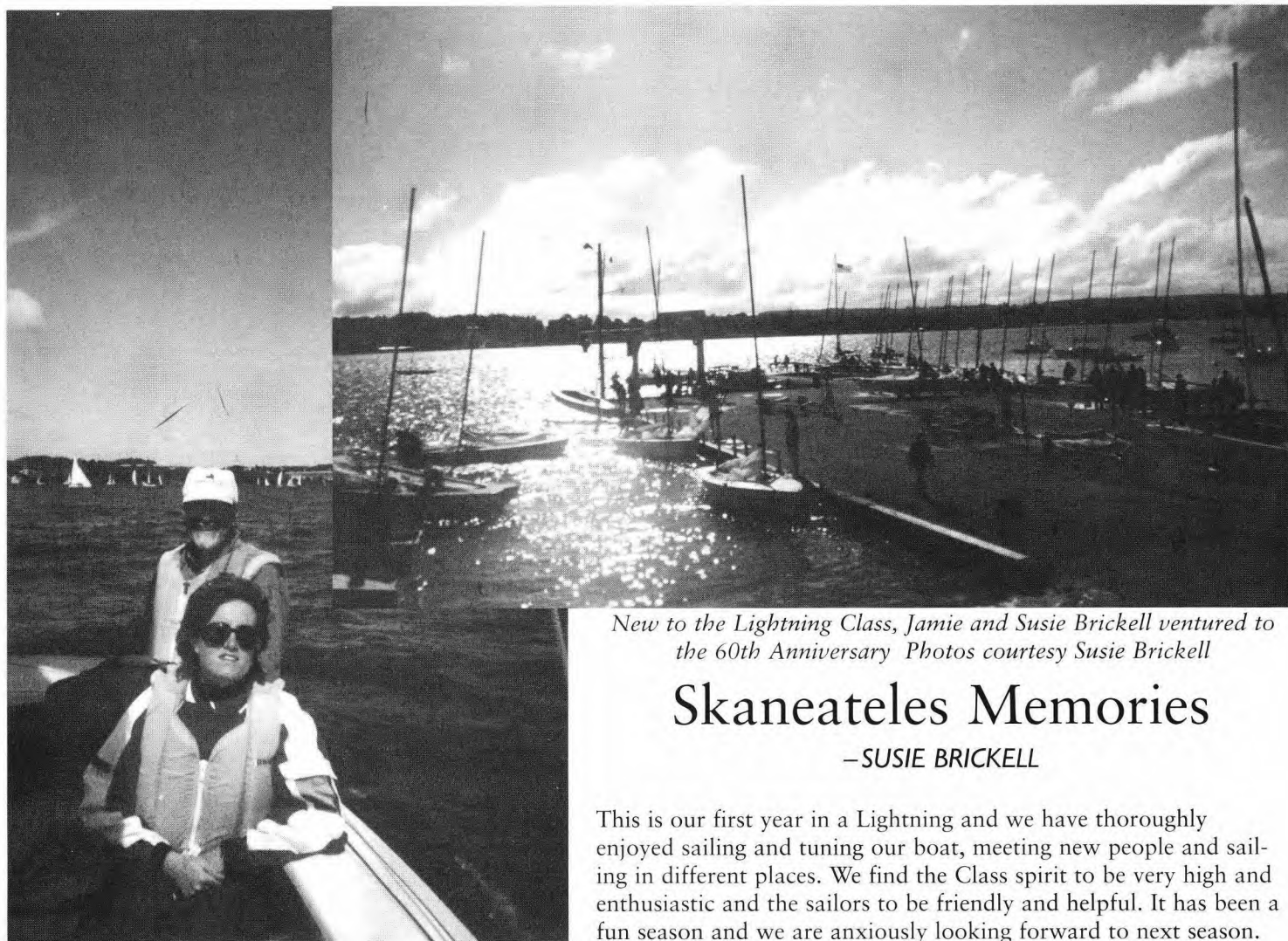
Logan, Erin, Alan McReynolds went on to finish 3rd for the regatta. I don't know if Logan will still have the feel for the boat that Joe has when he turns 76, but he sailed away from us pretty easily on that leg.

Later that same race, Robert W. Shaw, Joyce Von Drehle, Andre Guillemain crossed the finish line so far ahead most of us never saw the sail numbers. Bob later mentioned it was his first time ever in the hardware at a regatta.

Back when I was a youngster, I had always wondered why Dad wasted all that time digging a trench around the tent. Now, I know. Only the superb planning that was evident at the event could have saved us from that weather. Thank you, Skaneateles volunteers, one and all.



Skaneateles Country Club from the dock. Photo Ann Dissette



New to the Lightning Class, Jamie and Susie Brickell ventured to the 60th Anniversary Photos courtesy Susie Brickell

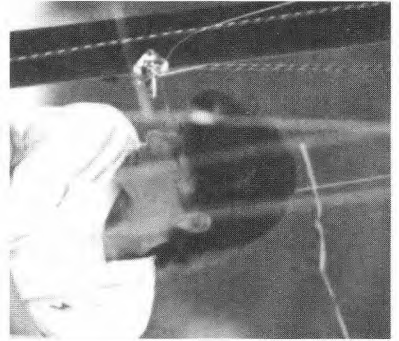
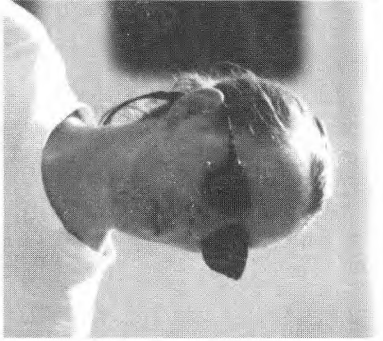
Skaneateles Memories

—SUSIE BRICKELL

This is our first year in a Lightning and we have thoroughly enjoyed sailing and tuning our boat, meeting new people and sailing in different places. We find the Class spirit to be very high and enthusiastic and the sailors to be friendly and helpful. It has been a fun season and we are anxiously looking forward to next season.

Faces at the 60th

—MARY HUNTSMAN



Skaneateles Highlights

—DAVE BULL

Just a couple of comments from the RC's vantage point. I was trying to help Joe Spaulding's group and Dick Besse from Skaneateles Sailing Club run the 60th races. First, I think all contestants will agree they did a super job. You have to have the right equipment and know what you're doing when you're setting marks in 250' of water. Lots of help from J-24 sailors Mark Fleckenstein who ran around in a whaler truing up gates and offsets.

RC could not have managed without bow numbers on boats. High cost almost dissuaded us from using them but we came up with digital concept and cost per boat was about \$2. Don't try to cut out 7000 segments from Bainbridge stock on a 12" paper cutter in four days unless you're some kind of masochist, though.

When the wind went light halfway through the first race, Dick decided to shorten to four legs and I was hailing boats rounding the windward mark, "Course shortened to four legs - finish on the run," when Dick told me to look up course. The green fleet, going south, all had spinnakers up and was on a collision course with the blue fleet, going north, also with chutes up. We changed the hail to "Finish at the north end!"

We had only two recalls for the nine starts. The "I" flag was not flown before the first start and more than a third of the blue fleet was on the course side in the last 10 seconds before the start. We decided to use the one minute rule for all subsequent starts and hail all contestants so they were well aware of this - it worked. Some thought that there were early starters in the blue fleet at the pin end for the first start and at the RC end for the Sunday start. I want to assure all that every 1-minute-rule violator re-started around the end correctly. The second recall was an equipment problem on the RC for the Sunday green fleet start.

Finally even on a rainy night, it is not safe to leave marks in the water. Some idiots just love to go to the gate in the middle of the night, unsnap the ground tackle and lose 500' of it.



Skaneateles Memories

—MARY HUNTSMAN

We all came to Skaneateles for the 60th to celebrate our wonderful Class, see old friends and make new ones. I came with camera in hand and did manage to take a lot of pretty pictures. I also came to sell from the "ILCA Shop" in order to raise some dollars for the Class. The biggest fund raiser was to be the grand-daddy of all 50-50's. Well, I went to the Governing Board cocktail party in a short white skirt and neat leather heels. Then it was time to go to the tent and have Jack Elfman and his team start the 50-50. Well in the rain, I took two steps under the tent and went into the muck just short of the bottom of my skirt - a couple of feet anyway. Yes, I will remember that . . . but when the sun came out the next day and the day was magnificent . . . well, we did all have fun. The ticket that was drawn first and wasn't claimed? It was in my grandson's pocket on the way back to New Jersey. he forgot to give the other crew that ticket. Betcha that won't happen again either.

Skaneateles Memories

—FRANK HAAS



We had a great time. Here is a photo of me holding my "Oldest Skipper" award. My daughters Holly (the tall one) and Linda (from Seattle, WA) crewed with me in the races.

Photo courtesy Frank Haas.

photo by Mary Huntsman

More Faces at the 60th

—MARY HUNTSMAN



LIGHTNINGS at the 60th

—MARY HUNTSMAN





A History of the Lightning Class 60 Years

EXCERPTED FROM THE LIGHTNING IN SKANEATELES

BY JOHN BARNES & MIKE YATES

The emergence of the Lightning class sailboat from a small upstate New York village in 1938 was the logical conclusion of events of the preceding 150 years. The Skaneateles area, like much of upstate New York,

was primarily settled by Revolutionary War soldiers given land grants for their service. The dense forests and abundant waterways of the region made it a natural link in the country's early transportation network of canals and rivers.

Documented boating history in Skaneateles begins with a raft built by an early settler in 1794 to transport his possessions to the southern end of the lake. Other key developments in the early boating years were the yachts *Four Sisters* and *Laura*. *Four Sisters* had a waterline approaching 42 feet, impressive for her time. *Laura* was a sandbagger designed by George Steers (designer of *America*) which sailed the waters of Skaneateles for 81 years.

The Lightning's lineage begins in 1876 with the formation of Bowdish and Company. Bowdish quickly developed a reputation for building fine small steam launches, rowboats, canoes, and sailing canoes. In 1890 a young boatwright named George Smith joined the company. In 1893, Smith and his partner, James Ruth purchased Bowdish and Company and renamed it the Skaneateles Boat and Canoe Company. At that time, canoeing and sailing canoe racing were very popular throughout the northeast, and Skaneateles boats were well regarded in that circle.

By 1932, the Skaneateles Boat and Canoe Company had built and sold 5,082 canoes, rowboats and sailboats which had been shipped throughout North and South America and Europe. George Smith wanted to slow down a little and sold the company to two brothers, John and George Barnes. John and George were active one design sailboat racers. They renamed the company the Skaneateles Boats Company and expanded the company's product line to include such popular designs as the *Star* and *International 14* racing dinghies.

The *International 14* had been of special interest to the Barnes brothers. They were determined to build a craft that would win fame in the international yachting world and thought the *International 14* was the best place to start. As a result of these efforts the *International 14* was developed into a state of the art, high performance class.

The Barnes brothers had long wanted to sell a boat about the size of a *Star* that would appeal to both racers and their families. Shortly after the introduction of the *International 14*, they added the 19' *Mower Interlake Class* to the Skaneateles product line. The *Mower* was a family daysailer with excellent racing capabilities. A beautiful, round

bottomed boat, the high costs associated with its bent ribbed hull caused the boat to be beyond the reach of many depression-era sailors, and the boat never caught on.

At about the same time, a new boat was quickly gaining strength up and down the east coast - the *Comet*. The *Comet* was a sawn-rib, hard-chined boat, making it economical and easy to build. The Skaneateles Boats Company began building *Comets* in the early 1930s and continued to so for many years. After the *Lightning*, the *Comet* was probably the most successful boat built during this period.

By 1937 it was apparent that the *Mower* wasn't going to catch on. The Barnes were still looking for the elusive day-sailer/racer they'd hoped the *Mower* would become. The *Star* was too big and uncomfortable and the *Comet* was too small to meet this need.

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Realizing the need for a strong organization to establish the class as a racing class, the John and George Barnes launched the formation of the Lightning Class Association. The first annual meeting of the class was held at the New York City boat show the following winter. C. Lindsey Nicholson of Skaneateles (also with the company) was elected the first president of the class. The Skaneateles Country Club was granted the charter for Lightning Fleet #1.

Olin Stephens and the Barnes' recognized the unique contribution that the boat could offer to one-design sailing and decided to treat the Lightning with unprecedented generosity. Rather than retaining exclusive rights to the design, they donated the rights to the then brand new Lightning Class



Association. This contribution ensured that anyone who wanted to could build a Lightning, and all design royalties would contribute to the strength of the class association.

The metropolitan New York area became an early hot bed of Lightning sailing, evidenced by the area's fleet numbers, and the fact that many of the early national and international championships were sailed in the area. A review of early championship regatta results shows that John and George Barnes dominated the class early in its history. John Barnes became the first national champion in 1939.

The Skaneateles Boats Company built most of the first 300 Lightnings. Other early builders were The

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Lippincott Boat Company of Riverton, NY and Emmons Boat Works of Central Square, NY. By the time of the 1946 International Lightning Regatta, which was held in Skaneateles, about 2000 Lightnings had been built, in spite of the fact that the boat companies were doing war work nearly full-time between 1941 and 1945.

The Lightning steadily gained popularity in the post-war years. By the late 1950's, the class was the largest one-design class over 16 feet in length, with over 8000 boats registered worldwide. With the advent of fiberglass construction, growth of the class persisted. By the time of the 30th Anniversary Regatta in 1968, 11,000 boats had been built. The Lightning has survived against the proliferation



of inexpensive, modern competitors by adopting technological advances at a pace reasonable enough to advance the design without making obsolete the thousands of boats still enjoyed all over North America and the world. Today, with some 15,000 boats built, the Lightning class is still one of the largest, most active sailboat classes in the world.

In 1968, and every ten years since, Skaneateles has welcomed the Lightning class home for the 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th Anniversary regattas. This year, the Skaneateles Country Club hosted the 60th anniversary regatta. Each event has been a celebration of one of the most enduring one-design classes in the world. Each anniversary regatta has presented an opportunity for all aspects of the Lightning family, as originally envisioned by the Barnes' and Stephens' firms, to be realized. Experienced racers, sailing families, and casual cruisers all come out to enjoy their boats and one another's company.





INTERNATIONAL LIGHTNING CLASS ASSOCIATION

60th ANNIVERSARY REGATTA

Skaneateles Country Club, Skaneateles, NY, July 3-5, 1998

Blue Fleet 72 Boats

Boat #	Skipper, Crew, Crew	Fleet/Yacht Club	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Total
Position						
1	14825 Robert C. Wardwell, Ron Buchanan, Regan Edwards	509 Fishing Bay	2	1	2	5
2	14298 Mark C. Sertl, Robert Bryant, Linda Bryant	77 Newport	4	5	5	14
3	14873 Larry MacDonald, Julie-Marie MacDonald, Mike Healy	12 Buffalo	3	25	1	29
4	14655 Richard Hallagan, Alister Thomsen, Nancy Barger	77 Newport	6	11	13	30
5	14642 Jody Lutz, Michael Schon, Wade Schon, Mathew Schon	126 New York	5	7	19	31
6	14881 Philip Grotheer, Jeff Riedle, Lesley Frymier	329 Severn Sailing Assoc.	1	21	16	38
7	14814 Jack Huntsman, John Huntsman, Dan Vought	70 Monmouth Boat Club	11	2	26	39
8	14739 Jack Elfman, Cindy Lister, Greg Fisher	196 Surf City	16	8	20	44
9	14787 Sean Fidler, Bill Thomas, Shane O'Neill	216 Bay City	20	24	3	47
10	14904 Scott Finkboner, David Briggs, Frank Davies	194 Mission Bay	14	3	33	50
11	14878 Bill Fastiggi, Heather Rowe, Tim Ambrose	301 Malletts Bay Boat Club	21	9	24	54
12	14249 George Sipel, Kathy Keene, Surge Vanderhorst	42 North Cape	15	40	4	59
13	14807 Jim Allen, Jane Allen, Brian Milne	54 Pontiac	39	14	6	59
14	14752 Steve Hayden, Barr Batzer, David Hood	461 Eustis Sailing Club	8	16	36	60
15	14821 Ched Proctor, Al Boucher, Tom Proctor	126 Cedar Point	41	10	10	61
16	14786 Jon Schwartz, John Fiest, Randy Dickerson	70 Monmouth Boat Club	29	15	17	61
17	10801 R. Neil Hayes, Brian Hayes	6 Housatonic Boat Club	38	6	18	62
18	14882 Ralph F. Wilson, Eric Wilson, Timothy Wilson	70 Monmouth Boat Club	13	28	22	63
19	14174 David Sprague, Megan Sprague, Daniel Sprague	146 Boulevard Club	18	26	21	65
20	14589 Brian Taboada, Stuart Challoner, Derek Frickey	34 Metedeconk River	50	4	12	66
21	11873 Chandler Owen, Amy Wilder, Andrew Monahan	262 Harbor Island	9	12	47	68
22	11894 David Ruiter, Stephanie M. Ruiter, David Thompson	34 Metedeconk River	17	31	25	73
23	14418 Fisk Hayden, John Steiner, Clay Murphy	461 North Florida	26	38	9	73
24	14580 Cal Schmiede, Larissa Higgins, Don Evert, Bob Starck	59 Niagara Sailing Club	10	56	8	74
25	14740 Peter Isler, Bill Faude, Susan Daly	69 Milwaukee	32	36	7	75
26	13927 Jean-Francois Simard, Joanne Jones, Chantal Leger	215 Royal St. Lawrence	27	37	11	75
27	10355 Kirk Reynolds, Ryan O'Grady,	1 Skaneateles	19	17	41	77
28	14654 Robert Bush, Sterling Bush, Mike Holly	228 Riverton	25	13	42	80
29	14746 Thomas Allen, Jr., Lisa Brauer, Jared Drake	12 Buffalo Canoe Club	33	18	29	80
30	14355 Jean Palm/Peter Hallagan, Sandy Schraeder	Crescent	42	27	15	84
31	14713 Ed Seyerlein, Tom Carson, Jeannette Little	484 Ithaca	7	29	59	95
32	14520 Jed Dodge, Bob King, Jay Moreno	Sodus Point	43	19	35	97
33	14644 Mike Huffman, Meg Huffman, Kip Hamblet	301 Malletts Bay Boat Club	12	42	43	97
34	6983 William E. Neal, Larry MacDonald, David Copperfield	47 Silver Lake	23	50	34	107
35	14397 Chad Atkins, John Atkins, Matt Atkins	77 Newport	28	35	45	108
36	14056 Raymond Harrington, Toni Harrington, Alan Keyes	227 Bomoseen	34	20	55	109
37	14476 John Rogers, Cam MacDonald, Stan Chambers	118 Flying Beaver	66	23	23	112
38	14848 Daniel Hertzter, Donald Schregardus, Martha Hertzter	27 Leatherlips	24	58	32	114
39	11754 Sean Carroll	301 Malletts Bay Boat Club	31	32	52	115
40	14634 Caroline Hoedemaker, Bob Hoedemaker, Mary Grace Fowlwell	228 Riverton	44	39	40	123
41	14766 Terrence R. Burke, Ron Frerker, Nora Kelly	266 Carlyle Sailing Assoc.	22	30	73	125
42	14758 David P. Gorman, Rick Villamil, Rebecca Sidway	301 Malletts Bay Boat Club	36	33	58	127
43	14321 Jack Jones, Eric Schnettler, Michelle Wolpe	225 Henderson Harbor	37	44	49	130
44	14824 Jeffery A. Hagman, Nicole Russo, Derek Gauger	42 North Cape	65	52	14	131
45	14366 Carl Muska, Karen Phelan, Pat Phelan	50 Potomac River Sailing Assoc.	51	53	28	132
46	14028 Jamie Brickell, Kimberly Brickell, Sue Brickell	329 Severn Sailing Assoc.	59	22	53	134
47	14811 Tom Allen, Sr., Sam Septembre, Becky Newrider	12 Buffalo Canoe Club	63	46	27	136
48	14590 Peter J. Wenzler, Mathew Wenzler, Melissa Wenzler	51 Crescent Sail	30	55	54	139
49	14371 Brian Starck, Larissa Higgins, Ellen Starck	12 Buffalo Canoe Club	61	49	30	140
50	14275 John Hughes, ,	121 American	48	48	46	142
51	14508 Steve Cushman, Martha Cushman, Cheree Dillon	5 Chicago Corinthian	40	57	48	145
52	14073 Gary Hurban, John Hurban, Len Hurban	75 Nyack	56	47	44	147
53	14672 Mark Grinder, Matt Grinder, Alyssa Grinder	47 Silver Lake	55	43	51	149
54	13911 Michael Kane, Greg Buckley, Patti Pohligh	115 Cuba Lake	62	51	37	150
55	14901 Gerry Paoli, Kay Ward, Sue Albert	266 Carlyle Sailing Assoc.	47	34	73	154
56	14719 John Humphrey, Mark Humphrey, Jackie Humphrey	47 Silver Lake	53	72	31	156
57	14110 Jeff Pugh, Tracy Pugh, Mark Thompson	303 Cowan Lake Sailing Assoc.	45	72	39	156
58	14216 Kenneth J. Irwin, Sherrie Desmond, Tammi Jamison	303 Cowan Lake Sailing Assoc.	46	54	56	156
59	14482 Joan Andrews, Dawn Sager, Yoli Taylor	75 Nyack	58	41	60	159
60	14897 Kurt Andrews, Zach Austin, Mike Mirarchi	27 Leatherlips	54	72	38	164
61	12480 Malcom B. Hendry, Bruce Hendry, Teresa Bouchard	178 Great South Bay	64	45	62	171
62	13900 Chris Kuhns, Ted Lavery, Chris Gelston	1 Skaneateles	57	61	57	175
63	11767 Harry H. Keith, III, Steve Putsher, Tony Vernon	329 Severn Sailing Assoc.	52	62	61	175
64	13979 Thomas Varley, Kay Varley, Jon Varley	150 Mansfield Sailing Club	35	72	73	180
65	14411 Dave Stephens, Ryan Webb, Clint Webb	12 Buffalo Canoe Club	71	63	50	184
66	13740 Jonathan Guth/Peter Lauria, Julie Blessing,	50 Potomac River Sailing Assoc.	68	59	64	191
67	14369 Frederico Meira, Mark Lesinski, Aislinn Cook	164 Willow Bank	49	72	73	194
68	14266 David A. Pyle, Carl Wilson, John Hart	50 Potomac River	69	64	63	196
69	14350 John A. Faus, Brad Faus, David Faus	335 Barnegat Light	70	60	73	203
70	14852 Sandy Huntsman, Patrick Corr, Kristin Laughrey	11 Monmouth	60	73	73	206
71	14445 David Gall, Dan Gall, Julie Moore	212 Atwood	67	72	73	212
72	14485 Charles C. Wardwell	509 Fishing Bay	73	73	73	219

Green Fleet 87 Boats

Position	Boat #	Skipper, Crew, Crew	Fleet/Yacht Club	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Total
1	14703	Joe Dissette, John McCree, Jim Schofield	216 Bay City	1	5	5	11
2	14760	Robert W. Shaw, Joyce Von Drehle, Andre Guillemain	54 Pontiac	2	18	1	21
3	13815	Logan McReynolds, Erin McReynolds, Alan McReynolds	77 Newport	7	9	7	23
4	14450	Jarrett A. Lynn, Jeremy Lynn, Bonnie Altizo	34 Metedeconk River	9	6	8	23
5	14221	Peter Cunningham, David Cunningham, Elise Cunningham	252 Keuka	6	4	15	25
6	11650	David Grogono, Pam Tuttle Murphy, Leslie Tuttle DiTrani	164 Willow Bank	5	7	21	33
7	14465	Dick Tuttle, Brian Grills	164 Willow Bank	12	1	26	39
8	14774	Tom Vickers, Beth Grosbeck, Lias McCabe	51 Crescent Sail	29	3	10	42
9	10555	Dwight Gertz, Virginia Welles, Dr. Jeanine Carlson	332 Squam Lake	11	29	3	43
10	14870	Bob Mathers, Bob Kranich, John Mathers	54 Pontiac	23	21	2	46
11	10956	Gary Swangler, Kathy Swangler, Donald Rea	228 Riverton	19	16	12	47
12	13888	Patrick Zachary, Alex Trass, Kika Bronger	301 Malletts Bay Boat Club	16	27	6	49
13	14502	Tom Ward, Matt Ward, Alan Sherer	12 Bufalo Canoe Club	20	19	13	52
14	14854	Richard Bukowsky, Mike Thompson, Traci Thompson	54 Pontiac	10	13	32	55
15	14019	Robert Astrove, Rick Pelesara, Craig Auzeny	50 Potomac River Sailing Assoc.	8	30	18	56
16	14628	William C. Anderson, Maggie Anderson, Ben Anderson	484 Ithaca	13	28	16	57
17	14030	Christopher Miller, Christopher Howard, Adam Lewis	126 Cedar Point	32	2	24	58
18	13948	Mark H. Dadd, Mike Humphrey, Peter Tomanovich	47 Silver Lake	15	10	35	60
19	14627	Jim Dillard/Justin Morris, Elizabeth Morris	50 Potomac	3	35	25	63
20	14012	Robert W. Ohlsen, Matt Bery, Marc Hieschman	74 Decatur	25	15	27	67
21	14778	Edward A. Dziuba, Pegi Eddy, Ginny Wilking, Glen Gary	54 Pontiac	42	20	14	76
22	14256	Jim Staunton, Deb Komp, Bob Wilder	252 Keuka	22	12	43	77
23	13897	Ron Kiss, Tom Kiss, Tom Keady	104 Lavallette	52	37	4	93
24	14712	Thomas Peter Hudson, Paul Karl, Babara Kay Gillespie	137 Gull Lake	31	17	49	97
25	14604	Salo J. Korn, Adam Korn	54 Pontiac	47	32	20	99
26	13934	Jesse W. Miller, Virginia Miller	484 Ithaca	51	8	40	99
27	13640	Bob Richel, Ray Matuszak, Jamie Matuszak	42 North Cape	36	25	39	100
28	11456	Brandon Holton, Gerald Holton, Jeff Holton	167 Lake Davenport Sailing	26	22	56	104
29	11951	Peter C. Paullin, Tracie Paullin, Richard Paullin	31 Devil's Lake	43	24	37	104
30	14154	David Sestini, Stacey Johnson, Donald Sestini	121 American	41	42	23	106
31	14342	Timothy Millhiser, Les Hathaway	129 Madison Beach Club	4	88	17	109
32	14185	Leland G. Atkinson, Deborah Wight, Ryan Atkinson	77 Newport	14	88	9	111
33	13677	Hendrix TenEyck, Jr., Bill Bourke, Dianna TenEyck	1 Skaneateles CC	38	33	41	112
34	13697	Daniel Koretz, Mitchell Koretz, Phil Goldberg	77 Newport	57	11	51	119
35	13375	Dave Birchenough, Sammy Birchenough, David Guchess		62	40	22	124
36	14431	Leon A. Fontier, Eileen Loh-Fontier, Gil Harrop	252 Keuka	24	52	50	126
37	9845	David C. Nasca, Craig Nobbs, Paul Malone	47 Silver Lake	46	47	36	129
38	14434	Joe Romer, Rick Romer, Renee Romer	51 Crescent Sailing Club	40	34	57	131
39	14240	John B. Rudd, David Harris, Beverly Chin	484 Ithaca	54	46	34	134
40	11960	Glenn Wilcox, Anca Trandasiurescu	484 Ithaca	63	23	48	134
41	14720	Don Johnson, Chris Hedrick, Jolene G. Johnson	167 Lake Davenport Sailing	70	36	28	134
42	14856	Mike Williams, Robert Werenshi, Sally Werenshi	51 Crescent Sailing Club	17	31	88	136
43	12941	Starling H. Mikell, III, David Hershey, Gene Shoe	253 Susquehanna	50	44	44	138
44	14443	John Sauter, James Sauter, Rod Hayes	499 Pointe Claire	21	88	30	139
45	14363	Mark Keane, Sharon DeVries, Malinda Keith	75 Nyack Boat Club	72	26	45	143
46	12764	Dave White, Carter White, Tyler White, Steve White		18	88	38	144
47	14548	Chris Bone, Bob Bone, Larry Bone	12 Buffalo Canoe Club	39	88	19	146
48	11010	Joe Hamola, Tom Gahagan, Vince Demperio	164 Cazenovia	59	38	52	149
49	12400	Andy Smith, Pat Zacharias	77 Newport	34	88	29	151
50	10620	Lawrence Decker, Jim Crittenden, Bill Munn	75 Nyack Boat Club	56	43	53	152
51	13218	Kenneth Kuzdro, Thomas Brown, Kevin Smith	253 Susquehanna	45	51	58	154
52	14100	Red Fehrle, Mike Beaver, Susan Barry	50 Potomac River Sailing Assoc.	37	88	31	156
53	13081	Richard J. Doherty, Gary Snyder, James R. Doherty	77 Newport	27	88	42	157
54	14367	Philip Lange, Alexandra Lange, Julia Lange, Bill Cawley	77 Newport	58	14	88	160
55	10444	Alexander P. Vucelic, Dan Cropper, Katherine Vucelic	150 Mansfield Sailing Club	60	41	59	160
56	14291	Charles Noble, Rick Doherty, Karen Hurd	253 Susquehanna	67	45	54	166
57	10679	Bent L. Thomsen, Kim Peet Thomsen, Carl Thomsen	1 Skaneateles	65	39	63	167
58	14096	Nabeel Alsalam, Charles Masten, Jameel Alsalam	50 Potomac River Sailing Assoc.	68	88	11	167
59	13651	Dick Leonardo, Cathy Leonardo, Jonathan Leonardo	77 Newport	48	88	33	169
60	12210	Walter Rogers, Walt Rogers, Charles Tracy, Charlotte Rogers	1 Skaneateles Sailing Club	33	88	55	176
61	13571	Paul J. Nagel, Mark Nagel, Sue D. Nagel	51 Crescent Sail	66	49	61	176
62	14514	Bernie Beegle, Jeff Lucas, Victor Roth	34 Ocean Gate	44	88	46	178
63	11154	Frank Hass, John E. Hass, Holly H. Bagdonas	1 Skaneateles	76	35	67	178
64	14303	David Loftus, Jr., Michael Wahlrab, John Hazard	1 Skaneateles	64	54	64	182
65	14182	Jay H. Anderson, Eric H. Anderson	39 Chelsea	61	53	69	183
66	14457	Joe LaPalme, Jessica M. LaPalme, Joe J. LaPalme	54 Pontiac	55	88	47	190
67	13124	Aage (Lars) Larsen, Colin Warren, Billy O'Brien	484 Ithaca	76	48	66	190
68	13666	Brian Smokler, Mary Ann Smokler, Duane Hatch	262 Harbor Island	53	50	88	191
69	13933	Richard H. Ryczek, Robin J. Ryczek, Carolyn F. Ryczek	164 Willow Bank	76	55	70	201
70	13082	R. Neal Smith, Neal Gray, Kevin Gray, Eva L. Smith	77 Newport	28	88	88	204
71	12549	Russell J. Pringle, Collin S. Pringle, Kathy C. Buckhardt	BVI Yacht Club	49	88	68	205
72	14727	Wolfgang Haugk, Diane Mess, Skip Bugbee	70 Monmouth Boat club	30	88	88	206
73	13856	Jonthan Lange, Loree Benziger, Matt Lange	329 Severn Sailing Assoc.	35	88	88	211
74	13684	Gorton C. Cook, Phillip G. Cook		71	56	88	215
75	12004	Sam Woods, Campbell Woods, Anya Woods	164 Cazenovia	69	88	62	219
76	14025	Carl Robinson, Hildi Bachtile, Bob Sherman		73	88	60	221
77	11073	Joe Hagaman, Margy Hagaman		74	88	65	227
78	13321	Ralph Shaver, Thomas Shaver, Jon Shaver, Chris Kalwara		76	88	88	252
79	13945	Thomas West, Sr., Tom West, Jr., Karen Bucholz		76	88	88	252
80	14134	Scott Warrenner, Brad Puskas	12 Buffalo Canoe Club	88	88	88	264
81	13330	D. J. Honold, Paul Torrisi	1 Skaneateles	88	88	88	264
82	11650	Jon C. Brodock, Kate Brodock	164 Willow Bank	88	88	88	264
83	14278	Eric Carlson, Carrie Rissotti, Susan Berry	U of Michigan Sailing Team	88	88	88	264
84	12031	William Collins, Sara Collins, Libbie Wing	1 Skaneateles	88	88	88	264
85	12720	Aaron Dewey, Kyle Dewey, Robin Dewey	4 Lake Delta	88	88	88	264
86	9109	Peter King, Kathleen King	164 Willow Bank	88	88	88	264
87		Stewart Ver Nooy, Andy Ver Nooy, Ursula Ver Nooy		88	88	88	264

Yellow Fleet 23 Boats

Boat #	Skipper, Crew, Crew	Fleet/Yacht Club	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Total
Position						
1 736	Craig Thayer, Dan Pope, Jack Ennis	10 Onondaga	1	1	3	5
2 7949	C. Scott Degolyer III, Jim Berry	47 Silver Lake	7	2	2	11
3 9102	Dr. Peter Morley, Jr., Stan Dent, Dr. Susan Morley	110 Higgins Lake Boat Club	4	3	5	12
4 9424	Karen Johnson, Kirk Johnson, Edna Johnson, Evan Johnson	27 Leatherlips	8	5	1	14
5 9050	John B. Leath, Bradley J. Williams, Joanna K. L. Williams	270 Indianapolis Sailing Club	5	6	4	15
6 10113	Byrne O'Brien, Karen O'Brien, Ann Werstler	484 Ithaca	2	7	6	15
7 10705	John A. Barnes, Kenise Barnes-Lorderfeld, Gabrielle Marie	Derosha 1 Skaneateles	9	8	8	25
8 378	Mike Yates, Grace McNamara, Schyler Barnes	1 Skaneateles	6	10	11	27
9 6378	Jamie Perkins, Liz Perkins, Ben Perkins		11	9	10	30
10 8441	Addis Katterheinrich, Bill & Tom Katterheinrich	400 St. Mary's Boat Club	3	4	24	31
11 2924	Kenneth See, Randy See, Tom Woollett		11	13	12	36
12 8899	Doug Tucker, Daniel Ferguson	1 Skaneateles Sailing Club	11	24	7	42
13 14542	Carl Pickhardt, Barbara Johnson, Erik Pickhardt		11	24	9	44
14 7221	Jim Crandall, Hans Kastens		11	11	24	46
15 8599	George J. Paiva, John Little, Nancy Little, Jennifer A. Paiva		11	12	24	47
16 9991	Lindsay Bach, Jon Bach, Vanessa Kimba Bloodsworth	508 Solomon's Island	11	24	13	48
17 8368	Dario Panfili, Jr., John Bailey, Kate Bailey		11	14	24	49
18 13503	Daniel Henly, Celeste Henly		11	24	16	51
19 13080	James McIntosh, John McIntosh, Heather Lockwood	77 Newport	11	24	24	59
20 1792	Stephen C. Lathrop, Cheryl W. Matheson	491 Nockamixon Sail Club	11	24	24	59
21 392	Dan Gorski, Steve Gorski, Nancy Gorski		24	24	14	62
22 470	Marc H. Schieber, Marsha Schieber, Marsha Schieber	77 Newport	24	24	15	63
23 4661	Gordon Potter, Abby Potter, Gordy Potter		24	24	24	72



Dan Ferguson at the helm of *The Fighting Lady* #8899
Photo courtesy Dan Ferguson



Mike Yates in the *Vintage Fleet*. Photo Mary Huntsman



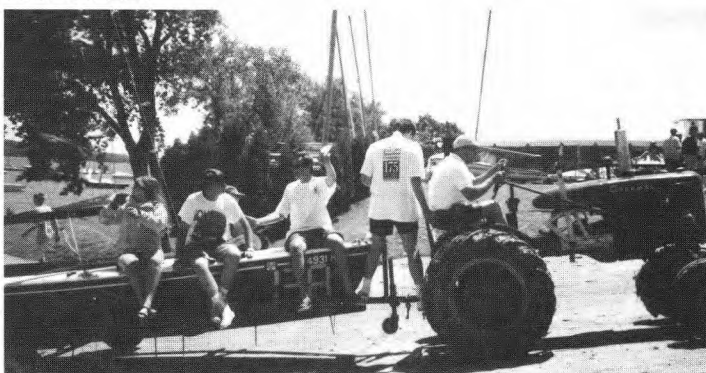
Kirk Johnson unrigs #9424 at the 60th.
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Ohio District at the 60th Anniversary

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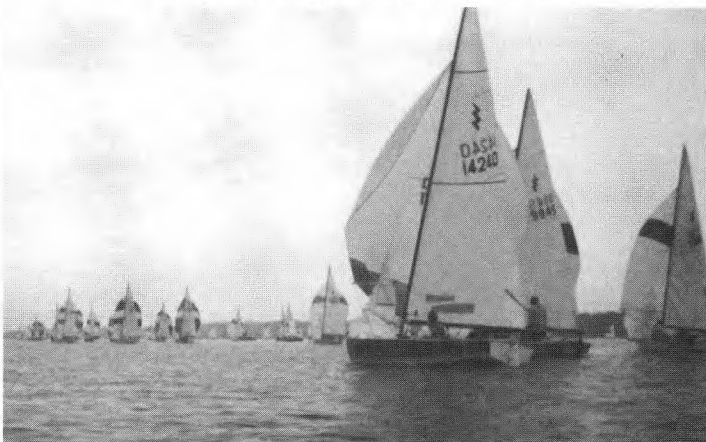
Ohio sightseers at Skaneateles on Friday afternoon.



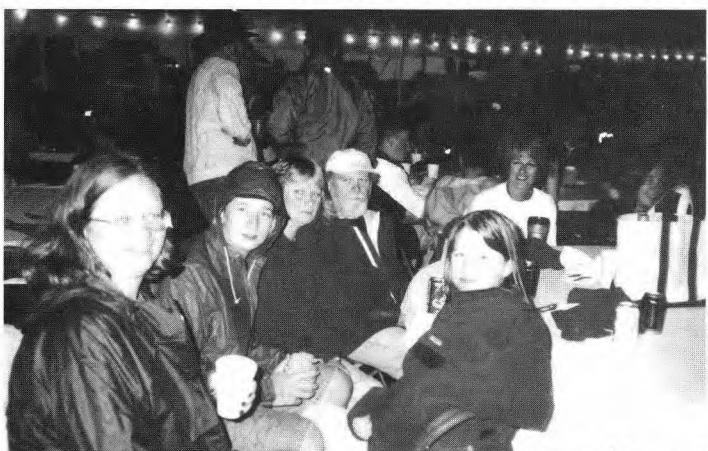
Mansfield's Alex Vucelic being towed, with his crew for Sunday morning, Karla and Jon Varley.



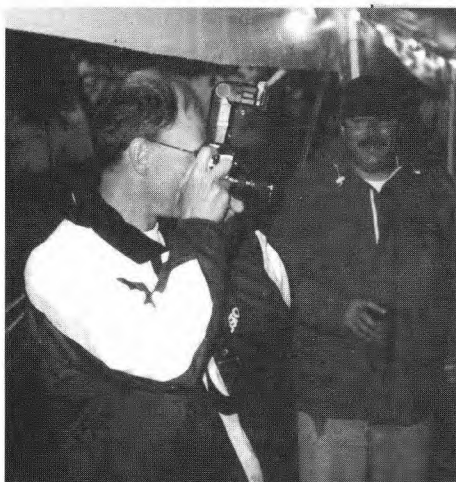
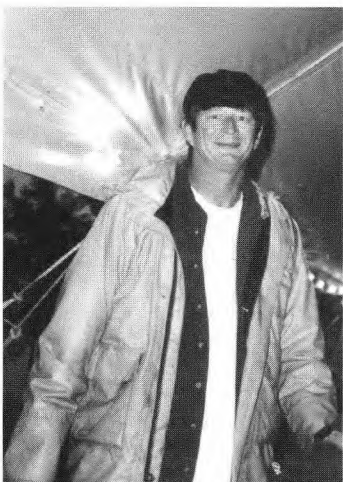
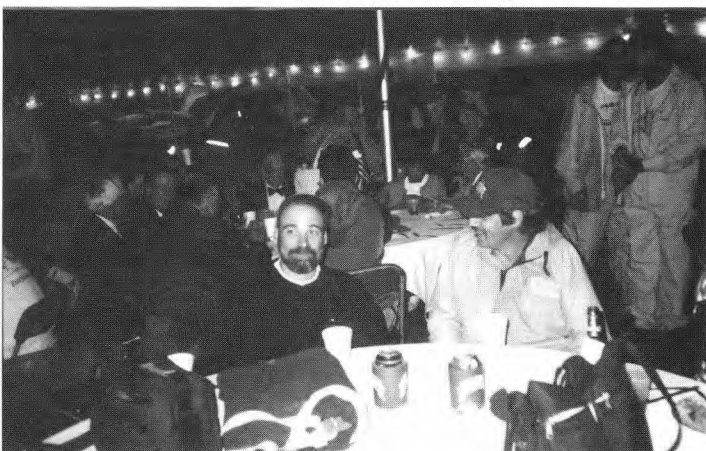
Dan Hertzner with crew Marti Hertzner & Don Schregardus.



1st race Saturday morning



The Ohio tables at dinner in Our Wet Tent.



Fleet 75 Partied at the 60th



Lightning Fleet 75 members enjoying the post race party while awaiting haul-out at the 60th. Members include: Jan and Larry Decker, Sharon DeVries, Mark Keane and Cathy Chapman.



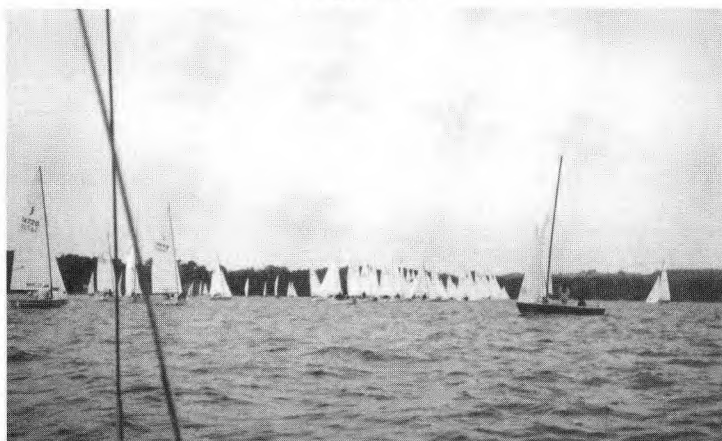
Sharon DeVries flying the chute aboard Thumbs Up #14363.



Being hauled.



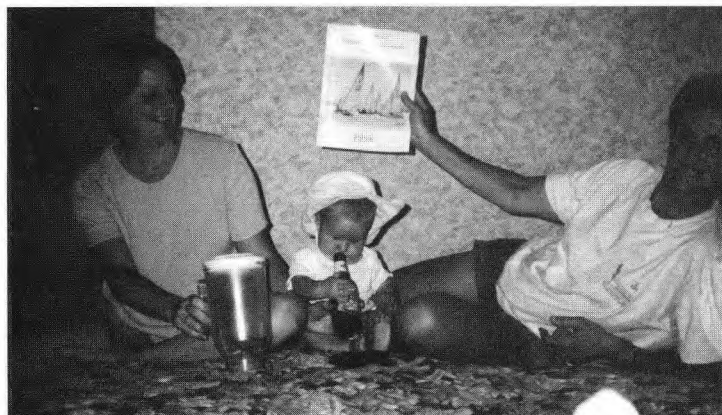
The Tractor Lady, in dress whites, hauling boats through the mud.



Starting sequence.



Beer delivery to boats witing to haul out.

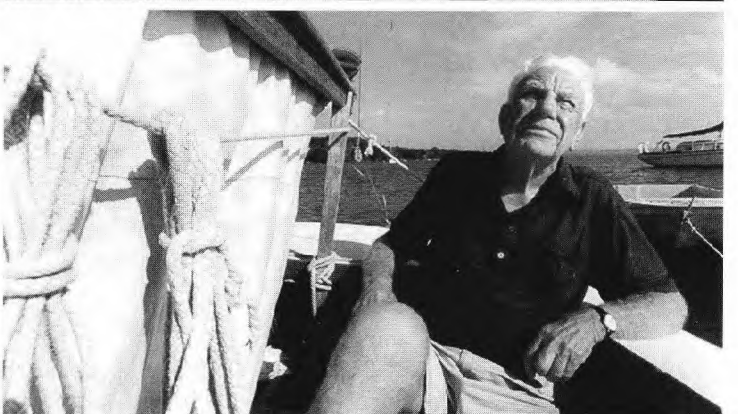


Joan Hurban showing her spirit for the Lightning Class while training future crew.



*Jackson Chapman showing his form and willingness to party at the 60th.
Photos courtesy Mark Keane*

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60th Anniversary Regatta staff: Dave Penfield, Chairman, Joan Thomsen, Registrar, Bent Thomsen, Registrar, Dick Gillis, 50th Chairman, Pat Blackler, Check-In Chairman

Frank Haas, oldest skipper

How it all Happened

—ANONYMOUS (WITH SOME HELP FROM THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY REGATTA ORGANIZING COMMITTEE)

In The Beginning

Way back in 1995 at St. Pete, there was talk of the looming 60th Anniversary Regatta in 1998. Did anyone think Skaneateles could repeat the 1988 event? Were there still enough Lightning sailors around? Everyone looked fondly back at the 50th in 1988 and recalled they hadn't seen much of Skaneateles Lightning sailors since then. Mike Yates had been campaigning #378 in the Woodies and Masters circuit for the last few years and #39 had recently been brought back to Skaneateles for restoration. There was a spark of enthusiasm for Lightning sailing in Skaneateles and the idea got kicked around for a few months. And a few more months. And a few more.

One year later at St. Pete, the proposal was introduced at the Winter General Meeting. The ILCA governing board was told that there was a sucker - er, enthusiastic individual - willing to chair the event and a few gullible - uh, equally motivated - people ready to begin the planning for the big event and we wanted the approval of the ILCA. Motion accepted, the "aye's" have it. SOLD, to the woodie sailors from Skaneateles, one major regatta to a club who hadn't hosted anything of this magnitude since 1988.

By the time the Central New York Lightning District meeting was held in November of 1996, the Regatta Organizing Committee had managed to organize a fancy organization chart. They also organized the chairs in the room and the flowers on the table. At that meeting the District Officers began to ask such probing questions as: "How many boats are you planning for?" And, "What areas do you need help with?" The organizing committee began to get the sense that this might be a big job.

By the summer of 1997, the major planning subcommittees had set to work. Publicity had been initiated in the 1997 Yearbook and in early 1997 issues of *Flashes*. A logo had been designed and potential sponsors were being lined up. One major sales job was underway to the officers of a club



Early-On Planning Meeting: Mick Barnes, Bent Thomsen, Joan Thomsen, Jack Helmer, Dave Penfield, Save Bull, Stu Evans. Photos courtesy Joan Thomsen

whose membership was made up of 90% non-sailors and whose cruising members far outnumbered racing enthusiasts. A committee had to be set up to begin to deal with the inquiries which began to come in from across the country on how to register.

OK, Time to Get Serious-

By the Fall of 1997, there were 12 major subcommittees preparing plans for activities such as powerboat support, sponsorship, food and beverage, race committee, and registration. That job seemed so straightforward to the enthusiastic couple, Bent and Joan Thomsen, who agreed to head it up during the summer. We just take in money and make sure they all have goodie bags, right?

The Registrars turned out to be the most valuable help the Chairman could have ever dreamed for. Bent and Joan managed to keep all the record straight. They set up accounting systems and ledgers for recording all the information we requested of registrants. Being retired, they did not mind staying up late revising, and revising, and revising. Registration forms, race instructions, schedules, ad copy. They had a hand in it all; since, as they reasoned: "every change you make that we don't know about now, will come back to bite us later." How right they were.

And then there was the budget. The costs of everything had skyrocketed in the last ten years. The prices it looked like we were going to have to charge would keep everyone away. And economies of scale. If we had a small turnout we still had all those fixed costs. We had to lower the prices, to attract the sailors, to achieve the economies of scale, to keep the price low. And the ILCA. There was a lot of resistance to the prices when first proposed. But, we were planning a BIG event!

Darkest Days of Winter-

At the Central New York Lightning District meeting in November of 1997, the Committee got a lot of great advice



Early-On Planning Committee Meeting: Judy Gelston, Dave Bull, Dick Tuttle, Stu Evans

How it happened continued

from the more experienced clubs in the district. We parted confident that we had a good package of activities, a good price, and a good team. There were a lot of details to work on still, but we had the price, and the package ready to market to the class members. Come on, registrations!

And there was still plenty to attend to:

The Race Committee needs a cannon-
The Banquet Manager needs to know how many,
what kind of seating-
Which material is better for the awards-
The hotels are filling up, can we reserve rooms-
How will we control camping locations, so far
away from the clubhouse-
How are we going to pay the deposit on the porta-
potties-

The CNY District donates rental for the porta-potties, so camping will be free-

We receive our first registration-from Bill Faude-we're rolling now-

The Registration Chairman needs heart surgery-Heart Surgery?!? How could this happen? Is she alright? Was it all the late nights? What's the prognosis? Where will we get a replacement? Will she be OK???

Joan Thomsen had a non-cancerous tumor growing in her heart. Yes, it was serious. No, it wasn't caused by all the hard work. The prognosis was excellent, but she needed surgery soon, followed by several weeks of rest, then rehabilitation. She insisted she did not need a replacement as the Registrar. OK, we won't tell her we're going to replace her, we want to be positive through this-

Joan was, and is, fine. She was back to work in days. She really didn't need to be replaced. And we were all very thankful.

Even Darker, Darkest Days of Winter-

Now, we know there are many months to go, but it's already the end of January, and there have only been half as many registrations at this time as there were in 1988. We're going to have to cut the budget. We're going to have to downsize our plans. We'll never pull this thing off-

News of Tom Allen's on-the-water heart attack has everyone concerned. Do we have enough medical support? Crash boats? What's our liability? The good news was that Tom, like Joan, was determined to come and was getting better.

But the registrations weren't looking good. We now had three budgets. One for a 120 boat showing, one for a 150 boat fleet, and one for 180. Those responsible for the money thought the 180 boat budget was just an exercise in wishful thinking. 120 would be far more likely, based on registrations to date. The trick was, 120 boats was a physical limit for the Skaneateles Country Club facilities. Everyone hoped we would get more than 120 boats. But, with that many people, the clubhouse capacity would be exceeded and we would need a tent, along with cooking facilities, which would all cost more money!

OK, one desperate attempt to get a surge in registrations. We would waive the \$20.00 late registration fee for another month. We could handle the increase in registrations during May and still plan for the most likely crowd size based on the June 1st registration count. That decision had to be made in April, for the May Flashes. It still looked like we would have about 120 to 140 boats, so we began making our final plans for that number.

Sometime in mid-May, we celebrated the "break-even boat." That was the boat (#130-something) which put our budget in the black. This was now based on 150 boats. The last 10 or 15 registrations would give our budget a little breathing room. By mid-June we exceeded 160 boats and the 180 number began to look realistic. Two weeks to go and we needed to get a bigger tent, more food, lots more beer-

The Eve of the Big Event (aka "Crunch Time")-

By now, the hardy group of 12 planners who had been meeting monthly for almost a year, had swelled to over 30, meeting weekly, and daily over the last week. It seems the separation of responsibilities got a little less strict in those last few days. The launch committee found itself marking camping spaces. The registration and check-in crew found time to purchase additional prizes and awards. Well, there were a lot of things to do and they wouldn't have gotten done if anyone on the organizing committee took an "It's not my job" mentality.

Here are some of the prized memories recalled of planning, preparing for, and conducting the weekend's activities:

Receiving 30 Lightning-shaped bottle openers, donated by the Barnes girls (grand-daughters of the original Lightning builders) to be used as prizes.

Advice: "Why don't we reconsider the courses, maybe you will want to run the races on two separate courses?" (Picture: Dick Tuttle)

Listening intently to progress reports from the subcommittees: "I can't talk with my mouth full." (Picture: Dave Penfield)

Procuring hay bales: "just in case we get a little rain. OK; at that price, double the order. We won't need it all, but it's a good deal."

Launch crew training: "boy, that ONE boat went in and out like clockwork; we're gonna be great!"

9:00 pm Thursday night and they're still streaming in. By Friday morning there will be a long line for registration. Some tireless souls kept check-in open until 10:30 Thursday (probably the same ones who would have to do it Friday morning).

One of the tractor drivers claiming first come first served on Friday for any unused hay bales on Monday morning. "Why'd you go and buy all that hay?"

The oldest skipper: Skaneateles' own Frank Haas. (Picture: Frank Haas)

Reports from the Club Staff: "We have the tent all laid out for Saturday's banquet. We'll just back up the truck and unload the band's equipment right there"

How it happened continued

Nice turnout for the clinic by North Sails on Friday: "Everyone is eager to sail; that is, about twice as many as we expected.) (Picture: clinic)

Friday's weather forecast for Saturday: "Partly cloudy, chance of showers."
(Nothing about monsoons.)

Report from the speaker's committee: "Mr. Stephens is in town and looking forward to speaking tomorrow night. He doesn't want to speak long."

We got a nice supply of dry wood for the bonfire Saturday night after dinner. Some of the crash boat drivers report that they would like to return home for raingear.

Seems the rain and lack of wind on Saturday encouraged everyone to go in for lunch, but the lunches were on their way out to the racecourse.

Following the event, many Skaneateles merchants reported an increase in wet, muddy patrons in their bars and restaurants on Saturday night.

We set up outdoor showers for the sailors to cleanup before dinner on Friday and Saturday. They didn't get much use-

The entertainment committee assures us the tent is sufficiently sized for the whole crowd in the event of light rain.

Olin Stephens gets a round of applause for hanging out all evening Saturday, even though his reserved seat was lost in the crowd.

Despite the improved weather on Sunday, several of the launch crew didn't return after Saturday's exercise. Thanks to all who worked all Sunday afternoon.



Angels of Mercy (aka "Suds Fairies") prevented the boat retrieval crew at the hoists from drying up and blowing away on Sunday (the sunny day).

It is still unresolved whether the mud trail was deeper leaving the trailer parking area or the camping area-

Unofficial count: way more smiles on Sunday afternoon than any day of the weekend (except maybe on the organizing committee's collective faces on Monday.)

More than 120 souvenir tee-shirts were needed for all the walk-in volunteer help over the weekend (originally planned 40 volunteers.)

Best volunteer worker: Charlie Noble from Susquehanna Yacht Club, after he lost his boat off the hitch on the way here, he went to work on traffic control.



photos Mary Huntsman

How it happened continued

Best savior: Judy Walker, for contributing her boat to Charlie Noble and crew so they could sail and get off traffic control detail.

Best souvenir picture: Scott Finkboner, for the photographic mural from the 50th Anniversary Regatta now gracing our clubhouse wall.

Best all-around committee member: Genie Barnes, for recruiting so many volunteers, for proving her family to be a model of helpfulness and courteousness, and for providing antique furniture valet service, among other, innumerable chores. (Note: shortly after the Regatta wrapped up, Genie underwent abdominal surgery, which left her hospital-bound until September. She is recovering steadily and retains her ever-present good humor.)

Post-Mortem-

The Skaneateles Country Club has been overwhelmed with compliments and kind comments from Lightning sailors. Many of us may have failed to notice it at the time, but apparently, everyone was having FUN, despite the rain and mud.

The Organizing Committee is ready and willing to advise any club on the wisdom of running a large-scale regatta (anybody want to run a 61st or 62nd Anniversary Regatta? We definitely will NOT be running one for the next year or two). We can provide:

Two years of e-mail, official correspondence and documents on CD

Hundreds of perfectly good, new posters needing only minor alterations in date, place, event, etc.

Many slightly dirty, but lightly used table linens

An unused bandstand and speaker's podium

A barely-used, custom-designed, semi-portable, outdoor shower

Hundreds of reasons why you want to do this when you see the smiles leaving your club on Sunday afternoon!

Thank you to the ILCA for letting Skaneateles Lightning Fleet #1 host this special event. Thanks to Bill Faude, for his unwavering support. Best of luck, Bill in your future challenges. And thanks to Karen Johnson for being the glue that kept us all together.

Skaneateles Country Club, Lightning Fleet #1

60th Regatta Wrap-Up

Total Lightnings Attending	180
Skippers and Crew	540
Total Regatta Guests	800 est
Average Skipper Age	48
Oldest Skipper	86
Youngest Skipper	12
Oldest Crew	96
Youngest Crew	3 1/2
States Represented (plus DC and Canada)	22
Furthest Boat Travel	San Diego
Furthest Crew Travel	Denmark
Number of Woodie & Vintage Boats	23
Number of Skaneateles Built Boats	6
Boats from Out-Of-State	105
Regatta Organizers and Workers	160

The International Lightning Class Association 60th Anniversary Regatta was an undisputed success and numerous favorable comments have been received from sailors and guests alike. Many ILCA officials came to celebrate the anniversary, as did Olin Stephens II, the designer of the Lightning, now 90 years of age. Despite rainy weather on Saturday, all 3 races went off as scheduled. The sight of 180 Lightnings on the lake was an unforgettable experience!

In addition to the top 6 finishers in each fleet, awards were presented to the following:

Oldest Boat	Mike Yates, #378
Oldest Skipper	Frank Haas
Youngest Skipper	Logan McReynolds
Oldest Crew	Dr. John McIntosh
Youngest Crew	Evan Johnson
Boat From Furthest Distance	Scott Finkboner, San Diego
Best Finishing Skaneateles-Built Boat	Craig Thayer, #736



EM- JA SM-KILPAILUT, SEKÄ EUROOPAN ENSIMMÄISET MASTERSKISAT TUUSULANJÄRVELLÄ

MARTTI LÄHTEINEN & WALTTERI KARHUSAARI

Uudet ratatyypit ja lähtöjen lukumäärän lisääminen tuovat uutta säpinää ratapurjehdukseen. Tämä tuli osoitettua, kun Tuusulanjärvellä järjestettiin heinäkuun lopulla puolen-toista viikon mittainen regatta, jossa ratkottiin Lightningien sekä Euroopan että Suomen mestaruudet. Lisäksi kisa oli yksi Lightningien kuudesta ranking-osakilpailusta.

Kisat järjestettiin Suomessa juuri tänä vuonna juhlistamaan Suomen Lightningliiton 50-vuotis juhlayuotta. Lisäväriä tapahtumaan toi Euroopan ensimmäinen Masters-purjehtijoiden avoin EM-kisa (kippari vähintään 50v ja miehistön yhteisikä yli 120v). Tapahtuman kunniaksi Lightningliitto julkisti järjestämässään juhlagaalassa

Lightningpurjehduksen noin 100 sivuisen 50-vuotis historian, jota on saatavissa liiton toimihenkilöiltä 100mk:n hintaan. Tuusulanjärven rannalla järjestettiin myös Puuvenenäyttely, jossa oli mukana sekä iäkkäämpi upeasti kunnostettu Lightning että aivan uuden puuvenetuotannon edustaja.

Tuusulanjärvi osoitti kisoissa parhaat puolensa. Epävakainen sää takasi hyvät ja välillä varsin navakatkin tuulet: kaatumisiakin nähtiin tiukassa kisassa muutamia. Myös Tuusulanjärven Purjehtijoiden tukikohta Purjeranta, joka sijaitsee Vanhankylänniemen leirintäalueen "sisällä", toimi hyvin; erityisesti pitkässä regatassa on tärkeää, että

purjehtijat ja heidän perheensä ja muut tukijoukot viihtyvät myös varsinaisen kilpailun ulkopuolisena aikana. Kun Tuusulanjärven kaunilla ranta-alueella voidaan tarjota majoitusmahdollisuuksia asuntoautoille ja vaunuille, leirintäalueen mökkejä, telttamajoitusta, kanttiini- ja ravintolapalveluja ja lisäksi purjehtijoille ja rantajoukoille oli järjestetty monipuolista iltaohjelmaa, oli onnistuneen kilpailukokonaisuuden ainekset koossa. Kaikki tämä tapahtui hyvin saumattomasti sujuneessa yhteistyössä järjestävän seuran ja Suomen Lightningliiton kesken.

Kokenut sveitsiläinen Urs Wyler miehistöineen oli EM-kisassa pitelemätön. Purjehtiminen Sveitsin järvillä ei aivan oleellisesti poikkeakaan Tuusulanjärven olosuhteista. Tiukimmin pani vastaan kemiläinen Kari Huuskon kipparioima "Gamma"; nuoresta iästä huolimatta jo monista veneluokista kokemusta hankkimaan ehtinyt venekunta. Kolmanneksi sijoittunut valkeakoskelaisten Järvisen veljesten "Red Snapper" ahdisteli myös kärkeä monissa lähdöissä. USA:lainen Dick Hallagan pääsi charterveneellään regatan edetessä parempaan ja parempaan vauhtiin, mutta mitalisijaan kiri ei aivan riittänyt. Masterskisassa Hallagan sen sijaan oli pitelemätön, joskin voitto ratkesi vasta viimeisen lähdön viimeisellä lenssillä Sveitsin Jacques Perret'n hyy-

Photo: European Champions Urs Wyler and crew at the European Championships. Courtesy Waltteri Karhusaari

tyessä liian rohkeaan leikkaamiseen. Kolmanneksi ja parhaaksi kotimaiseksi nousi varmallalla purjehduksellaan Leo Korhonen. Tuusulanjärven tuulet hyvin hallitseva Kaarlo Jaskari ahdisteli myös vahvasti mitallisijoja, mutta pari heikkoa sijoitusta kuudessa purjehditussa lähdössä vei mahdollisuudet taistella mestaruudesta.

EM-kilpailujen ohessa kilpailtiin myös Suomen mestaruuksista. Tiukassa taistelussa voiton vei Kari Huuskon venekunta Kemistä ja hopealle sijoittuivat Valkeakosken pojat, Pentti Järvisen kipparoimana. Pronssille sijoittui TP:n Olli Lähteinen. Lopuista pistesijoista (4-6) käytiin kovaa kamppailua. Aromaani veljekset Helsingistä, Kimmo kipparina, sijoittui lopulta neljänneksi ja muutaman vuoden tauon Litipurjehduksessa pitänyt Lauri Hemming viidenneksi. Toivottavasti Lauri sai hyvästä menestyksestä kipinän palata Lightningin pinnaan. Samppa J. Salminen Jyväskylästä nappasi viimeisen pistesijan sijoittuen kuudenneksi.

Kahden yläpoijun ja portin muodostavan kahden alapoijun "Nakki"-rata tuntui olevan Lightningpurjehtijoiden suosiossa, vaikka myös perinteisellä Olympia/Hellerup-radalla on omat vahvat tukijansa. Valtaosa lähdöistä ajettiin nakkiradalla, joka myös jonkin verran vähentänee protesteihin helposti johtavia tilanteita merkeillä. Nakkiradan lenssit eivät olleet "peräkkäin purjehdusta", vaan niillä tapahtui

paljon sijoitusten muutoksia. Oli toki myös niitä purjehtijoita, jotka jäivät kaipaamaan enemmän vauhdikkaita slöörejä. Lähtöjä ajettiin EM:ssä kolme ja Masterseissa kaksi päivässä, jotka reippaissa tuulissa menivät verrattain nopeasti. Kilpailujärjestelyistä sai TP sekä suomalaisilta että ulkolaisilta osallistujilta pelkkää kiitosta.

Kilpailutoiminta Eurooppaan tasolla jatkuu ensi kesänä Sveitsin järjestämällä EM-kisoilla, joihin näyttää olevan runsaasti osallistumisintoa ainakin Suomesta; kymmenkunta suomalaisvenettä ilmoitti suunnittelevansa osallistumista ensi vuoden kilpailuun. Myös hyvin onnistuneet Mastersit saanevat jatkoa jo Sveitsissä. Vuonna 2001 MM-kisat ovat todennäköisesti Ateenassa, minne pitkästä matkasta huolimatta osallistutaan laajalla rintamalla myös Suomesta. Matkaa voi lyhentää Via Baltica, joka todennäköisesti on jo tuolloin hyvin kilpailukykyinen reittivaihtoehto. Toivottavasti Ateenaan voidaan myös loppumatka "ajaa suoraan" kiertämättä Italian kautta. Vuoden 2000 EM-kisojen järjestysvuoro on Italiassa. Harras toive meillä Pohjoisen purjehtijoilla on, että italialaiset järjestäisivät kisat kauniin mutta pitkän maansa pohjoisen osan rannoilla, mikä takaisi osallistujia runsaammin sekä Suomesta että myös Sveitsistä.

Photo: Runner-Up Karu Huusko and crew on Gamma leading the pack at the European Championship. Courtesy Waltteri Karhusaari

THE 1998 EUROPEANS, FINLAND DISTRICTS AND THE FIRST-EVER EUROPEAN MASTERS ON LAKE TUUSULA



The 50th Anniversary of Lightnings in Finland was celebrated on July 17-26, with the 1998 European Championships, the Finland District Championships and the first-ever European Masters Championships. The regatta was sailed on Lake Tuusula and hosted by Tuusulanjärven Purjehtijat sailing club. A chronicle on the 50 year history of Lightnings in Finland was made public at the 50th Anniversary Gala that was held after the prize-giving ceremonies of the Europeans and the Districts. For those of you who want to improve your skills in Finnish, copies of the 100-page chronicle can be obtained by contacting the Finland District board members :-)

The racing format for the Europeans and the Districts was something new for most Lightning sailors: new courses and a lot of them! 10 races were held (out of the planned 12) mostly on windward-leeward courses with gates at both ends. More "traditional" Hellerup-courses were used in only a couple of races. The new course-type and the race format - many

starts, close to the shore - received a lot of positive feedback from the sailors. The race committee also did an excellent job by setting up good, square courses and by following the set schedule closely.

Lake Tuusula showed its best sides during the regatta: enough wind (at times even a little too much wind), plenty of sun (i.e. not too much rain) and the ability to follow the races from the club. The racing itself was quite tight, with several crews competing for the sought-after yellow race-winner T-shirts.

Switzerland's Urs Wyler, with crew Gilbert and Walther Dürr, took home the race-winner shirts by winning the last race, bringing their total to 6 wins out of the 10 races. Needless to say that Urs also took home the Europeans title, but despite what the results may show, the title came after a tough battle with Finland's Kari Huusko, Pentti Järvinen and USA's Richard Hallagan.

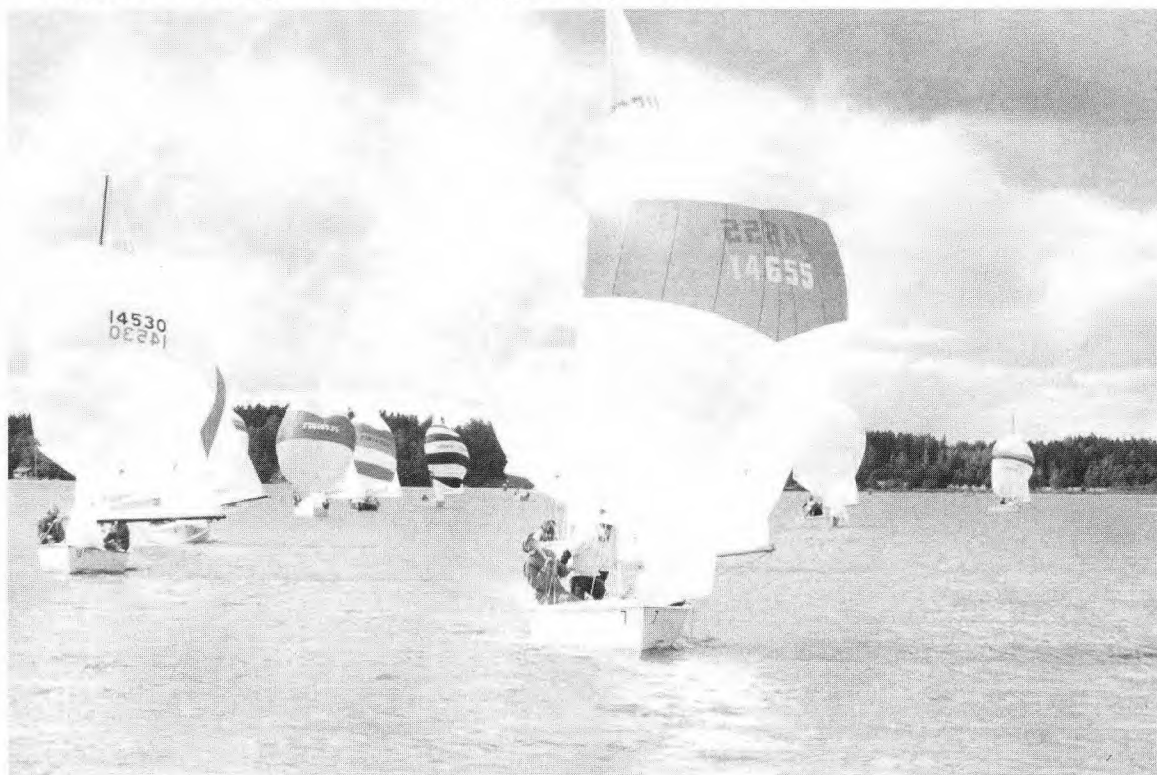
The Open European Masters was started after a picnic trip to Suomenlinna Fortress in Helsinki on the lay-day, with 13 boats on the starting line. Richard Hallagan had gathered

more and more speed as the Europeans progressed and continued his good form in the Masters. Switzerland's Jacques Perret and Finland's Leo Korhonen and Kaarlo Jaskari challenged hard for the title, but in the end Richard, with crew Craig Thayer and Lori Foster, took home the Open European Masters title and the yellow race-winner T-shirts by winning the last race.

The European Championships will be sailed next year in Switzerland with several Finnish crews already making

plans to take part in the regatta. The Masters will also be continued next year in Switzerland, so it would seem that a new tradition has been started in European Lightning sailing. A tradition which will hopefully attract Lightning sailors not only from Europe, but also from the Americas, to meet old Lightning friends, share memories, and - not to forget - enjoy competitive racing on the water in the future.

Photos this page courtesy Craig Thayer



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July 17-22 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA

Tuusulanjärven Purjehtijat, Finland

20 Boats, 10 Races, 2 Throwouts

1	13970	SUI	Urs Wyler, Walter Dürr, Gilbert Dürr	1	2	1	1	1	2	3	1	3	1	10
2	14638	FIN	Kari Huusko, Mika Viide, Tommi Ahonen	3	1	2	3	4	1	1	5	2	2	15
3	14761	FIN	Pentti Järvinen, Lassi Järvinen, Mikko Hellman	2	3	10	2	2	4	4	2	7	4	23
4	14655	USA	Richard Hallagan, Lori Foster, Craig Thayer	7	4	4	ocs	3	3	2	6	1	3	26
5	14331	FIN	Olli Lähteinen, Martti Lähteinen, Erkki Punttila	5	6	5	4	9	6	8	9	5	10	48
6	14534	FIN	Kimmo Aromaa, Mika Aromaa, Jari Aromaa	6	13	11	11	5	7	12	4	12	7	63
7	14530	SUI	Jacques Perret, Nikolas Rudy, Yvonne Perret	12	12	7	7	6	8	14	7	8	11	66
8	14559	FIN	Lauri Hemming, Matti Jaskari, Sakari Pesola	8	16	14	10	11	14	5	3	9	8	68
9	14364	FIN	Sampaa Salminen, Tero Kotimäki, Ilkka Virtanen	4	8	13	13	12	5	7	8	13	15	70
10	14496	FIN	Matti Bruun, Markku Kallio, Jussi Riku Helander	18	11	12	9	7	13	6	11	4	14	73
11	14179	FIN	Olli Muroke, Sampsa Hyysalo, Tuomas Pihkala	11	17	9	6	10	12	9	15	6	18	78
12	14377	GRE	Nickos Vazakas, Marios Paraskevas, George Vardaxoglou	13	10	8	ocs	8	18	10	13	10	6	78
13	14406	FIN	Pertti Pyy, Waltteri Karhusaari, Maija Karhusaari	10	9	3	8	14	16	11	12	16	13	80
14	14494	FIN	Juha Hämäläinen, Asko Hämäläinen, Heikki Hämäläinen	19	5	16	5	dnf	17	dnf	10	11	5	88
15	14018	FIN	Niko Lappalainen, Pasi Hannila, Kari Kanerva	9	7	17	12	16	11	dnf	dns	19	12	103
16	14274	FIN	Leo Korhonen, Mika Lamminen, Anne-Maria Salenius	14	dnf	dns	15	13	10	16	16	14	9	107
17	14352	FIN	Kaarlo Jaskari, Juha Siilin, Riitta Kangas	17	15	6	17	15	9	15	18	15	17	109
18	14269	FIN	Markku Paloma, Laura Siiro, Marja-Kaarina Paloma	15	14	15	18	18	19	dns	dns	17	16	132
19	13438	FIN	Matti Leppänen, Anssi Kariola, Kimmo Kalliola	20	18	19	16	17	20	13	17	18	dnf	138
20	14535	FIN	Antero Punttila, Jukka Jaskari, Miimu Matilainen	16	ocs	18	14	dnf	15	dsq	14	20	ocs	140

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July 24-26 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA

Tuusulanjärven Purjehtijat, Finland

13 Boats, 6 Races, 1 Throwout

1	14655	USA	Richard Hallagan, Lori Foster, Craig Thayer	2	3	2	1	6	1	9
2	14530	SUI	Jacques Perret, Tuomas Ollila, Yvonne Perret	3	1	3	3	12	3	13
3	14274	FIN	Leo Korhonen, Jari Aromaa, Kari Kanerva	1	5	6	5	3	2	16
4	14352	FIN	Kaarlo Jaskari, Juha Siilin, Riitta Kangas	11	10	1	2	1	6	20
5	14018	FIN	Rauli Willman, Niko Lappalainen, Olavi Uusi-Autti	5	4	10	6	2	4	21
6	14331	FIN	Martti Lähteinen, Antero Nummela, Ilkka Kaitila	4	6	9	9	5	11	33
7	14534	FIN	Terho Aromaa, Mika Aromaa, Mikko Aromaa	12	2	7	4	10	dnf	35
8	14269	FIN	Markku Paloma, Ilmo Hassinen, Marja-Kaarina Paloma	9	7	5	10	7	9	37
9	12995	FIN	Aulis Näykki, Heikki Ulen, Erkki Puuperä	7	8	8	7	13	8	38
10	14364	FIN	Ilkka Lilja, Kari Elivuo, Anssi Lilja	13	11	11	11	4	7	44
11	14406	FIN	Pertti Pyy, Lauri Heikkilä, Ritva Pyy	8	12	13	8	11	5	44
12	14535	FIN	Antero Punttila, Jaakko Usva, Sakari Pesola	6	9	12	ocs	8	10	45
13	14430	FIN	Vesa Tapola, Ilkka Tapola, Pertti Nyman	10	dnf	4	12	9	dnf	49

European Masters Championship

—DICK HALLAGAN

Tuusula, Finland, July 24-26

This idea was born in Montreal, 1997. Early warning and invitation began to appear in Flashes around January. Lori Foster, Craig Thayer and I decided to answer the call. The greatest thrill in sailboat racing is to go abroad, meet many new people, cope with the language, tune up a borrowed boat, and try to do well on the race course; and have some fun in a new land. This time in Finland.

The organizers had hoped for entries from North America and South America. They were grateful that the three of us journeyed to Finland. We were met at the Helsinki airport by Antero Punttila and Martti Lahtinen and took the 25km drive north to Lake Tuusula and the small city of Jarvenpaa. As long as we had traveled this distance, we were planning to sail in the Europeans as our warm-up series; a short-track race course with lots of starts. With one night's rest and one day of preparation this series began. There were 20 entries in the Europeans and our early finishes were not really keepers, but it got better. There were ILCA followers (Raimo Aromaa, Pentti Laitinen, Ilkka Tuominen, Hartti Nisonen) who wanted to sail in the Masters, but health restrictions prevented this. The Finnish District published (thanks to Juri Aromaa) their own Yearbook: FIN - LIGHTNING, 1948-1998 detailing the 50 years of the Lightnings in Finland. The first Lightning arrived in Finland in an envelope from the USA in 1948. What a story. World War II was just over. By the end of 1949, forty-seven Lightnings had been built by hand at various homes and barns and issued LCA numbers. Many pictures show the great following the ILCA has had in Finland over 50 years. Their Yearbook lists all the Finn entries to every World Championship, to every European Championship, and to every Finn District Championship. The names are not forgotten because of great record keeping.

We might have seen older Finn District Commodores such as Haila, Laurila, Halva, Lindstrom, but I am not sure of their whereabouts. Six of the more recent Commodores were at the Masters Regatta: Lahtinen, Hemming, Punttila,



Laitinen, Nisonen, Aromaa. The Masters event had 13 entries: 1 USA, 1 SUI, 11 FIN. This was a three-day event, two back-to-back races each day with starts at 11:00am. Markku Tenhunen, the Race Committee, was always on time and wasted little time between races, and most boats were hauled out by 3:30pm.

On the first day, my boat was in the lead at the last mark in both races, only to be covering the wrong contestant in the tricky, shifty winds; Korhonen and Perret were race winners. On the second day, Kaarlo Jaskari showed his Windmill racing skills with

a 1-2 finish. May boat likewise had a good day with a 2-1 finish, and now we are two points on Jacques. Moving to the third day, the fifth race saw Hallagan sailing to a sure win, only to see a monster 80 degree shift give Kaarlo another win. As it turned out Hallagan and Perret sailed their drop race, so the score stayed the same between these two. The sixth race started as a drifter and Perret and Aromaa moved to the front, while Hallagan got at least one shift behind. If Perret won, Hallagan had to finish 2nd. The Baltic thermal does come inland to Lake Tuusula, and during the last run the winds jumped from 10mph to almost 20mph. A jibe was needed. Perret could not get jibed over and sailed way off course. Aromaa disappeared in a tipover. Hallagan was now cruising; Thayer and Foster managed the jibe and USA-14655 flew to the gate all alone. Thank you very much. Up wind nothing broke, so the overall victory went to Thayer, Foster and "what's-his-face."

The regatta did attract 13 entries and besides our two hosts, I would like to thank the following skippers: Tapola, Pyy, Lilja, Naykki, Paloma, Willman. I think everyone had a great time sailing the Lightning. The Finns organized great evening events: old t-shirt contest, sauna party, Jarvenpaa House, party underground (1638 cellar barn dance). We were able to squeeze in trips to Tallinn, Estonia and Stockholm, Sweden. It was real tough to say good-bye to our hosts: Antero, Mariokku, Martti and Marja. Happy memories.

*Photo Craig Thayer, Dick Hallagan, Lori Foster.
Courtesy Craig Thayer.*

Crossing the Finnish Line

—CRAIG THAYER

Preface

I guess this story really begins a couple of years ago when the Lightning Worlds were to be held in Montreal and a couple of Finnish sailors came to Newport Y.C.'s invitation-al for a tune up. It was here that my friend and oft times skipper Dick Hallagan had arranged for me to crew with Antero Punntila and his son Erkki on Dick's old boat 14255. It turned out to be a most enjoyable day with my two new friends, so when Dick mentioned that he was entertaining thoughts of going to the European Masters Championship to be held just outside Helsinki, I said to count me in. Our third, Lori Foster, did a lot of the "leg-work" regarding air travel and places to see, with two of us keeping Antero busy with e-mails. Time remaining to the start of the regatta was growing shorter, and we still weren't sure we had a boat, but as with most any project, eventually the pieces start to fall into place and the deadline which seemed nearly unattainable is met. In this case, Antero was gracious enough to loan us his boat "Snow White", as he was able to borrow another boat at his club for the regatta (heck, we already had one of the seven dwarfs - sorry Lori). In addition, due to the availability of e-mail, we were able to both ask and answer questions with a speed and ease that would have been impossible a few years earlier.

Thursday, 7/16 - D DAY (Departure Day)

Well, it's 0 dark thirty and I'm up, packed, and headed to "the mines" to put out a few last minute fires before Dick, Lori, and her friend Dave arrive to pick up moi for our flight to Helsinki. We have chosen to drive the 5 hours to New York City as decent flights from here are scarce. Our departure is from the old Pan Am terminal. This brought back some memories, as the last time I was here was over twenty years ago when my mom and I met my dad's 707 at the gate on his last flight as a Pan Am captain.

We Arrive

A smooth flight and voila!, at approx. 9AM Helsinki time we are shaking hands with Antero and Martti Lahtinen, Finland's District Commodore. All our gear, the trunk with spare parts and Dick's rock collection (ask Dick), sails, and six of us all fit into Martti's van, which in about 15 minutes takes us to the southeastern shore of Lake Tuusula. A quick stop at a map of the lake, then on to the Jr. Sailing location, then through the city of Jarvenpaa (pop. 35,000) at the northeastern. tip. A few minutes later we arrive at the sailing club which has a big banner strung over the driveway which reads "Tervetuloa" (welcome). The club is located in a park like area where there are several rustic cabins , an



open area occupied by campers spending their holiday, and some rustic buildings where food and beverages are available (I had to sample a donut - it was good). We are introduced to "Snow White", and receive permission to do some "Hallaganization" after we return from our scheduled nap.

Martti takes us to his house in Jarvenpaa, where Dick and I unload our "stuff" and meet Marja his wife, Olli his son (and skipper), and dog Kasper. Dick and I are to overnight with



Martti and his family, while Lori and Dave go with Antero to the town of Kerava. After an all too short nap Dick gives Martti a hand in changing the numbers on his "new" set of sails we brought over, then we head to the lake to meet Lori who will assist us in our efforts (which will continue into the next day). We promise Antero that we will put his boat back the way we found it before we leave (we didn't cut or drill any holes). The group finally calls it quits for the day and invades a local pizza place for dinner. They had some exotic combinations, several of which were quite good. It was here that we learned you could order beer in different strengths, sort of high test and regular, or manly versus wimp. We also learned that the average beer in Finland went for about \$4.00 US.



The Games Begin

By the time of the practice race Saturday afternoon we had completed most of the modifications, except I think the adjustments to our internal body clocks would take a few days longer. We had now moved our base of operations to the Hotel Rivoli in Jarvenpaa, and we even had our own transportation thanks to the Lahteinens' allowing us to use one of their cars. The weather cooperated for the opening ceremony, and a very nice outdoor cocktail party was our first apres race activity.



The Europeans began in earnest the next morning. The series featured plenty of wind (sometimes a little too much), and real tight racing where a lead was never secure until you crossed the finish. We seemed a little sluggish at first, but seemed to get better as the days rolled on, but too late to matter, ending with a fourth place overall. The top two boats, and particularly the Swiss boat of Urs Wyler and crew Walter and Gilbert Durr sailed consistently smart and fast to capture the series convincingly.

Second went to Kari Huusko, third to Pentti Jarvinen, both of Finland. On the water, Markku Tenhunen did a superb job as RC chair.



Onshore activities were well run as well. Fleet Captain Walteri Karhusaari kept us entertained as emcee of a vintage Lightning T-shirt contest, and during each day provided us with many enjoyable hours of music-which happened to be largely of US origin - Sinatra, Tony Bennett, Dean Martin, Chuck Berry, etc., etc., and threw in some Finnish rockers, the Hurricames, for flavor. And speaking of flavor, many of the wives worked hard every day to prepare excellent hot lunches (including some great deserts) for the sailors. Their culinary talents even included an evening bar-becue accompanied with a barn dance just down the lake a few miles.



Lay Day - Tallin

Thursday was a scheduled day off between the two regattas, and after some previous research, we opted for a day trip to the now sovereign country of Estonia, located about two





and a half hours by boat from Helsinki. While we were sailing, Lori's friend Dave had been busy making reservations (when he wasn't fly fishing) with the Eckero Line for a round trip to the port city of Tallin. An early morning train from Jarvenpaa to Helsinki, followed by a taxi ride to the docks put us on the deck of the ferry with about a half hour to spare. Let me state right here that this was not exactly the type of ferry that I had expected for a day run type of trip. This baby was about the size of a cruise



ship, with cabins, fast food, and even live music in the "Finlandia Dancing Bar". And don't let me forget the beer stands. They opened for business about the time the ship left the docks, with no shortage of patrons, even at 8:30 in the morning! (Anne- Dick and I waited until 11 when we sampled a couple in the "Dancing Bar"). It was a very nice trip, sunny but cool, due to the not so warm waters of the Gulf of Finland.



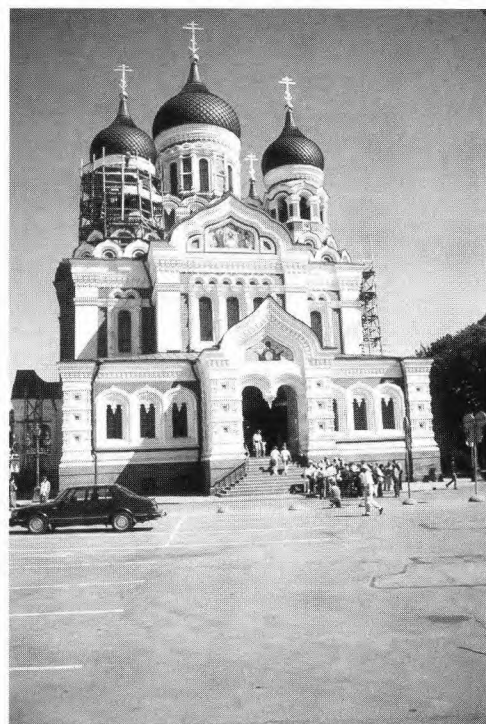
When we arrived at Tallin, it was obvious by the lack of any real customs process that this country was not trying to make anybody mad about coming here to spend their money. After a short walk through a somewhat decayed dock area, we arrived at the old medieval city of Tallin. Entrance was gained through a

large portal (like you might find on a castle) in a fairly formidable looking stone wall. The streets were cobblestone, the buildings stucco, with nice wrought iron work and tile roofs. After not too long a period it became evident that reconstruction was taking place everywhere within the walls. Sidewalks, roads, and crumbling tiles and mortar were being repaired or replaced. This very old city was already beginning to have the appearance of a still picturesque, but very new city. As a photographer, I found my shots of old weathered wood, wavy glass window panes, and the semi-decrepit structures that I like to shoot, vanishing before my eyes. It was apparent that since gaining their freedom from the Russians, the Estonians had fine tuned their tourism business, so that now it was bringing in tons of cash daily by the ferry load.

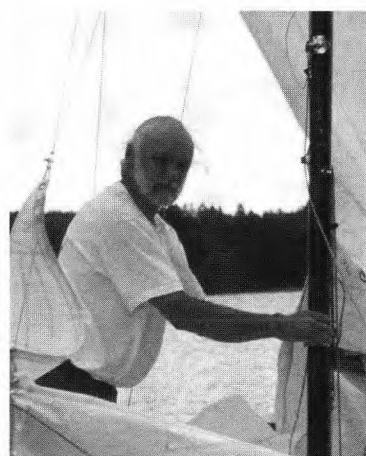
The streets were clean, the shops filled with interesting and relatively inexpensive items, the restaurants and cafes offered very tempting fare to the passer by.

Proprietors were multilingual and friendly. Rubles and other memorabilia from the days of Russian occupation could be seen and purchased in several shops along the city's winding streets. Without a doubt, the most impressive statement of this era was found in the beautiful Russian Orthodox Church located on the square opposite what appeared to be the main government office building.

The afternoon was now almost gone, signaling it was time for us to retrace our steps back to the boat, and ultimately to our hotel in Jarvenpaa, as we would be starting the Masters Championships the next morning. At the train station in Helsinki we ran into the young men from Greece whom we had



sailed against in the Europeans. They would be staying in Jarvenpaa for the next few days, but due to their ages, would not be in the masters. We had a good conversation with them for the remainder of the trip. While it had been a long day, it was a truly memorable one, that would not be soon forgotten.



The Masters

Whereas there were twenty boats in the Europeans, the number of older competitors decreased to a still respectable thirteen entries. Here again the racing was close, with the outcome not determined until the sixth and final race. Here we pulled out a bullet to clinch the victory over Jacques Perret (Switzerland), second, and Leo Korhonen from Finland whose team finished third. Markku

again did an outstanding job as Race Committee. I'd like to thank Antero again for use of his boat, Martti for trusting us with his car, and want to also thank Bill and Randy Shore and the production people at the Newport loft for making a beautiful set of sails for these events.

Our week in Finland was now over and sadly we would be saying good bye to our gracious hosts. We (Martti, Marja, Antero, Marjukka, and the four of us) decided to all go back to the same pizza restaurant for "the last supper" where after an enjoyable meal, final farewells and picture taking, we walked back to our rooms to finish packing for the next leg of our trip. Early tomorrow we would once again catch the train to Helsinki, where we would be able to spend several hours sightseeing before boarding our ferry, the Silja Line's "Symphony" for the overnight journey to Stockholm, Sweden.

Helsinki

After storing our luggage at the train station, and agreeing upon a time to reconnect for the cab ride to the boat, we set out to explore downtown Helsinki. Dick and I set out together, as did Lori and Dave. We wandered into a couple of large department stores which sold everything from pots and pans to reindeer skins. You could have spent an entire day at one of these stores - however, we discovered that they weren't shy about their prices, at least by comparison with stores back in the US. Eventually we found our way down to the harbor (I guess it comes naturally) and stopped for a bite at a little café where we sat outside and watched the world go by. Just down the street was a very large government building that was being renovated. From a distance the facade looked completed, but when the wind blew, the front of the "building" would flutter, as it was actually merely a picture of what it was going to look like. We both thought this was pretty cool due to its huge size. We watched jugglers in the park, stopped at another café at the



harbor's edge for some liquid refueling, and eventually stumbled upon the boat we would be taking later in the day. THIS WAS NO BOAT!! This "ferry" was also the size of a cruise ship, only bigger and more modern than the one to Tallin, with about a dozen decks. A little further in our travels we discovered Jacques and Yvonne's car and Lightning, so of course had to leave them with a note regarding their parking ability. We meandered through a very pretty park, and some rather quiet side streets (some with electric trolleys) as we made a loop back to the train station. Our comrades appeared, and after a brief cab ride, we're on board the Silja Symphony, bound for Stockholm.



The Ship

This was as impressive a ship inside as she was looking at her a few hours earlier from the dock. The promenade contained a variety of stores and restaurants and was open above us for several decks. We met up with our Swiss friends prior to departure, and then joined them in the bar near the bow of the ship where you could see the myriad of small islands in the archipelago silently slipping by. After a very nice dinner in the French restaurant on the promenade, I went up forward again where there were huge glass windows overlooking the bow of the boat. At this height above the water I got the feeling that I was floating through space on a starship, feeling the ship move slightly as it cut through the swells - this was an awesome sensation that alone made the trip. However, there was more to come as a live dance band cranked up in the center of the bar, and whose break was filled with a can-can type revue where as Z Z Top said: "She's Got Legs!" If that wasn't to your liking, there was a small casino area at the aft end of the bar,

or a disco on the top deck at the stern. It was hard to turn in, but we would be arriving in less than eight hours.

It's now morning and we've only got about an hour to eat. Dick and I give up on the lines outside several of the promenade level restaurants, and go for the buffet down below. The spread was similar to our Finnish breakfast at the hotel - lots of breads, cereal, eggs, ham, cheeses, juice, yogurt, and lots more. We shared a table with a nice looking woman from Moscow who spoke English, and sounded exactly like Natasha on the Rocky and Bullwinkle cartoon show - PERFECT! She was there with a group that was going to go back up through Lapland on their return, and she told me she was traveling alone - (If you don't think this is true - ask Dick). Anyway, we're having a nice conversation when they announce the ship is docking, and that's the end of that - a quick good bye (no time for my usual "Do you live around here often?" etc. lines) and everyone heads for their cabins- Major Bummer !

Stockholm

It's another beautiful day in paradise! I guess somebody has to be working somewhere? We grab a cab to our hotel, located in the heart of the city, close to the train and bus station, shopping, and Gamla Stan (the old town). All are within walking distance, so after we ditch our stuff in our rooms, we head out to do some exploring. With a few pointers from the girl at the desk, and a couple of maps, we head for the money exchange across the street, then on to



the old town. After reading a few signs it begins to dawn on me that Swedish, unlike Finnish, is sometimes understandable. Whereas after a week I had mastered probably five words in Finnish, like pepper, milk, thank you, and of course BEER, I still didn't know how to ask where a bathroom was, or anything else for that matter. I learned that in Sweden, approximately one in five people own a boat. Therefore, it seemed only natural that the Swedish word for thank you is TACK. Case #2: Their word for bar is: you guessed it, BAR. Continuing, sailor is SEGLAR (pretty close), and there are others I could mention if I hadn't forgotten them. Unfortunately, I soon discover that the going rate for beer here is about \$4.50 for a draft. So much for linguistics - back to the story.....

This is one of the warmest days we've had since our trip to Tallin, maybe 25C, and it's a treat to wear shorts and no rubber suit. As we stroll through Gamla Stan, we come to



the royal palace (a tiny place of only 608 rooms, completed in 1754 and now used for business affairs only) and just beyond . . . imagine, we've found a portion of the harbor (since Stockholm is composed of a number of islands and canals I'm not sure if there is one main harbor) and there sits a boat where one may purchase beverages, etc.. After we've washed the dust out of our mouths, I talk Dick into going on a tour of the city by boat, as there is this beautiful varnished craft sitting right in front of us, and it is a nice sunny day. This turns out to be a really informative ride, and made especially nice in this old open boat- the last one left of all the tour boats.



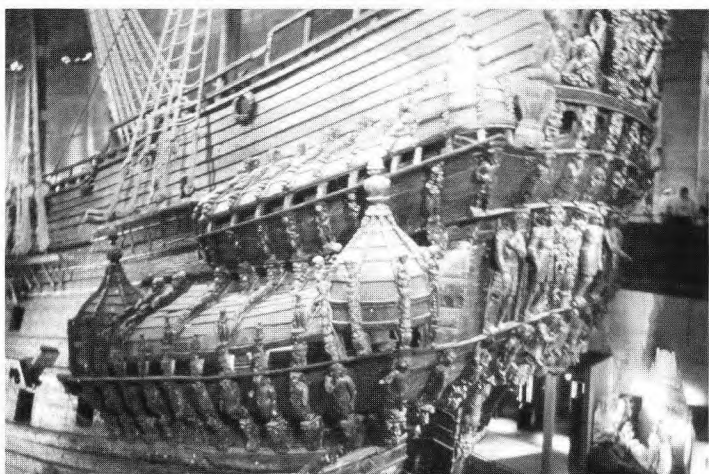
The Vasa

Off we go to visit the Vasa Museum, which we've just passed on our boat tour, and it's not too far away for a walk on a beautiful day like this. Beneath a weird looking barn red structure with masts protruding from the roof, is housed the Vasa, a 17th Century Swedish warship which sank in Stockholm Harbor in 1628 on its maiden voyage. There were no storms or high winds at the time, it was a case in which the ship had been redesigned from a one to two gundeck vessel just prior to its construction, and when completed, was top heavy and extremely tender. She simply rolled over in a puff, took water in through the gun ports, and sank to the bottom. She was to lie there for over 300 years until she was raised approximately 95% intact in 1961. She was patched, pumped out, and floated on her own when raised! While the gilding and paint is long gone, the details of the ornate carvings (97% were recovered) are still in incredible condition. As the world's oldest identified and complete ship it has been saturated with wood preservatives and is enclosed in this very dimly lit structure to minimize future deterioration. Well worth the visit!

Our visit to the Vasa now over, we begin to retrace our steps. Just across the bridge over the canal we noticed a



number of mini 12's tied up adjacent to a bar situated right on the canal, and we decide to check it out. Appropriately enough it is called the "Seglar Bar". It is pretty much an outdoors type place, and it is packed. Miraculously a table opens up and we settle in for some people watching (and of course we were getting thirsty from that preservative laden air over at the Vasa). As in Finland, the ambiance is routinely interrupted with the ringing of a cell phone. It appears that EVERYONE in both countries owns one (no wonder Nokia stock has done so well). On the way to dinner at yet another pleasant outdoor café in Gamla Stan, we get to witness the changing of the guard at the palace. A little more window shopping and we pack it in for the night.



Drottningholm

Much cooler temperatures and overcast skies are on the menu for our final day, so we decide to take about a seven mile boat trip on an early 1900's launch style vessel to visit the royal family's residence.

Drottningholm, dubbed the Versailles of Sweden, is located on an island in Lake



Malaren. Like the palace in the old city, it's an impressive structure. We take the tour and emerge to check out the gardens where at about this time the occasional drizzle changes to a steady rain. The gardens behind the palace are truly impressive (no flowers though), but I opt for shelter after a while. The gift shop there has some very attractive Swedish made items, which I will add to my collection of goodies that I bought in Finland. A rather cramped but dry ride back aboard the old launch brings us up close to the dinner hour, so after a little more gift shopping in the Gamla Stan, Dick and I take a chance on a somewhat subterranean restaurant that was entered by going down one flight of stairs from the street level. It was one large room with an arched ceiling and a pleasant, dimly lit ambiance, which suggested that it could have originally been an old wine cellar.



It's Over

Well, dinner is over, another pleasurable experience ended, and we spend our last few hours in the old city shopping. Tomorrow morning we depart for home. Odd as it may seem, it was cheaper to fly back from Stockholm with one stop at Helsinki, than to leave direct from Helsinki. We say good bye to Dave and Lori at the bus station as they will be staying to attend a wedding in Denmark. Our flight departs and arrives at Helsinki on time (with a great view of Lake Tuusula out the left side), but then we are faced with a delay of several hours. I'm not sure of the exact length, but it was long enough to get a free lunch from Finnair. By the time we're back at JFK we're 4-5 hours late, then we face one of those wonderful New York traffic delays trying to get off of Long Island (one more hour down the tubes), so by the time we get to our hotel in eastern Pennsylvania it's



not too long before midnight. We have been up for over 20 hours and are beat. A short drive of a little over three hours tomorrow and I am home and back to reality again.

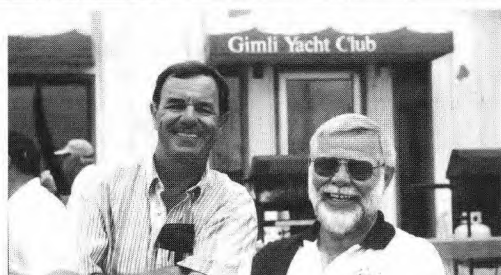
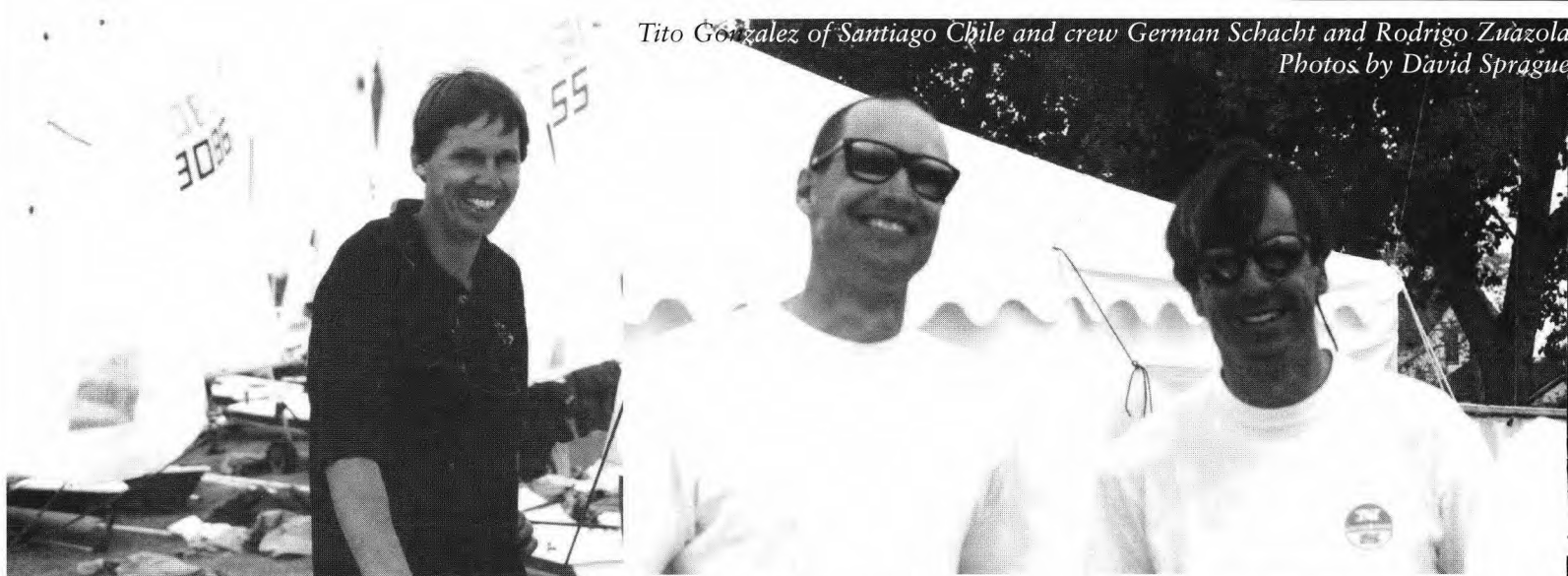
Some Closing Thoughts

So there it is. I'm sure I didn't include some people, events, or other details that I'll wished I had at a later date, so I'll ask for everyone's forgiveness at this time.

Then again, I said I would write an article, not a novel. With the yearly occurrence of Lightning regattas in various waters outside of the USA, here is an opportunity for many of us to sail on a new pond, learn something about another part of our world, and most importantly, meet a lot of nice people. The hospitality of our Finnish hosts was in a word, outstanding. We were not left to fend for ourselves after the sailing for the day was done, but were invited to participate in a number of well planned activities, not to mention being put up at people's homes, and even loaned a car. Let me add that traveling in a land where different customs and language can sometimes make the simplest things difficult, is made far simpler when you are accompanied by friends on their own turf. I am hoping to attend the next Europeans to be held in Switzerland this summer, so that I may renew acquaintances, and add new friends to my e-mail address book. Maybe some of you who may have enjoyed reading of our exploits will realize how much belonging to the Lightning Class means, and will want to experience the fun and camaraderie on a similar trip.



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1998 Canadian Open Championship

PRE PAN-AM GAMES REGATTA
 GIMLI, MANITOBA, AUGUST 1-3
 14 BOATS, 7 RACES, 1 THROWOUT

1	11011	Tito Gonzalez	3	1	ocs	2	4	3	3	16
2	14834	Larry MacDonald, Jr.	6	2	2	7	1	2	6	19
3	14507	Jim Cameron	1	4	3	5	5	5	2	20
4	14768	Peter Hall	5	6	4	1	2	4	10	22
5	13927	J-F Simard	4	7	1	ocs	6	6	1	25
6	14591	Alain Boucher	7	5	5	10	3	1	5	26
7	14612	Ross Bailey	8	3	6	3	dsq	7	4	31
8	14174	David Sprague	2	9	7	8	7	8	8	40
9	13115	Bob Maki	10	13	9	6	9	9	7	50
10	13591	Bob Walsh	14	10	8	4	10	11	9	52
11	14516	Steve Wells	11	8	10	9	8	10	12	56
12	14451	Brent Bottomley	9	14	11	11	11	13	14	69
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14	10917	Jim Richardson	12	12	ocs	13	13	14	13	77

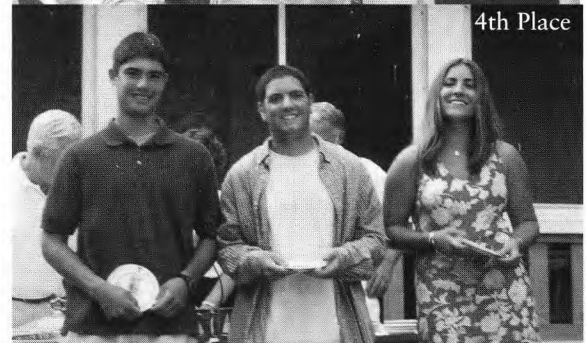
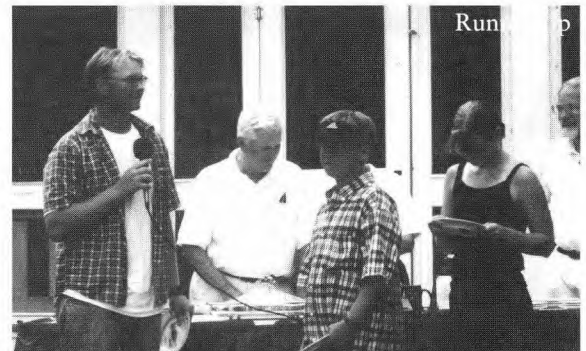
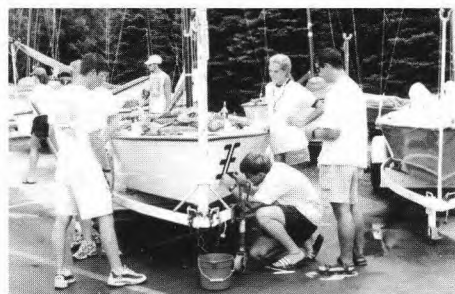
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August 11-14 NORTH AMERICAN JUNIORS' CHAMPIONSHIP

BUFFALO CANOE CLUB, RIDGEWAY ONTARIO, CANADA

13 BOATS, 6 RACES, 1 THROWOUT

TEAM/Skipper's Hometown	SAIL#	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Final
1 Nicholas Mercier, David Adams, Pike Severance/Manchester, NH	11379	1	2	6	1	1	1	6
2 Sam Septembre, Danielle Septembre, Zach Goldman/Miami, FL	14895	4	4	1	2	3	3	13
3 Sean Carroll, Kate Sheahan, Jeremiah Lyons/Essex Junction, VT	11754	6	5	3	3	2	2	15
4 John Boxberger, Scott Matarese, Allison Stevens/Watertown, NY	13834	5	1	4	5	4	7	19
5 Kat Ward, Jim Ward, Ronn Frerker/Nashville, TN	14116	3	3	7	6	7	4	23
6 Matt Ward, Chris Bone, Tim Ernst/Bufalo, NY	14548	7	9	2	4	6	6	25
7 Ryan Bradley, Kevin Dunn, Ryan Stagaard/Brick, NJ	14684	2	8	5	14	14	5	34
8 Robin Ghertner, Pete Kane, Joanna Carey/Sodus Bay, NY	12764	8	6	11	7	8	8	37
9 Ryan Ruhlman, Bridget Boyle, Matt Caley/Cleveland, OH	14751	9	12	10	8	5	9	41
10 Ian Drullard, Doug Mathias, Dan Rudewicz/Southington, CT	10356	12	7	13	9	11	10	49
11 Rio Gordon, Vicky Cook, Tim Orwin/Piermont, NY	14140	13	10	8	10	12	11	51
12 Logan McReynolds, Erin McReynolds, Bill Stuart/Fairport, NY	13815	11	11	9	14	10	13	54
13 Mary Dobmeier, Maureen Ward, Christopher Wohn/Bufalo, NY	14112	10	13	12	11	9	12	54



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1998 August 11-14 NORTH AMERICAN MASTERS' CHAMPIONSHIP

BUFFALO CANOE CLUB, RIDGEWAY ONTARIO, CANADA

26 BOATS, 3 RACES, NO THROWOUT

TEAM/Skipper's Hometown	SAIL#	Race#1	Race#2	Race#3	FINAL
1 George Fisher, Tom Emch, Greg Shea/Hilliard, OH	14345	6	2	3	11
2 Bruce Goldsmith, Sherry Goldsmith, Ric Larson/Midland, MI	14649	5	9	1	15
3 Fisk Hayden, Steve Hayden, Jed Dodge/Fern Park, FL	14752	18	1	2	21
4 Dick Hallagan, Nancy Bargar, Alan McReynolds/Newark, NY	14655	7	6	8	21
5 Jack Elfman, Cindy Lister, Laura Milne/Surf City, NJ	14739	2	4	17	23
6 Stuart Anderson, Jody Swanson, Ian Jones/Stuart, FL	14834	1	18	7	26
7 Jim Dressel, Bonnie Shore, John Humphrey/Columbus, OH	14880	4	3	20	27
8 Jim Davis, Christine Davis, Les Lashaway/Toledo, OH	14779	11	5	14	30
9 Bill Shore, Betsy Altman, Roberto Laignelet/Newport, RI	14787	3	22	6	31
10 Ed Roseberry Jr., Doug Heussler, Barb Heussler/Bufalo, NY	14261	8	8	15	31
11 Carl Eichenlaub, Jean Eichenlaub, Bill Neal/San Diego, CA	6983	10	19	4	33
12 Hank Hodgson, James Cameron, Elissa Wyatt/Manitou Beach, MI	14507	16	7	13	36
13 Thomas Allen, Sr., Bob Chambers, Amy Tillou/Bufalo, NY	14811	21	12	5	38
14 David K. Bull, Federico Meira, Mark Lesinsky/Cazenovia, NY	14369	12	11	16	39
15 Gary Hurban, Bill Mitchell, J. Patrick Hylant/Palisades, NY	14073	19	17	10	46
16 Jack Jones, John Atkins, John Steiner/Adams, NY	14321	15	24	9	48
17 David Gorman, Andy Horton, Marcy Milton/Malone, NY	14758	9	21	18	48
18 Don Sherburne, Bill Hofmeister, John Rogers/St. Petersburg, FL	14588	25	13	11	49
19 David Ruiter, Garold Thompson, James Heacock/Freehold, NJ	11894	13	25	12	50
20 Jim Carson, Lal Burridge, Joe Buczkowski/Brick, NJ	14595	14	16	24	54
21 John Esser, Bob Franke, Amy Simonsen/Milwaukee, WI	14400	24	10	22	56
22 Bob Mathers, Bob Shaw, Tom Crosby/Livonia, MI	14870	26	14	19	59
23 Cal Schmiede, Larissa Higgins, Larry MacDonald/Lewiston, NY	14580	17	20	23	60
24 Bob Starck, Brian Starck, James Eagan/Bufalo, NY	14371	20	15	27	62
25 Bob Cotton, Anne Cotton, Bruce Campbell/Nashville, TN	14645	22	23	21	66
26 Larry Koster, Scott Kinerk, Toby Kinerk/Lansing, MI	14267	23	26	27	76

North American Masters Championship

-GEORGE FISHER

When we go to the Buffalo Canoe Club for a regatta, we know that we can anticipate great hospitality, a well organized regatta from top to bottom, an outstanding race committee, fine meals and a southwest breeze that has been blowing for days from Toledo.

Well, everything went as expected, great club, great hospitality, well organized regatta, great race committee - but no southwest breezes - I mean **no** southwest breeze.

The first day we sailed in a north wind, the second day an east wind and the last day, a very tired and irascible south-southwest wind. There were shifts, holes and major increases and decreases in velocity all three days and especially the third day. It just wasn't the usual BCC weather we've come to know and love - let's blame it on El Niño - whatever.

The hospitality, as usual, was outstanding. One night, for example, all three fleets, women, juniors and masters had a nice dinner at Swansons, followed by a very competitive tug of war on the beach in front. (The west side group was victorious I might add, in spite of Elfman having his legs three feet in the ground.)



The Race Committee work headed by Dick Ferrick was very impressive, especially considering the conditions. We had excellent lines and courses throughout the series.

When you read the list of competitors it looks like the old Yankees murderers row. This was the 16th North American Masters Championship and it's interesting to note that all of the previous winners were racing, including the first champion, Stu Anderson, who was sailing with the newly named "dream team", Jody Swanson and Ian Jones.

They won the first race by what I would believe the biggest lead in the history of the regatta. It was so bad that I didn't think they were in the race, that some one was just spectating.

I've never tried to put a percentage on good luck, being fortunate, being at the right place at the right time, whatever you want to call it, when comparing one race to another, but these races required their share, that's for sure. I'm not apologizing for winning or putting out some stupid modesty but I've sailed long enough to know when things break right for you and when they don't and for no particular reason. And we sure had our share this regatta.



I sure don't want to take anything away from the work that Tom Emch and Greg Shea did—they were superb. They were never down and always giving 110%. Fortunately, they talked me into tacking to the last weather mark of the last race that really made the series for us. This is Greg's second year and we've done a lot of sailing in those two years, and Tom and I have sailed together eighteen years together. I mean agewise we qualify easy!

Several of the teams had two good races but then a disastrous third one. Jack Elfman and Jim Dressel were first and second going into the last race but both, on the first weather leg, went just a little left and fell into an unbelievable hole from which neither could recover. Fisk Hayden had a first and second the last two races but had to count an eighteen in the first race. In the last race it looked that Dick Hallagan was going to win the series after the first time around. Whatever, this series was never boring!

I guess I'll never get so old that it won't always be a thrill to be on the same starting line with so many of the greatest Lightning sailors in the history of the class, and there were a bunch of them. We know who they are - I'm sure I do - I sailed against them in their prime - and they're still great - great - sailors, great sportsman and great members of the class, and we're very lucky to have them.

I have to say how proud I am of my son Matt, Dan Moriarty, and Rick Bernstein for winning the North Americans. And oh please forgive me, Greg was second last year.

I can't say enough to encourage all of the members of the class who are eligible to come sail with us. Believe me, it's an experience that you will cherish.

See you at Lake Carlyle!

Ranking Lightning Sailing Events by Degree of Competitiveness

LARRY KOSTER

These are the observations of a "small pond" sailor from Michigan sailing at the 1997 and 1998 North American Masters Championships. At North Cape Yacht Club on the western end of Lake Erie in 1997 and at the end of Lake Erie in 1998 in 1998 at the Buffalo Canoe Club.

Using a scale of 1 to 10, the ranking of a 10 would be highly competitive.

- 1 Small pond (552 acres) sailors at Lansing Sailing Club, with 8-10 boats at Sunday starting lines. Recent additions of new blood will raise level of competition.
- 4 Pontiac Yacht Club, fleet of 60-70 boats, the largest Lightning fleet in the world, sometimes 25 boats at Wednesday Night starting lines.
- 5 The Michigan "Districts," a collection of some 30-40 very competitive skippers.
- 6 The Michigan Fall Circuit, especially the White Cap Regatta (45 boats in 1997) the weekend after Labor Day at Pontiac Yacht Club and Devils Lake Annual Regatta the following weekend. Out-of-state skippers raise the level of competitiveness.
- 7 The Canadian Open, 44 boats in 1997, lots of talent from the US and Canada.
- 8 The Southern Circuit, 54 boats at Savannah and Miami, 72 boats at St. Petersburg in 1997 according to the 1998 Yearbook. Truly amazing!
- 9 The North Americans, usually some 100 boats that are divided into 3 fleets, including a number of South American skippers.
- 10 The MASTERS of the North Americans, several top notch skippers of yesteryear and the Legends: Tom Allen, Carl Eichenlaub, Bruce Goldsmith, and Bill Shore. A highly competitive, a very talented and a very aggressive group of skippers. As Bill Allen of Wawasee Yacht Club, Fleet 154, says in the 1998 ILCA Yearbook, "Bill knows why they call it the MASTERS. It doesn't have anything to do with age - it is the outstanding skill of the skippers."



Women's North American Championship or Butt Naked in Buffalo

—KATHRYN CONNELL, MANDY HOFMEISTER, JILL CARMEN

Mandy and I argued all winter about who was going to steer this in this year's Women's. She had gone and won it last year without me, and I (and both of our husbands) contended that it was her responsibility to defend her title. Mandy just kept saying it was my turn. So finally somewhere in early July, I bowed to her insistence (I really wanted to drive all along anyhow) and started to get my act together to bring our boat. My spring series crew wasn't quite ready for a national regatta, so I asked Jill; who comes from a Lightning family at our club. She was already planning on crewing at the regular NAs, so with a little arm bending, and a dog sitter, she decided to come up early and sail with us.

So here we are at the infamous Buffalo Canoe Club. Though I'd rather not sail in 8-ft waves, I'd kinda like a shot at a few 4-ft ones. (Joan thought she'd like that too, till the next week). BCC is a gorgeous boat club, with a fantastic beach, clubhouse and grounds. Paul and I thought it was one of the best clubs we'd ever regattaed at. Now we needed some time to practice and work together. So we went out and I did what I always do whenever Mandy and I crew together after a long absence.... I capsized the boat. Well, it was a quick capsize, and I figured it got THAT out of my system! Jill said that was her first capsize in a Lightning ever, and "that was easy!" Then I proceeded to spend the next three days practicing every conceivable way known to woman to tangle the tiller extension. Well, now I hopefully got that out of my system too!

We went out and practice raced on Monday with some great Juniors: Kat & Jim Ward from Mandy's club, and Sam Septembre, who ended up finishing second in the Juniors. We seemed to have good boat speed and pointing with them, and I felt pretty good about our boat handling by the first day of racing. It turns out our boatspeed was fantastic the whole regatta, thanks to Paul who spent the week before talking to Tim Healy and Bill Fastiggi about forestay lengths. Then he spent most of Saturday afternoon (after 8 hours in the car with two kids), on a day when it was hot enough to get even me swimming, tuning the boat. He did a great job!

So, Wednesday morning on the way to the club, Jill wants to know what our "goals" are. She's a management consultant, and can't help but analyze these things. The first part was easy: to have fun. Jill kept saying "and...". And sail smart, and keep working the whole race, and do well; even if Mandy has left us a hard act to follow! So we go out and get headings, and watch the Juniors start. The RC has the mark at 25deg. We have the wind at 45deg. The juniors seem to

have split sides. We ended up going right for pressure (this ended up being our philosophy of the week: go right for pressure) with my crew screaming at me for a late start. Sterling scooted out inside us in the middle, then tacked right, into more air. We then went further right for pressure,

and she got a lift inside and beat us to the first mark of an "O" course. We had a new chute, and passed her the first reach and pulled away. We continued to cover and play the shifts. The second beat, we went right again, and Judy headed way left into shore and found something. Mandy says we have to tack and

check in with her, Joan and Sterling are safely back, but Judy's looking dangerous. Boy did that tack hurt. It seemed like I was steering 100deg away from the mark, and right down to Judy, but Mandy was right, it had to be done. We got on her line, tacked back, and lead to the finish.

The second race I thought my start was better, but I'm still sagging according to the crew. Judy had a good start and so did Sterling. Just go fast! Sterling tacked right and we did too. Pressure seemed better in the middle. Mandy and Jill are always working very hard to look around the course and analyze conditions, and feed me info. Judy goes left again, and loses the breeze. Joan and I are dueling up the middle. Sterling goes right and also loses pressure. We were on Joan's right and got lifted into the mark and rounded first. On the first run we worked low for breeze, then were in just the right spot for a perfect autojibe with a shift. Put on some distance, and just kept working. On the second leeward leg, as Jill says "the wind dies at 3." We heated it up to keep the boat moving, and passed a bunch of juniors down low. Then the wind dies, and gets squirrely, trying to go SW. We beat the last few lengths to the leeward gate, popped the chute again and headed for the finish. The competing breezes made it tricky to figure out which way to go, and we ended up sailing through the southerly, back into the northerly, and having to beat the last couple of yards to the finish, with Juniors milling about, and Joan STEAMING up our backs on the filling southerly. Two flags in the bag!

Thursday I am feeling very nervous. I have been here before in Burlington, and it was all down hill after the first day. Mandy was there then too, and we joke about it, and she calms me down some. The first race is a windward/leeward in a light southeasterly. The crew is still complaining about my starts. Joan beats us to the weather mark after a tight duel upwind. We played the downwind shifts with Mandy really calling the jibes well and teaching me a lot about the tactical side of downwind. We got inside at the gate and lead up the next leg. Kept following the ol' right side pressure, and covered Joan to stay first.



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August 11-14 NORTH AMERICAN WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

BUFFALO CANOE CLUB, RIDGEWAY ONTARIO, CANADA

4 BOATS, 6 RACES, 1 THROWOUT

TEAM/Skipper's Hometown	SAIL#	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Final
1 Kathryn Connell, Mandy Hofmeister, Jill Carmen/Blauvelt, NY	14714	1	1	1	2	1	1	5
2 Joan Hurban, Dawn Sager, Chantal Leger/Palisades, NY	14482	3	2	2	3	2	2	11
3 A. Sterling Bush, Sue Bauer, Janice Lange/Plymouth Meeting, PA	14654	4	4	3	1	3	3	14
4 Judy Walker, Christina Hedrick, Brittani Lashaway/Buffalo, NY	14291	2	3	4	4	4	4	17

Butt Naked continued

For the fourth race I am determined to be more aggressive on the start. I have a line sight, and I get in under Joan to try to get her over early. I take her up and then dive back down at about 15 seconds to go. I hear the gun, then from the RC "all clear." Rats! I thought sure I had Joan over, Oh well. 10 seconds later we hear a horn and "14714, 14482 OVER!" WHAT?? (That'll teach the crew to complain about our starts.) We are pretty positive we were not over. But I go back to restart, thinking here we go this is the beginning of the end. I get back first and take off on port, then Joan gets inside me on starboard and I have to tack under her. Judy and Sterling are gone, up off on the right side in wind. Joan tacks away for that side, and we keep going left, knowing that following won't get us anywhere, and boatspeed, and a little luck on the left, will. First mark dead last. Sterling is enjoying her head start, and we get down to business down wind and start picking off boats. We play the shifts down wind, go low and heat it up to the mark, passing Judy who is a boat behind Joan and both are inside us at the mark. This is the rounding that was up for much discussion later with Coach Kelly and various masters. We decided that instead of trying to stick it up inside Joan, and maybe giving her a lee bow position, then having to tack away to the bad left side; we would foot off a little, and shoot through her to leeward, use boatspeed and keep out in the velocity on the right. So we did. Though I probably did give her too much room at the mark. We passed her on the last leg and were eating up Sterling. Awesome crew work by Mandy and Jill as we chased 'em up and down. Right at the finish we decided to cover Joan, rather than attack Sterling, and finished second to much yippee-ky-yeahing on the other boat. Way to go Sterling!

Friday. The wind looks good from shore, but lightens as we get out. Hof says the only way I can tank now is to hit another boat at the start, turn around and sink. So I am "conservative" at the start. No-one seems to want to come over and aggressively control me, so we all get off the line

clean and go our own way. With a safe lead, we feel more like sailing our own race, rather than covering from the start, so we do. We still end up going right for pressure in a light westerly. Sterling sees something up the middle and wins the first leg. We go high back to the right on the run for velocity, and beat her to the gate. After that we pretty much parade up the right side, with Joan catching Sterling on the leeward leg when Sterling doesn't cover. The wind died way down and we finished first at the leeward mark.

Having the regatta in the bag, we are all feeling a little giddy. The Juniors are all rafted up and swimming just off the finish line. Jill jumps in for a swim since it's hot and becalmed. We mill about with our sails down drinking water (wishing it were champagne) and watching a gold flash finish first in the Master's fleet. Jill gets back in the boat and a discussion ensues about whether or not to stay out for the last race. Mandy and I want to stay out. Jill doesn't. She says she doesn't want to sail in no wind and wet shorts. We tell her to take her shorts off. So she does. Then Mandy takes off her hiking shorts. Then Jill wonders what Canada's rules are on sailing naked. Well we're in an all women's fleet aren't we? We decide we'll go in if the wind doesn't fill, and sail butt naked if it does, cause we really can relax now. Of course the wind comes back, the RC sets another course, and we really didn't sail naked - or the masters might have stayed out too!

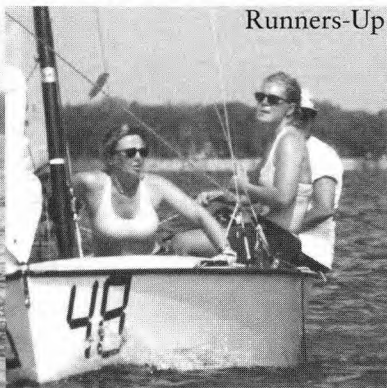
I'd like to extend my gratitude to my husband, Paul. He gives me the moral and technical support anyone needs to get together to spend a week sailing. He stayed on shore with the kids, even though he really wanted to be out there with us all. You're the best Paul! And of course my crew: Mandy and Jill did as much or more than I to get us up front every race. We had a fantastic week. Buffalo Canoe Club was great, the people were great and the regatta ran really smoothly, with great events for all. My only regret is that Jody Swanson and Betsy Alison sailed with the master's instead of us. This is a really fun regatta with really high caliber sailing, and even greater camaraderie. We need to get more women out there sailing! Come and try it, it's fun!

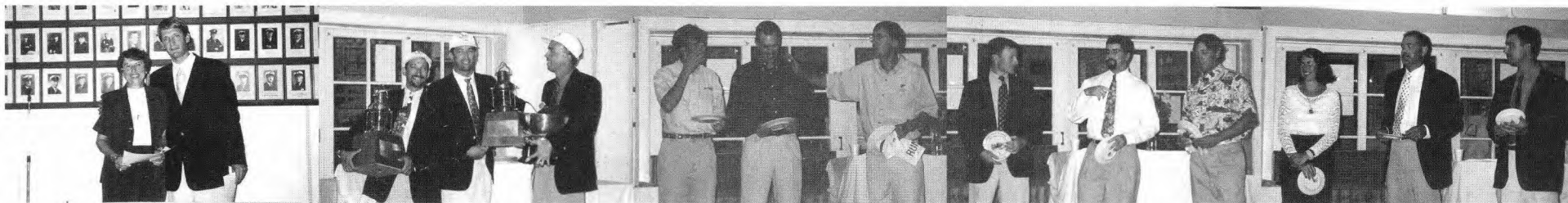
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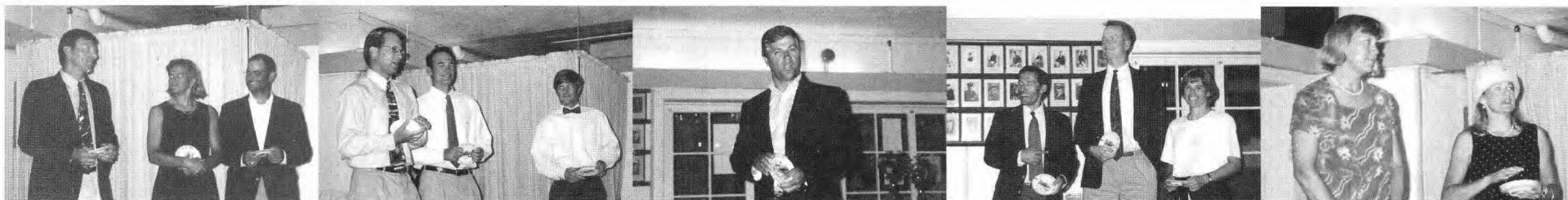
3rd Place

4th Place





President Bill Faude and Regatta Chairman Anne Allen at the Awards Ceremony. CHAMPIONS RICK BERNSTEIN, DAN MORIARTY AND SKIPPER MATT FISHER with their hardware and hatwear. Runners-Up Rodrigo Zuazola, German Schacht and skipper Tito Gonzalez from Chile. 2nd Runner-Up Mike Breault, skipper Tim Healy and Matt Reynolds. 4th place Kathryn Josenhans, skipper Ched Proctor and Ned Roseberry. Unfortunately we did not get a photo of 5th place finishers Claudio Biekarc, Gunnar Ficker and Eduardo Melchert from Brazil.



6th place skipper Mark Sertl, Becky Nelson, Joe Starck. 7th place skipper Steve Hayden, Barr Batzer, Dave Hood. 8th place skipper Larry MacDonald, Jr. (not pictured, crew Ian Jones and Trevor Born). 9th place skipper Jim Allen, John Morley, Jane Allen. 10th place Cory Sertl and skipper Jody Swanson (not pictured crew Kurt Taulbee).



PRESIDENT'S CUP. Champions Larry and Peter Bone and skipper Jim Crane. Runner-Up skipper Stu Nickerson, Nick Mercier (Jr NA Champion) and Lisa Brauer. 2nd Runners-Up skipper Bill Fastiggi, Heather Rowe, Tim Ambrose. 4th place skipper George Fisher (Master's NA Champion) and Tom Emch (not pictured, Greg Shea). 5th place skipper Jack Huntsman, John Huntsman and Eric Olving.



GOVERNOR'S CUP. Champion skipper Juan Carlos Uzcategui, Mauricio Valenzuela, Jochen Raute from Colombia. Runner-Up skipper Mike Thomas, Matt Selan, Steve Thomas. 2nd Runners-Up Theresa Kramer, skipper Gary Hurban, Kevin Murphy. 4th place Fred Chandler, Allison Stevens, skipper Scott Finkboner. 5th place Josh Crosby, skipper Pierce Barden, Sam Harris. All photos by Laura Jeffers and Susie Fretz.

North American Championship

—MATT FISHER

The outstanding hosts of the 1998 North Americans were the members of the Buffalo Canoe Club. Contestants were treated to a very well run regatta and a wide range of sailing conditions. The regatta organizers and what seemed like everyone involved at the Canoe Club went out of their way to put on a top notch, fun event. They enjoy hosting the regatta, and it was obvious the participants liked being there.

I was fortunate enough to sail with Dan Moriarty and Rick Bernstein. They actually called me in April and asked if the three of us could sail together for the summer and for the Worlds in Ecuador. I haven't had very many people ask me that and we ended up being a pretty good team in the boat. They have sailed with Matt Burrige for years, and our mechanics were great.

The qualifying series had one light day (Sunday) and one beautiful/medium day (Monday). There seemed to be more surprises than usual with who didn't make the cut for the blue.

1st Race

Monday night a cold front went through at about 12:35. I know this because I was sleeping on the porch of the house we rented from Bob Robinson. Jack Elfman and his team and our group shared a wonderful spot with all of the conveniences of home other than heat on the porch. During the morning it rained harder and got colder while the races were postponed about 2 hours. We left for the race course at about 11:30. It was blowing from the northeast at about 18 with puffs to 25. The course was WLWLW. At the risk of sounding like a whiner or a wimp, the class should reconsider whether this course should be used when it's blowing 25. I'm not complaining, but it doesn't "even out the fleet".

The line was well set with maybe a slight leeward favor. Brian Taboada had a great start about 1/3 from the pin and held out to the left for about 1/4 of the way up the beat and lead at the first mark. He was followed by Dave Starck, Tito Gonzalez, our boat, then Ched. Dead downwind was pretty crazy (for us) and Tito and his team of Rodrigo and German sailed like it was blowing 12. It was shifty upwind and we tacked about 8 times, so realistically we should do the same downwind to stay in phase. But, honestly, our plan was to jibe as little as possible and do so in the lulls. Tito sailed the shifts and led at the drop mark. Brian still appeared fast upwind and Ched climbed to 3rd on the sec-



*Rick Bernstein, Dan Moriarty and Matt Fisher -
1998 North American Champions.*

Photo Cynthia Lawson

ond beat. At the finish it was Tito 1st, Brian 2nd, Ched 3rd, David Starck 4th, our boat 5th, Tim Healy 6th, Larry MacDonald 7th, and the ex-Pres Bill Faude 8th.

The Race Committee made what turned out to be a great decision by holding the fleet out to assess the carnage and see/hope for the wind to drop. It did drop a little and we raced the 2nd race and probably gained a day on the entire regatta schedule by doing so. I'm

sure it's moments like these (20 mph+, maybe 55-60 degrees) that make people check the vacation meter, but it is nice to get a jump on the schedule and to be assured that the regatta will have 2 very heavy air races.

2nd Race

I'm a little cloudy on the second race other than noting that Mark Sertl sailed a great race for 3rd. Eight of the top ten from the first race were in the top ten for the second race. Tito won both races and looked invincible on heavy air paper; but he really got most of his distance from outstanding downwind boathandling. There were several out us the same speed upwind, but downwind Tito put 50-100 yards on the fleet. We actually were pleased to have two 5ths on this day and saw ourselves as only 8 points out of first.

3rd Race

Wednesday was the same direction (northeast) but the 3rd race was about 8-15 and very shifty. We lead at the first mark after coming out of the left side with a 20 degree shift 2/3 of the way up the beat. Larry was second and David Starck was 3rd with a relatively big gap to 4th. It seemed like the old days with the 3 of us up there, except they both passed us within 1 minute of the wing mark. We were all close up the second beat until halfway up Larry and our boat pulled away by a couple of minutes. The wind had shifted way back to the right, and the RC moved the mark about 200 yards that way. We were also tangled up with the Presidents fleet once we put the chutes up. Larry still led at the drop mark, but we passed his team halfway up the last beat in a big time dying breeze. Jody Swanson was 3rd, Tito a strong 4th, David 5th, Steve Hayden with another 6th.

4th Race

The RC smartly waited for about an hour for the breeze to settle, as the NE colder wind was fighting with the thermal (SW). The NE finally came in again at 10mph and the RC chose the perfect time to start blowing guns. The fourth

race had lots of position changes. We had a little tangle at the start and tacked to clear with things looking very bleak. We dipped 6-8 boats but then found ourselves in very clear air and on a 15-20 degree port tack lift. Several minutes later, the wind came back to the right allowing us to tack and to get back into the top five. Tim Healy sailed a great race that had lots of ups and downs. The top five were Tim, yada yada yada and Larry then us. Larry later learned that he was over early. This race was key to the series. Tito, Biekarck, Sertl, Larry, David Starck, and really Ched all sailed races that would prevent them from winning the regatta. We were very fortunate to end up in fifth. There were times that we were at least bad as 15th, but we had a couple of right hand shifts that seemed to bail us out.

I would be remiss if I failed to mention the regatta-long trivia contest that culminated after the races Wednesday. After each day of sailing some of the local trivia talent would hand out sheets with ten questions about various Lightning topics. It was a fun way to spend the beer blast time and it seemed like a lot of people were participating. The top ten trivia contestants faced off in front of the crowd with new questions being posed by the ex-class President. After several grueling rounds, Mike Huffman and I smoked the local talent. Mike and I then faced off for 3 final questions. I have to admit I was a little concerned and doubted that 100 people on their 5th beer would really want to stay tuned to this show - but they seemed to be having fun hearing the answer to questions like who has won the 2nd place trophy for the NAs the most (nice try). It finally came down to ex-President Faude requesting a question from the audience. Jay Mueller walked up and whispered the question to Bill. I wrote down Papa John Mueller on the top of my page and Mueller Boat Co. on the bottom anticipating the likely question to be asked. Huff exerted too many Dartmouth and Chicago Trading brain cells and wrote down what he thought was the right answer. I was crowned the Trivia King, and it was a huge psychological advantage for Thursday. Seriously, it was a fun event to carry out and I think everyone had a good time.

The scores were getting interesting. Tito actually had us by five points going into the last two races. We were obviously going to get a throw out with two days left to get in two races.

	all 4	best 3
Matt Fisher	16	11
Tito Gonzalez	23	6
Tim Healy	25	14
Ched Proctor	32	20
Steve Hayden	30	18
Dave Starck	42	22
Brian Taboada	42	24
Larry MacDonald	47	11
Claudio Biekarck	63	27
Mark Sertl	39	25

Thursday morning at the Canoe Club was a typical Canoe Club day. It was

blowing 10 out of the SSW, maybe a little to the left of the thermal but with clear skies, and we're 5 points out of first.

5th Race

We left early to get to the course with what turned out to be a dying breeze. The RC graciously postponed the start to wait for either the wind to make up its mind or for the rest of boats to come out. The race started at about 10:45 with the wind out of the SSW at about 7mph. The right came in big 2/3 of the way up the beat, and we were stuck more left than we should have been. These really were the only races of the series where the wind was out of the SW and it always pays to go very hard right. You can always tell SW races at the Canoe Club by noting Jimmy Allen's finishes. We came back from about 15-20 at the first mark to finish 8th. Jim Allen won with Jeff Linton 2nd, Ched 3rd, Claudio 4th and Tito 5th. This was still a very good race for us, although Tito beat us, and we basically sailed our throwout, but a lot of the other folks were putting themselves out of contention. To win the regatta, Ched had to win the last race and have our boat 7th or worse, Larry could win if he finished in the top 3 and beat us by 5 points. Tito obviously still had us by five.

All 5(Best 4)

Tito Gonzalez	(28)11
Matt Fisher	(24)16
Ched Proctor	(35)23
Tim Healy	(52)26
Larry MacDonald	(58)21

Last Race

I don't remember personally being in this position, where there is a 5 point gap (fairly high) from 1st to 2nd and having a nothing-to-lose-we-want-to-keep-Karl-Smith-holding-onto-the-second-place-trivia-answer. To make matters better, the conditions, in our opinion, were favorable to us, with the wind 10-12 out of the SW. Also, the line was very leeward favored.

The leeward end part is key, since when you have one end favored, huge gains can be made right out of the box. We consciously said we would be very aggressive since the objective was to win, and in this case the risk of being over early was worth it. Even though it was heavy leeward favored, the right was going to be the place to be. So you could have a great start by being middle or middle left end of the line. Fortunately, Ched was setting up in the middle of the line with obvious plans of a very good start also. We set up under Ched knowing that he knew he had to win the race and he wasn't going to screw around. We stayed away from each other by a boatlength or two, and there really were no other boats within 3-4 boatlengths. It was great. The move was to tack at the gun and get away from the lee-



Photo Susie Fretz

ward mess. It worked - both Ched and we were trimmed in and moving on starboard at 25 seconds to go to the gun. We both tacked at the gun onto port and were basically long gone. We were nearly bow ahead of the boats who had tacked at the committee boat and the boats at the leeward end were tangled up. Although we weren't looking very hard, we didn't see Tito - but it was still nice not to see him. 2/3s of the way up the beat, we were looking very good compared to both sides. Ched was pulling out a little, but with him being a squeezer and me being a true driver but trying to convert to pointing, we were happy. We were starting to think too much and at least 3/4 of the fleet was to our left since we had been on port burning it out to the right for 10 minutes. So, we did what in hindsight was very stupid, and tacked to starboard away from Ched. We were on starboard for maybe a minute (had, I think, everyone from the left) and then came back to port with what we thought were covering moves with minimal shifts. After being away from him for 1 maybe 2 minutes Ched pulled away by 100 yards - I'm not exaggerating. To make matters worse we lost all 8 or 9 other boats on the right. It felt really stupid. Ched was in first and remember, and if he won and we were 8th, he won. Still didn't know where Tito was.

We were approaching the weather mark in now probably 10th or 12th. Then we noticed Ched luffing up to try to make the mark. Ched's boat was close to head to wind for a long time. It was a long luff and we were on starboard way behind him on the right (trying to learn). Finally Ched hit the weather mark. It took a long time for him to do it but I have to admit it was very motivating on our boat to see this, because Ched and his team are very capable of winning the race and we were very capable of getting 8th. Now after circling, Ched is 2 boats in front of us, and Tito and Larry are both way back.

But after one lap things were the same. At the second weather mark we were 10th, Ched was 9th, and Tito was about 17th. If Tito catches 3 boats and we stay put, they

win. Going dead downwind we got in phase and gained no boats but lots of distance on the 5 boats in front of us at the last leeward mark. We were also very tangled up with the Governor's fleet. (we were in about 20th in the Governor's fleet). We announced that we needed to gain five boats to win the regatta. We actually played to left side of the fleet and felt ourselves gaining on the immediate boats around us(Ched). Also, the top boats were caught in the middle of the yellow fleet and they never bailed out to the right hard enough. Out of the SW on this day, and most SW days in Buffalo, you have to go right, but to make it work you had to go all the way right. If you went 2/3 of the way to the right, it sometime doesn't work. The top guys in this race didn't go all the way over and we could tell we were picking up big distance. I know I'm being over dramatic here, but what was funny is while we were on port coming back from the left side we still didn't know what place we were in the blue fleet. The finish line was about 100 yards to weather of the weather mark for the Governor's Cup fleet. All these boats that we thought we blue fleeters kept peeling off to put up their chutes and we were saying "hey we're in sixth" We caught Ched at the finish line for fifth and weren't 100% sure we won, but had an idea.

Rick and Dan were outstanding to sail with. I wasn't kinder and gentler this time, but we got along great and they are outstanding teammates. Tito, German, and Rodrigo sailed great, as did Tim Healy and his team. It was a crazy series, but it seems that all of the major regattas have their share of crazy races. There were big ups and downs, but we had a variety of conditions and the race committee work was outstanding. They set great lines and perfect courses, and sailed when they should and held back when they needed to. They didn't seem to be in a hurry, and got the regatta done a day early. It was impressive. Our team definitely had a very good time after the banquet, but you're supposed to. I obviously really like the Canoe Club and am placing my unso- licited vote for the Worlds to be held there in 2003. I don't know if they want it but, I will help David and Kevin draft the letter.



Ched Proctor



Claudio Biekarck



Jody Swanson
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FINAL RESULTS-QUALIFIERS

BUFFALO CANOE CLUB, August 15-16, 1998, 107 Boats, 4 Races, 1 Throwout

	TEAM/Skipper's Hometown	countrysail #	r#1	r2	r#3	r#4	total
1	Claudio Biekarck, Gunnar Ficker, Eduardo Melchert/Sao Paulo, Brazil	BRA 14203	5	5	1	1	7
2	Tim Healy, Matt Reynolds, Mike Breault/Newport, RI	USA 14763	10	1	5	2	8
3	Jim Allen, Jane Allen, John Morley/Walled Lake, MI	USA 14807	1	22	4	3	8
4	Matt Fisher, Dan Moriarty, Rick Bernstein/Westerville, OH	USA 14045	2	17	4	4	10
5	Tom Allen Jr., Bill Pictor, John Humphrey/Kenmore, NY	USA 14905	15	10	2	1	13
6	Larry MacDonald Jr, Ian Jones, Trevor Born/Carlisle, ONT	CAN 14834	2	17	9	2	13
7	Phil Grotheer, Lesley Frymier, Jeff Riedle/Severn Park, MD	USA 14881	18	2	4	7	13
8	Tito Gonzalez, Rodrigo Zuazola, German Schacht/Santiago, Chile	CHI 11011	3	7	7	3	13
9	Jack Elfman, Cindy Lister, Mike Lucas/Surf City, NJ	USA 14739	24	1	6	7	14
10	Jody Swanson, Cory Sertl, Kurt Taulbee/Egbertsville, NY	USA 14491	9	18	3	2	14
11	Bill Faude, Jared Drake, Ben Altman/Chicago, IL	USA 14740	19	3	8	3	14
12	Sean Fidler, Bill Shore, Betsy Altman/Troy, MI	USA 14787	4	7	3	17	14
13	David Starck, Maria White, Kevin Robinson/Kenmore, NY	USA 14548	4	9	6	5	15
14	Ched Proctor, Kathryn Josenhans, Ned Roseberry/Southport, CT	USA 14821	14	16	1	1	16
15	Bill Mauk, Cameron Carlin, Jason Timmons/Miami, FL	USA 14866	28	4	8	4	16
16	Robert Ruhlman, Abby Ruhlman, Ryan Ruhlman/Cleveland, OH	USA 14751	24	2	2	14	18
17	Gianni Cuccio, Jim Starck, Ellen Starck/Westport, CT	USA 13871	3	11	13	5	19
18	Eric R. Larson, Eric E. Larson, Amy Lundeen/Sheboygan, WI	USA 13862	22	1	3	16	20
19	Ed Roseberry Jr., Steve Roseberry, Sascha Greatrex/Buffalo, NY	USA 14261	4	17	9	9	22
20	Andrew Horton, Andrew Buttner, JoAnn Jones/Shelburne, VT	USA 14799	1	14	18	8	23
21	Steve Hayden, Barr Batzer, David Hood/Cassleberry, FL	USA 14752	7	20	6	10	23
22	Jody Lutz, Kip Hamblet, Ben Wagner/Trumbull, CT	USA 14597	6	13	5	13	24
23	Mark Sertl, Joe Starck, Becky Nelson/Rochester, NY	USA 14298	15	8	11	6	25
24	Brian Taboada, Larry Colantuomo, Roger Marino/Island Heights, NJ	USA 14589	18	32	1	8	27
25	Manfred Kaufmann, Claudio Kunze, Jeff Maludy/Sao Paulo, Brazil	BRA 14810	2	23	7	18	27
26	Jeff Linton, Amy Smith Linton, Mark Taylor/Tampa, FL	USA 14730	8	31	2	17	27
27	Richard Hallagan, Alister Thomson, Rick TenEyck/Newark, NY	USA 14655	12	2	18	13	27
28	Michael Huffman, Meg Huffman, Matt Ward/Burlington, VT	USA 14644	32	4	8	15	27
29	David Stix, Robert Alexander, Karl Erickson/Chicago, IL	USA 14898	12	24	5	11	28
30	Colin Park, Karen Park, Bill Thomas/Midland, MI	USA 14780	17	6	11	11	28
31	Jon Schwartz, Mike Healy, Paul Krzensky/Lincroft, NJ	USA 14786	11	19	10	7	28
32	Theresa Colantuono, Laura Jeffers, Matt Bryant/Portsmouth, RI	USA 14619	10	9	9	15	28
33	Tom Allen Sr., Sam Septembre, Danielle Septembre/Buffalo, NY	USA 14811	20	3	22	6	29
34	Donald Barrett, Gary Mayer, George Wiedermann/West Granby, CT	USA 14417	9	4	16	19	29
35	Len Krawcheck, Oliver Humphries, Joe Pitcavage/Charleston, SC	USA 14695	13	10	10	9	29
36	Paul Wurtzbach, Doug Nickel, Ben Wallace/Woodridge, IL	USA 14778	17	3	15	12	30
37	Sean Carroll, Kate Sheahan, Dave Adams/Essex Junction, VT	USA 11754	8	12	10	26	30

— First Cut - President's Cup

	TEAM/Skipper's Hometown	countrysail #	r#1	r2	r#3	r#4	total
38	Georges Peter, Allison Peter, CH Ritt/Barrington, RI	USA 14688	32	8	19	4	31
39	Bob Wardwell, Regan Edwards, Ron Buchanan/Richmond, VA	USA 14825	9	14	19	8	31
40	William Hofmeister, Mandy Hofmeister, Jerry Fertig/Nashville, TN	USA 14706	19	6	14	12	32
41	George Fisher, Tom Emch, Greg Shea/Hilliard, OH	USA 14345	3	34	17	14	34
42	James Crane, Larry Bone, Peter Bone/Darien, CT	USA 14900	16	27	13	5	34
43	Robert Bush, Jeff Brault, Sterling Bush/Plymouth Meeting, PA	USA 14654	1	19	15	22	35
44	Bill Fastiggi, Tim Ambrose, Heather Rowe/Burlington, VT	USA 14878	10	15	11	16	36
45	George Francis, Don Brennan, Andy Brennan/Brick, NJ	USA 14692	5	14	28	18	37
46	Carlos Lecaro, Jimmy Pazmino, Sebastian Meira/Guayaquil, Ecuador	ECU 14676	23	13	16	10	39
47	Joe Donovan, Paul Donovan, John LaGrasse/Ridgefield, CT	USA 14483	22	27	12	6	40
48	Ted Duffy, Dan Vought, Brad Thompson/Red Bank, NJ	USA 14175	7	26	17	19	43
49	Ryan Dunn, Mike Buczkowski, Ward Cromwell/Brick, NJ	USA 14525	8	DSQ	14	22	44
50	Timothy Jehle, Peter Huston, Bruce Heine/Buffalo, NY	USA 14572	27	5	36	13	45
51	John Swanson, Megan Swanson, Dan Gradwell/Blasdell, NY	USA 14499	20	5	24	20	45
52	David Sprague, Daniel Sprague, Patti Pohlig/Toronto, Ontario	CAN 14174	11	10	29	24	45
53	Paul Gelenitis, Chris Arner, Emily Ruiter/Brick, NJ	USA 14684	12	23	30	12	47
54	Hector Longarela, Hugo Longarela, Alejandro Closs/Buenos Aires	ARG 11649	14	12	23	21	47

55	Jack Huntsman, John Huntsman, Eric Olving/Red Bank, NJ	USA	14814	23	16	13	18	47
56	Warren Emblidge, Martha Wilson, Trey Barrett/Orchard Park, NY	USA	14286	6	18	24	24	48
57	Sjoerd-Jan Vanderhorst, Chris Snyder, Kate Loper/Royal Oak, MI	USA	14649	16	9	23	25	48
58	Dan Dressel, Amy Dunlea, Kathy Dressel/Dayton, OH	USA	14880	24	24	14	10	48
59	Jim Carson, Kevin Dunn, Richard Eytel/Brick, NJ	USA	14595	20	8	22	DSQ	50
60	Chad Atkins, Adam Burns, Randy Shore/Rochester, NY	USA	14397	23	33	16	11	50
61	Jim Davis, Christine Davis, Karl Bradley/Toledo, OH	USA	14779	13	35	23	14	50
62	Stuart Nickerson, Lisa Brauer, Nick Mercier/Milton, MA	USA	11379	19	22	12	20	51
63	Charlie Hess, Norm Walters, Jim Mick/Bloomfield Hills, MI	USA	14842	7	29	24	21	52
64	George Sipel, Jay Mueller, Pat Poorman/Farmington Hills, MI	USA	14249	14	21	21	17	52
65	Dan Reichelsdorfer, Michou Braun, Tony Orlebeke/Sheboygan, WI	USA	13994	16	25	20	16	52
66	Richard Aubrecht, Alison Aubrecht, David Stagney/Orchard Park, NY	USA	14744	29	23	7	25	55
67	Joan Hurban, Dawn Sager, Rick Buckley/Palisades, NY	USA	14482	13	15	28	29	56
68	Christopher Sprole, Michael Cullen, Maud Lindsay/Lake Carmel, NY	USA	14631	6	31	20	31	57
69	David Ruiter, Stephanie Ruiter, Travis Freund/Freehold, NJ	USA	11894	33	7	31	20	58
70	Bob Sengstacken, John Sengstacken, Jill Carmen/Valley Cottage, NY	USA	14888	15	27	22	22	59
71	Diana Fernando, Eric Fernando, Jennifer Day/West Bloomfield, MI	USA	14049	17	11	33	32	60
72	Jim Cameron, Richard Walsh, Janice Cameron/Thunder Bay, Ontario	CAN	14507	33	28	25	9	62
73	Cully Ward, Jim Ward, Jan Thompson/Nashville, TN	USA	14116	10	22	32	30	62
74	Michael Vollmer, Peter Eagan, Dan Tironne/Burlington, Ontario	CAN	14772	26	21	28	15	62
75	Robert Harkrider, Tom Schroeder, Clay Rumble/Augusta, GA	USA	14889	21	34	18	23	62

— Second Cut - Governor's Cup

TEAM/Skipper's Hometown	countrysail #	r#1	r2	r#3	r#4	total
76 Tom Ward, Kate Ward, Molly Ward/Buffalo, NY	USA 14502	5	25	33	34	63
77 Adrian Irving, Darian Irving, Megan McCellan/Chicago, IL	USA 14847	31	6	32	26	63
78 Jim Fairman, Monica Fairman, Tim Shambrook/Chicago, IL	USA 14065	18	34	15	30	63
79 Jonathan Lange, Matthew Lange, Ryan Anderson/Columbia, MD	USA 13856	21	12	34	32	65
80 Dick Moyer, Mike Holly, Jamie Perkins/Oaks, PA	USA 13792	34	15	17	DSQ	66
81 Roberto Laignelet, Maritza Vargas, Cynthia Lawson/Bogota, Colombia	COL 14322	36	16	21	30	67
82 Frank Kelly Jr., Joe Cunningham, Kat Ward/Brentwood, TN	USA 14748	27	24	26	21	71
83 Logan McReynolds, Alan McReynolds, Erin McReynolds/Fairport, NY	USA 13815	28	11	34	33	72
84 Brian Starck, Bob Starck, Andy Tocke, Jim Eagan Jr./Buffalo, NY	USA 14371	27	18	33	27	72
85 Matt Reiser, Ryan Bradley, Ryan Stagaard/North Brunswick, NJ	USA 14833	26	20	27	26	72
86 David P. Gorman, Rick Villamil, Chantal Leger/Malone, NY	USA 14758	35	19	31	23	73
87 Michael Brewer, Richard Brewer, Matthew Wilcox/San Diego, CA	USA 14846	34	26	29	19	74
88 Juan Carlos Uzcatogui, Jochen Raute, Mauricio Valenzuela/Bogota	COL 14704	26	30	21	27	74
89 Mike Thomas, Steve Thomas, Matt Selan/Bowling Green, OH	USA 14148	33	30	12	DNS	75
90 Scott Finkboner, Fred Chandler, Allison Stevens/San Diego, CA	USA 14904	25	32	26	24	75
91 David Stephens, Tim Finkle, Ryan Webb/Williamsville, NY	USA 14411	35	20	31	25	76
92 Kurt Andrews, Zach Austin, Mike Mirachi/Dublin, OH	USA 14897	21	28	27	DNF	76
93 Richard Bukowsky, Traci Bukowsky, Christina Hedrick/Lake Orion, MI	USA 14854	30	13	36	35	78
94 Pierce Barden, Josh Crosby, Sam Harris/Raleigh, NC	USA 14190	34	30	19	29	78
95 Steve Cushman, Martha Cushman, Steve Adamski/Chicago, IL	USA 14508	30	21	29	28	78
96 Peter Wenzler, Stuart Thompson, Matt Shrilla/Grosse Pointe Farms, MI	USA 14590	25	28	25	34	78
97 David Kunz, John Faus, Mac DeTuro/Feasterville, PA	USA 14850	32	DNF	20	28	80
98 Bob Cotton, Clark Higgs, Bruce Campbell/Nashville, TN	USA 14645	22	29	30	31	81
99 Gary Hurban, Kevin Murphy, Theresa Kramer/Palisades, NY	USA 14073	28	31	30	23	81
100 Bill Killebrew, Mike Osborne, Paul Killebrew/Nashville, TN	USA 14680	25	33	25	33	83
101 Tom Vickers, Jennifer Johnson, John Kopko/Grosse Pointe, MI	USA 14819	31	33	26	27	84
102 Scott Warrenner, Brad Puskas, Brian Snow/Simcoe, Ontario	CAN 14134	29	29	32	28	86
103 Chandler Owen, Amy Wilde, Andy Monahan/Nashville, TN	USA 11737	31	26	34	31	88
104 Scott Anderson, Jay Martin, Meg Hamlet/McKinney, TX	USA 14817	30	35	27	32	89
105 Timothy Millhiser, Dallas Murphy, David Langhorne/Madison, CT	USA 14342	29	32	35	29	90
106 Mary Dobmeier, Eryn Whistler, Rachael Moloney/Buffalo, NY	USA 14112	35	25	DNS	DNS	97
107 Ian Drullard, Doug Mathias, Matt Rusk/Southington, CT	USA 10356	35	35	35	33	103

Long Live the King!

—JODY SWANSON

A corner of our living room has two comfortable chairs with bookcases behind. On its shelves are Lightning Yearbooks dating back to 1945. That is a lot of history and a lot of stories; there certainly have been many over the years. Stories of glorious victories and the agony of the missed tacks. This spot became a favorite for several trivia minded friends. The one who got the white chair could sit back, get comfortable, reach for a selected year, pour over the pages and fire away with questions. Who sailed with whom, at which regattas, in what year, and how many races did boat number (blank) win, only to place (blank) for the (blank) time? Not only did they question each other, but any one else who would listen. As time went on and their seeming trivia prowess began to grow, these Lightning sailors began to view themselves as the experts.

1. After enduring an endless stream of questions, what game was born and then played during the 1998 Lightning NAs?
2. Which 3 sailors considered themselves the (self-appointed) Lightning Trivia Kings?

The Lightning Trivia Game was played Sunday, Monday and Tuesday after racing. Each game consisted of six questions with a 2-point bonus question. The top 10 scores advanced to the final round. The questions were based on all aspects of the Lightning class, its history, people, and lore. To show respect to the "Kings", each was able to submit 10 of their best questions.

3. Who, after winning the first game with a commanding score of 6 (the average was 3), considerably enhanced his confidence?
4. After many people posted the perfect score of 8 on the second game, what conclusion can be drawn: this particular game was easy or cheating was involved?
5. Who's whole regatta was made when one contestant falsely guessed that he was "Mr. Lightning"?

The three games were corrected and the scores were tallied and posted. The top ten people would have the chance to dethrone the Kings by advancing to the Final Round.

6. Who thought he would cruise to an overall win by winning the preliminary round with a score of 21?
7. Who at breakfast on the morning of the final round was seen cheating, pardon . . . studying up on his trivia?

The Final Round was played on Wednesday after sailing. There was great anticipation and a lot of chatter as to who was going to prevail as the official Lightning Trivia King. The ten qualifiers were narrowed to four with the winner advancing.

8. Who was more talented as the MC for the final round than he was on the race course?
9. Due to a tie, which two sailors advanced to the Final Challenge to face the Trivia Kings?

The Final Challenge pitted the best of the "amateurs" against the so called "experts." The big question was, could the experts live up to their billing or were they just legends in their own minds?

10. Who did Bill Faude, the Alex Trebec of the Final Challenge, get to model the coveted 14-carat gold, jewel-studded crown?
11. Out of the six questions asked to each King, how many did each answer correctly?
12. When the final 5-point bonus question submitted by the class president was read, which contestant automatically assumed that he would be crowned King?
13. After neither contestant could answer the bonus question correctly, resulting in a tie, who from the audience submitted the final question?
14. Who is the official Lightning Trivia King?
15. How long will the King's reign be: indefinite, until Huff demands a rematch or until the next Worlds at BCC?

Any more questions?

Answers on Page 79.



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1998 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Buffalo Canoe Club, Ridgeway, Ontario, Canada, August 16-20, 107 Boats, 7 Countries, 3 Fleets

CHAMPIONSHIP FLEET

37 Boats, 6 Races, 1 Throwout

	Skipper/Team	Country/Sail #	R#1	R#2	R#3	R#4	R#5	R#6	Final
1	Matt Fisher, Dan Moriarty, Rick Bernstein	USA 14045	5	5	1	5	8	5	21
2	Tito Gonzalez, Rodrigo Zuazola, German Schacht	CHI 11011	1	1	4	17	5	18	28
3	Tim Healy, Matt Reynolds, Mike Breault	USA 14763	6	7	11	1	26	4	29
4	Ched Proctor, Kathryn Josenhans, Ned Roseberry	USA 14821	3	9	12	8	3	6	29
5	Claudio Biekarck, Gunnar Ficker, Eduardo Melchert	BRA 14203	11	4	dsq	12	4	1	32
6	Mark Sertl, Joe Starck, Becky Nelson	USA 14298	9	3	13	14	17	2	41
7	Steve Hayden, Barr Batzer, David Hood	USA 14752	10	6	6	6	15	15	43
8	Larry MacDonald Jr, Ian Jones, Trevor Born	CAN 14834	7	2	2	ocs	10	26	47
9	Jim Allen, Jane Allen, John Morley	USA 14807	16	19	17	ocs	1	3	56
10	Jody Swanson, Cory Sertl, Kurt Taulbee	USA 14491	20	18	3	16	11	8	56
11	David Starck, Maria White, Kevin Robinson	USA 14548	4	20	5	13	14	24	56
12	Jeff Linton, Amy Smith Linton, Mark Taylor	USA 14730	22	14	16	7	2	19	58
13	Brian Taboada, Larry Colantuomo, Roger Marino	USA 14589	2	8	14	18	22	17	59
14	Bill Faude, Jared Drake, Ben Altman	USA 14740	8	10	21	11	27	11	61
15	Tom Allen Jr., Bill Pictor, John Humphrey	USA 14905	14	12	9	9	19	33	63
16	Jody Lutz, Kip Hamblet, Ben Wagner	USA 14597	12	16	23	ocs	9	12	72
17	Robert Ruhlman, Abby Ruhlman, Ryan Ruhlman	USA 14751	28	29	24	3	6	13	74
18	Theresa Colantuono, Laura Jeffers, Matt Bryant	USA 14619	30	23	35	4	13	7	77
19	Andrew Horton, Andrew Buttner, JoAnn Jones	USA 14799	17	15	19	15	12	20	78
20	Richard Hallagan, Alister Thomson, Rick TenEyck	USA 14655	18	28	7	21	28	22	96
21	Jon Schwartz, Mike Healy, Paul Krzensky	USA 14786	13	32	18	ocs	7	28	98
22	Phil Grotheer, Lesley Frymier, Jeff Riedle	USA 14881	15	25	8	29	23	31	100
23	Paul Wurtzebach, Doug Nickel, Ben Wallace	USA 14478	26	17	30	22	33	9	104
24	Sean Fidler, Bill Shore, Betsy Altman	USA 14787	23	13	29	23	16	dnf	104
25	Jack Elfman, Cindy Lister, Mike Lucas	USA 14739	32	22	15	19	21	27	104
26	Len Krawcheck, Oliver Humphries, Joe Pitcavage	USA 14695	27	11	26	ocs	20	21	105
27	Manfred Kaufmann, Claudio Kunze, Jeff Maludy	BRA 14810	25	dsq	20	20	25	16	106
28	Colin Park, Karen Park, Bill Thomas	USA 14780	31	21	33	27	18	10	107
29	David Stix, Robert Alexander, Karl Erickson	USA 14898	24	30	36	10	30	25	119
30	Gianni Cuccio, Jim Starck, Ellen Starck	USA 13871	dnf	dns	10	25	24	23	120
31	Bill Mauk, Cameron Carlin, Jason Timmons	USA 14866	21	24	28	24	35	29	126
32	Tom Allen Sr., Sam Septembre, Danielle Septembre	USA 14811	dnf	dns	25	2	31	32	128
33	Ed Roseberry Jr., Steve Roseberry, Sascha Greatrex	USA 14261	29	31	34	30	29	14	133
34	Donald Barrett, Gary Mayer, George Wiedermann	USA 14417	19	26	27	32	32	30	134
35	Michael Huffman, Meg Huffman, Matt Ward	USA 14644	33	27	22	28	dns	dns	148
36	Sean Carroll, Kate Sheahan, Dave Adams	USA 11754	dnf	dns	31	26	34	34	163
37	Eric R. Larson, Eric E. Larson, Amy Lundeen	USA 13862	dnf	dns	32	31	36	dnf	175



Above Runner-Up Tito Gonzalez



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PRESIDENT'S CUP

38 Boats, 6 Races, 1 Throwout

	Skipper/Team	Country/Sail #	R#1	R#2	R#3	R#4	R#5	R#6	Final
1	James Crane, Larry Bone, Peter Bone	USA 14900	1	1	3	2	5	dns	12
2	Stuart Nickerson, Lisa Brauer, Nick Mercier	USA 11379	6	4	2	33	1	4	17
3	Bill Fastiggi, Tim Ambrose, Heather Rowe	USA 14878	3	10	1	7	7	dnf	28
4	George Fisher, Tom Emch, Greg Shea	USA 14345	10	8	10	5	4	11	37
5	Jack Huntsman, John Huntsman, Eric Olving	USA 14814	12	14	5	15	3	6	40
6	Dan Dressel, Amy Dunlea, Kathy Dressel	USA 14880	13	3	36	20	6	1	43
7	Jim Cameron, Richard Walsh, Janice Cameron	CAN 14507	dsq	17	6	4	2	22	51
8	Paul Gelenitis, Chris Arner, Emily Ruiter	USA 14684	5	2	13	23	30	13	56
9	Carlos Lecaro, Jimmy Pazmino, Sebastian Meira	ECU 14676	15	18	4	19	9	14	60
10	Sjoerd-Jan VanderhChris Snyder, Kate Lopper	USA 14649	2	11	15	27	31	7	62
11	Jim Carson, Kevin Dunn, Richard Eytel	USA 14595	22	15	11	3	23	12	63
12	Chad Atkins, Adam Burns, Randy Shore	USA 14397	17	16	7	22	8	15	63
13	Hector Longarela, Hugo Longarela, Alejandro Cloos	ARG 11649	8	9	20	9	28	19	65
14	John Swanson, Megan Swanson, Dan Gradwell	USA 14499	16	7	28	26	13	5	67
15	Timothy Jehle, Peter Huston, Bruce Heine	USA 14572	31	5	22	6	35	8	72
16	Bob Wardwell, Regan Edwards, Ron Buchanan	USA 14825	11	31	9	14	20	21	75
17	David Sprague, Daniel Sprague, Patti Pohlig	CAN 14174	26	dns	17	8	17	10	78
18	Joe Donovan, Paul Donovan, John LaGrasse	USA 14483	4	25	8	16	26	33	79
19	Georges Peter, Allison Peter, CH Ritt	USA 14688	14	12	19	10	27	24	79
20	Ryan Dunn, Mike Buczkowski, Ward Cromwell	USA 14525	dnf	27	26	1	14	17	85
21	William Hofmeister, Mandy Hofmeister, Jerry Fertig	USA 14706	dnf	dns	16	11	18	3	87
22	Robert Bush, Jeff Brault, Sterling Bush	USA 14654	20	20	24	12	24	16	92
23	David Ruiter, Stephanie Ruiter, Travis Freund	USA 11894	dnf	6	32	34	19	2	93
24	George Sipel, Jay Mueller, Pat Poorman	USA 14249	9	21	21	17	34	28	96
25	Robert Harkrider, Tom Schroeder, Clay Rumble	USA 14889	19	13	29	37	10	25	96
26	Jim Davis, Christine Davis, Karl Bradley	USA 14779	29	26	14	24	25	9	98
27	Ted Duffy, Dan Vought, Brad Thompson	USA 14175	7	19	31	31	33	18	106
28	Dan Reichelsdorfer, Michou Braun, Tony Orlebeke	USA 13994	24	23	33	13	16	30	106
29	Charlie Hess, Norm Walters, Jim Mick	USA 14842	27	30	34	18	15	27	117
30	Richard Aubrecht, Alison Aubrecht, David Stagney	USA 14744	28	34	25	32	11	26	122
31	Diana Fernando, Eric Fernando, Jennifer Day	USA 14049	34	32	18	25	22	31	128
32	Christopher SproleMichael Cullen, Maud Lindsay	USA 14631	33	28	23	21	36	23	128
33	Bob Sengstacken, John Sengstacken, Jill Carmen	USA 14888	21	33	27	38	29	20	130
34	Cully Ward, Jim Ward, Jan Thompson	USA 14116	18	24	30	30	32	29	131
35	George Francis, Don Brennan, Andy Brennan	USA 14692	25	22	12	35	38	dnf	132
36	Warren Emblidge, Martha Wilson, Trey Barrett	USA 14286	23	35	35	29	12	35	134
37	Michael Vollmer, Peter Eagan, Dan Tironne	CAN 14772	30	29	38	36	21	32	148
38	Joan Hurban, Dawn Sager, Rick Buckley	USA 14482	dnf	dns	37	28	37	34	175



Jim Crane, President's Cup Champion



Stu Nickerson, Runner Up

Photos Susie Fretz

1998

GOVERNOR'S CUP

32 Boats, 6 Races, 1 Throwout

	Skipper/Team	Country/Sail #	R#1	R#2	R#3	R#4	R#5	R#6	Final
1	Juan Carlos Uzcategui, Jochen Raute, Mauricio Valenzuela	COL 14704	2	1	9	1	2	6	12
2	Mike Thomas, Steve Thomas, Matt Selan	USA 14148	5	4	2	4	1	2	13
3	Gary Hurban, Kevin Murphy, Theresa Kramer	USA 14073	4	15	1	2	3	12	22
4	Scott Finkboner, Fred Chandler, Allison Stevens	USA 14904	1	12	4	5	5	dnf	27
5	Pierce Barden, Josh Crosby, Sam Harris	USA 14190	10	9	3	6	17	7	35
6	Brian Starck, Bob Starck, Andy Tocke, Jim Eagan Jr.	USA 14371	14	2	5	20	15	8	44
7	David P. Gorman, Rick Villamil, Chantal Leger	USA 14758	7	6	18	19	4	14	49
8	Jim Fairman, Monica Fairman, Tim Shambrook	USA 14065	13	20	7	3	19	9	51
9	Roberto Laignelet, Maritza Vargas, Cynthia Lawson	COL 14322	22	16	6	15	18	1	56
10	Steve Cushman, Martha Cushman, Steve Adamski	USA 14508	8	3	dnf	dns	12	4	60
11	David Kunz, John Faus, Mac DeTuro	USA 14850	15	7	10	9	22	19	60
12	Tom Vickers, Jennifer Johnson, John Kopko	USA 14819	11	13	19	7	16	17	64
13	Chandler Owen, Amy Wilde, Andy Monahan	USA 11737	28	19	14	11	6	15	65
14	Bob Cotton, Clark Higgs, Bruce Campbell	USA 14645	17	5	17	8	21	20	67
15	Adrian Irving, Darian Irving, Megan McCellan	USA 14847	21	18	12	16	11	11	68
16	Frank Kelly Jr., Joe Cunningham, Kat Ward	USA 14748	23	17	22	13	8	13	73
17	Peter Wenzler, Stuart Thompson, Matt Shrilla	USA 14590	6	14	26	14	27	16	76
18	Kurt Andrews, Zach Austin, Mike Mirachi	USA 14897	18	dnf	8	18	23	10	77
19	Scott Warrenner, Brad Puskas, Brian Snow	CAN 14134	16	10	21	10	28	21	78
20	Logan McReynolds, Alan McReynolds, Erin McReynolds	USA 13815	dnf	dns	11	23	10	3	80
21	Dick Moyer, Mike Holly, Jamie Perkins	USA 13792	dnf	dns	24	12	9	5	83
22	Timothy Millhiser Dallas Murphy, David Langhorne	USA 14342	12	11	15	24	24	dnf	86
23	David Stephens, Tim Finkle, Ryan Webb	USA 14411	9	dnf	27	26	7	18	87
24	Matt Reiser, Ryan Bradley, Ryan Stagaard	USA 14833	3	24	25	25	13	dsq	90
25	Michael Brewer, Richard Brewer, Matthew Wilcox	USA 14846	19	8	23	21	20	dsq	91
26	Tom Ward, Kate Ward, Molly Ward	USA 14502	24	23	29	17	14	22	100
27	Bill Killebrew, Mike Osborne, Paul Killebrew	USA 14680	25	21	13	22	29	23	104
28	Richard Bukowsky, Traci Bukowsky, Christina Hedrick	USA 14854	26	22	28	29	26	24	126
29	Jonathan Lange, Matthew Lange, Ryan Anderson	USA 13856	27	dnf	16	27	25	dnf	128
30	Scott Anderson, Jay Martin, Meg Hamlet	USA 14817	20	dnf	20	25	dns	dns	131
31	Ian Drullard, Doug Mathias, Matt Rusk	USA 10356	29	dns	30	30	30	26	145
32	Mary Dobmeier, Eryn Whistler, Rachael Moloney	USA 14112	dns	dns	31	28	31	25	148



Mike Thomas after the last race
Photo by Sally Atkins



Cynthia Lawson, Maritza Vargas and Roberto Laignelet
from Bogota Colombia. Photo courtesy Cynthia Lawson

Answers from page 76

- Lightning Trivia Game
- David Starck, Kevin Robinson, and Jody Lutz
- Mike Huffman
- Game 2 must have been easy. Lightning sailors never cheat.
- Jody Lutz
- Mike Huffman. The team of Lecaro/Schwartz was a close second with 19 points.
- Georges Peter
- David Starck
- Matt Fisher and Mike Huffman
- Carol Starck.
- David 1, Kevin 2, Jody 1. Nice job!
- Mike Huffman
- Jamie Mueller
- Matt Fisher
- Even though Matt's reign as King would be long, the 2002 Worlds at the Buffalo Canoe Club seems like a fitting place to contest his reign. All in favor . . .

1998 Youth World Championship

—SEAN CARROLL

As I sit safely back in my apartment in Charleston, SC deftly trying to study for final exams, I am constantly distracted

by the memories of this years Youth World Championships. At the 96 worlds in Metedeconk, the Ecuadorian sailors had brought photos of their yacht club in Salinas. I have spent the last two years longing for this regatta. My crew of Kate Sheahan on the bow and Karl Schutte in the middle spent the trip getting to know each since meeting for the first time.

Upon arrival in Guayaquil, we were greeted by a mob of people, thankfully one of them

was holding a Lightning Worlds sign. Seeing that was a relief for my crew and me after flying all day to a city we had barely heard of filled with people who didn't understand a word we were saying. After bridging the language barrier we realized that Paco Sola had taken care of everything and all we had to do was put our stuff in the van and go the hotel. After a much needed night of sleep it was back into another van and off on a two hour safari toward the sea. Once settled in by the yacht club pool, with icy cool drinks in hand, my crew and I toasted the Lightning class for hosting such quality events.

The regatta began with an oscillating 12 knot on shore breeze. The general swell ran at an odd angle to the breeze and a steep chop quickly developed. After being run over off the line we struggled to about tenth at the weather mark, with some familiar faces back there with me there was no taking a breather. There were hot little battles brewing everywhere. Unfortunately we encountered a hot little battle at the leeward gate and incurred a foul. The rest of the race was spent trying to play catch up. We had great seats for the race up front though. John Boxberger USA won the race followed closely by Bruno Ficker BRA.

After a nice relaxing lunch at the club and an efficient boat rotation, we were back to the course. The breeze had shifted left and built to 15, it looked as though the beach would be favored. Everyone lined up for the drag race to the left - naturally I decided we should tack right to clear our air. Before we knew it Boxberger and I were stranded on the starboard lay line watching the compass drop twenty degrees. The persistent left shift remained for the rest of the day. The long boat speed beats in substantial breeze favored the bigger boys and Camilo Bustos COL came away with the win leading Andrew Allen's crew from Canada. Camilo

Bustos COL with an impressive three, one led after the first day. John Boxberger fought his way out of the pack second

race and finished the day with a one, six to grasp second overall.

After regrouping during the night, my crew and I knew we were in for a long week if we did not figure something out. I hate to say it but a few raunchy jokes from Karl was all it took and we were off to the races. The breeze had lessened from the previous day and had gone right quite a bit. A steep chop persisted

over the constant swell. After a clear start the fleet split, half to the right half to the left. Again, boat speed was at a premium, after everyone settled into their new boats it really became a horse race to win either side. The fleet did not join again until the weather mark. The first few boats led from the left and then the majority of the right made out. The Olympic course settled every one into a parade. After a shifty second windward the top three were Bruno Ficker BRA, Constantinos Merentitis, and luckily ourselves. The last windward would decide this one. Tight coverage ensued around the mark as we all tried to go our separate ways. We eventually won out on the right to take the race followed closely by Fricker and then Merentitis.



Miguel Plaza, Jr. congratulates the new Youth World Champions, Sean Carroll, Karl Schutte and Kate Sheahan



First Runners-Up - The Team from Parthenon Fleet 286: crew Michalis Koulianos, crew Elias Manolakis, Greek District Commodore Andy Sinopoulos, team coach Stelios Sotiriou, skipper Constantine Merentitis. Photo courtesy Andy Sinopoulos

Youth World Champion continued

During lunch, the wind had again shifted left toward the beach. The forth race appeared similar to the second race the day before a long windward leeward was set. Again, the fleet split and Derek Marston from Peru led from the left, followed closely by a group of North Americans and then us in fifth or sixth. The top five began reaching slightly and Karl was able to keep us going low and fast. We gained an inside overlap on the mark on everyone excluding the team from Peru who were launched ahead. In the end, it was Marston Peru, Carroll USA, and Boxberger USA. Our Shore Sails appeared quite fast in the chop as we had won the day and John Boxberger took the overall lead. The fleet was close with the top five within five points.

The final day boasted similar conditions to the rest with a slightly overcast sky keeping things a little cooler. It was clear that this championship would not be decided until the final bell was rung as everyone excitedly went through there pre race maneuvers. A hard left shift as the start gun sounded caused chaos at the pin end of the line as everyone struggled to get clear. We were able to tack onto port half way up the line and cross everyone who started above us. By taking advantage of the first shift, things looked good for us headed up the beat. There was certainly too much racing left to start counting boats though. We arrived at the weather mark second behind Derek Marston of PER who led the group from the left. A quick jibe under the fleet around the offset cost us a few boats and we were stuck in the middle of the run. All we could do was watch as the team from Peru reached the mark a full minute ahead of the next boat. Rounding about eighth at the leeward mark, we saw our dreams slipping away. We were able to pass a few boats over the coarse of the windward leeward and finished sixth. Congratulations to Derek and his crew for a most impressive win. Merentitis from Greece captured second and with that tied Boxberger for the lead headed into the last race.

After doing all the math we could on the dock, it was time for the last race. There were still five boats with the chance to win. With a clean start and a few smart calls by my crew we, for the first time this championship, were leading a race. The long Olympic course gave us plenty of time to lengthen our lead around the triangle. Applying a loose cover while heading up the second beat we were beginning to count our chickens and see where everyone, especially Greece, was. Suddenly our jib wire let go and our jib hit the deck. Boy was I a little surprised. We were able to make

repairs quickly and continued sailing. Unfortunately our lead had been squashed and we rounded the weather mark third. I had quickly seen my dreams begin to slide away but my crew kept me focused and we were able to pass Carlos Plaza ECU down wind. The long beat to the finish gave us time to get an understanding of what was going on behind us. Bruno Ficker BRA won the race and we crossed second, Plaza did not receive a finish bell because he was over early. With the Ecuadorians not counting, we began to see that we might not have enough points on the team from Greece. Thankfully, our two friends from Canada were locked in a firm battle with Merentitis GRE for third through fifth. The two Canadian teams beat him out to the finish and our dream became a reality as our team from America came away the champions.

I hope everyone reading this report realizes what a special event this Youth World Championship is to Lightening sailors. If you have never participated in one, please try to get a local team together and work towards Greece in 2000. This was my second world championship and my final event as a youth. On behalf of my crew, I would like to personally thank the Salinas Yacht Club for being such gracious hosts. In addition I would like to thank Paco Sola, Miguel Plaza and their families for their efforts during this regatta and there continued support of youth sailing. Thank you all, we look forward to seeing you on the water.



Photos by David Springer

Thanks from the Big Box

—TOM BOXBERGER

Even though I have spent a lot of time on the water, I could never understand this fascination with sailing. After all, wind only served to push your boat off of a good fishing spot or make it too rough to waterski. If the Good Lord had wanted mankind to sail, He would not have invented motors.

It is amazing how things change. When you leave matters up to your kids - and even your wife you are sometimes forced to learn and enjoy new things. Six years ago we purchased our first Lightning, No. 13834, which is now affectionately called "THE PIT" and my son John gave a hint of things to come when in his very first race at the tiller he passed the "GREEN MACHINE" on the final downwind leg to win his first flag.

Several District Junior Championships and a fourth place in the 1998 Junior N.A.'s later and John was honored and excited about the chance to represent Fleet 225, the District, and his Country as he and his crew of Allison Stevens (Ellisburg, New York) and Jim Ward (Nashville, Tenn.) prepared to sail in the World Junior Championships in Salinas, Ecuador.

My sister Ruth, from Phoenix decided to join her Godson in his experience, and Allison, John, Ruth and I left for New York to meet the Ward Family and fly off to South America. Though John and Al knew Jim and his sister Kat, who would be racing with Nick Mercier, Ruth and I had not met the family before. Barbara, Cully, Beth, and the two sailors proved to be just about the nicest people you could imagine, though our adventure would test our newfound friendships as their unique dietary habits became obvious. I am sure that they felt the same way about my travel arrangements though, as the flight to Ecuador seemed a little cramped (so who needs legroom anyway?), Or maybe it was the five hour wait at the airport after we arrived waiting for the ride that I was sure was arranged. Or maybe it was the ride back to the airport after the regatta when there was no ride at all. Oh well. DoWt worry Barbara - I won't mention about how well you can communicate in Spanish. What was that you ordered for a snack?? Mayonnaise, goat cheese and pop-com?? Or Cully. No one would ever consider your refusal of a cold beer for that warm one as strange at all, now would they??? It was a good thing that Beth was there to keep an eye on her parents.

What we did find in Ecuador was a country filled with gracious and caring people, all of whom fortunately had a sense of humor throughout our attempts at learning their language. Cully and I learned fastest, as the first day we were able to get our needs met, "dos cervezas por favor". We did have some coaching from David Sprague on that - gracias Dave. We had some time to explore Salinas as the juniors registered and measured sails. We learned the Yacht Club food was excellent, and once we figured out the exchange rate, we ate a lot, as it was so reasonable too. Just don't let Barb order for you! The ocean and beach were



*Box, Al and Jim
Photo Tom Boxberger*

beautiful, and the accommodations arranged by the Championship Committee were great.

Tuesday was set aside for Practice racing, and we got concerned right away when Al, Jim and John withdrew from the race and sailed towards shore. One new turnbuckle later and they were able to rejoin the fleet and get some practice in. Social activities abounded, the Opening Ceremonies were great to participate in and to watch, and again, the food was GREAT. Another item that the organizing Committee arranged was for several spectator boats for the families and coaches. Even Aunt Ruth, who turns several shades of green at the mention of sailing and swells and waves was able to enjoy several days on the water.

Wednesday, the 25th of November was the first day of actual racing, and the crews and spectators were greeted with beautiful weather and light breezes. John, Al and Jim started with a bang, hit the pin end of the line in full trim at the gun and sailed a perfect race, leading all the way. Race number two started much the same after the crews all swapped boats, with the team in first at the windward mark. Unfortunately for them this was the test race for disaster, as their spinnaker dropped into the water three times, they touched another boat and did their circle and their attempt at sailing two handed did not work real well, though Jim's swim was both short and refreshing. In spite of rounding the leeward mark in 13th place, they recovered to finish sixth, making this their most interesting and best race. There were several proud families after that recovery.

Races three and four were held in light breezes on Thursday, with U.S. boats finishing 1,3,5 in race three and 2 and 3 in race four. John, Al and Jim had a fifth and third on Thursday and were in first place overall after four races. Not too shabby for a crew that had never sailed together and only a few days earlier had dreamed of a top 10 finish.

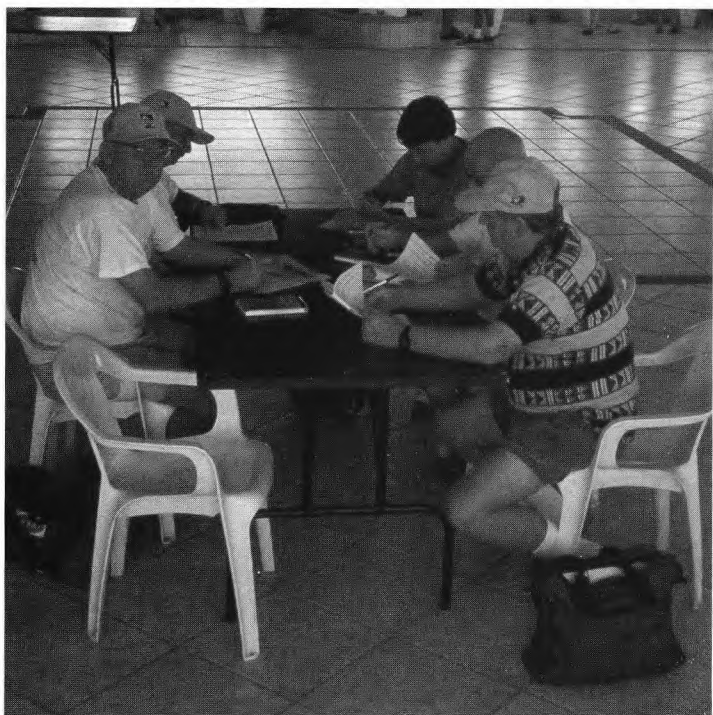
Big Box continued

Day three saw more light air, and a bad start in race five and an OCS in race six dropped the team to fourth place in the final standings in a really close championship. Six different winners in six races and only 16 points separating the top 10 places attested to the competitiveness of the regatta. Congratulations to all sixteen teams and especially to the winning team of Sean Carrol, Karl Schutte and Kate Sheahan. All have great right to be proud of all that you accomplished by being there and sailing so well.

Since the race committee not only did a great job on the water, but were in such command of the weather and the wind, no races needed to be held on Saturday. The nine of us took that opportunity to travel up the coast and do some sight seeing. Cully and I felt proud when our passengers offered their vote of no confidence and planned on revoking our drivers licenses after driving on the El Nino damaged roads of Ecuador. And in spite of what they say, I was never in danger of driving all of us off the cliff after our hill climb! We got to see the beauty of that lovely country, met some great people and even got to see a few whales. Our day included a drive through a cloud forest, some rather humorous dogs doing all sorts of strange (and I think

painful) things to each other and finding our goals of long distance travel were way too grandiose. But we did make it back in time for the awards banquet, and all enjoyed ourselves there.

So, what can I say? To all the competitors, all of our appreciation and congratulations for a super week of racing. To the victors a "great job". A warm and appreciative thank you to all of the people who arranged, organized, judged, served on the race committee and otherwise took part in this event. The members of the Yacht Club and community all made us feel welcome and we are certainly grateful for all you did. Thanks to the IILCA and to Karen for all your assistance, and no, I won't call for help every day again - till next time. We met so many great people there, the People of Ecuador, racers and parents (David Sprague did so much to keep all of us in touch with the world - Thanks Dave), and so many others. I do need to thank the entire Ward family. You guys are great, and we will see you this summer for the N.A.'s, but we prefer our beer to be cold! Thanks to my sister - for everything. Allison and Jim and John - thank you for the week of smiles and the joy and excitement of watching you compete and do so well. But most of all, John - thank you for letting me share in your dream...



The "official folks". Above left, the judges; left, the Race Committee. Above top, the skipper's meeting; above, "Snoopy" one of the official committee boats. Thank you! to all these officials who help make the regatta run smoothly. Photos by David Sprague

A Canadian Perspective of the Lightning Junior Worlds

—MATT SIMPSON

On the twentieth of November 1998, three youth sailors from Toronto boarded a plane for the 1998 Lightning Youth World Championships. The event was to be held at the Salinas Yacht Club, Salinas Ecuador, where the regular Worlds will be held in the fall of 1999. As we arrived at the club we were warmly greeted and given a tour of the club. All the male competitors were taken to the dorms right on the yacht club property while the girls were shown to their hotel rooms a few blocks down the beach. The girls certainly lucked out with their accommodations but we didn't complain.

While the rest of all the international sailors were arriving, the club was hosting their annual, Ecuador vs. Columbia Regatta. This meant that all the boats, which were to be used for the Junior Worlds, were in use. This gave us a little bit more time to become acquainted and acclimatized.

There were 16 teams from eight countries and three continents. Representing Canada were two teams, one, ours,

from Toronto and one from Montreal. The team from Montreal consisted of Andrew Allen, Brent Basserman and Oliver Bone, while the team from Toronto was made up of Matt Simpson (RCYC), Dan Sprague (Boulevard Club) and Jessica Simpson (RCYC).

There was one practice day and an informal practice day before the regatta started. For the Worlds two races were scheduled for each of the three days for a total of six races. At the beginning of each day, every team was assigned the two boats they would be sailing in the day's races. Racing started at one giving the competitors time to set-up their boat. After each race you would sail to shore, de-rig your boat and go to the next boat you were assigned. Once rigged you would head back out to the racecourse for the next race. There was approximately an hour and 45 minutes for you to complete this from the finish of the first boat to the start of the next race. This system worked well and made sure the boats were as equal as could be. It seemed to work based on the results.





One major factor in the racing was the extreme heat. The average temperature was around 30 - 34 degrees, with intense sunshine and high humidity. Many teams, including us, found dehydration was a major concern.

The conditions, though warm, were near perfect for racing. The first day we had the predominant breeze out of the SW at about 10-15 knots. For the next two days we had an unusual breeze (that's what regatta organizers always say) out of the NW with wind speeds ranging from 5 to 15 knots with moderate chop. Along with the puffs came 30-degree shifts with no noticeable pattern. This made the racing very challenging and the top sailors began to emerge. However, no one boat won more than one race and of the six races five different countries each won a race. In the end the racing was incredibly close with a three-way tie for fourth and only 12 points between 1st place and us. The winning boat was from the US, followed by the Greeks and then the Colombians. The boat from Montreal ended up fifth while we were seventh (and only 4 points from 4th). The highlight of our regatta was the last day when, overcoming our internal issues, we scored two thirds.

The intense competition, relaxed atmosphere on shore and lively festivities made this an event to remember. We all made a lot of new friends from all over the world and saw in addition to good racing they all knew how to party well. In fact I think that the South Americans had an edge in that area and it wasn't just that they spoke Spanish better! I would personally like to thank my two teammates, Jessica (my older sister) and Dan (he won a trophy as the youngest crewmember in the regatta), it was their dedication and per-



Photos: the Canadian team practicing in Toronto for the Youth Worlds. Photos by David Sprague

sistence that held us together. As a team, we would like to thank the dads? Tom Simpson and David Sprague who took on the role of team managers and made the trip the success it was. Without their guidance, love and support, as well as the odd kick in the behind, none of this would have been possible. We would also like to extend our thanks to our sponsors, Sperry Top-Sider, and Rector Foods Inc. your support was greatly appreciated. Thank You.

After the regatta, we all played tourist and went travelling to take advantage of the distance we had come and to learn more about the country of the people who had done a magnificent job of hosting the Worlds. Dan and his dad, David went off for a 9-day sail in the Galapagos Islands and found them a truly enchanted group of islands. Jess and my dad, Tom went off to the interior of Ecuador and a 200-mile canoe down the Amazon. Here we learned an incredible amount about a unique area of the world. We all then met up in Quito for the flight back to Canada. As we flew back to civilization? we all reflected on the fantastic trip we had all been on. Wonderful sailing, great people, an unbelievable country and we got to miss school too!

I look forward to the next Juniors in Greece. This was my first year sailing Lightnings and it was a great learning experience for all of us as well as a chance to meet some great people at the regattas we travelled to, in preparation for the Ecuador. At each regatta someone was kind enough to put us up at their house, showed us where to go and helped us improve. Thanks to you all you know who you are. This is a great class and I look forward to sailing the Lightning Class next year.



Start of 1st Race. Photo Tom Boxberger

Youth World Championship Sailing Action at Salinas Yacht Club

-DAVID SPRAGUE



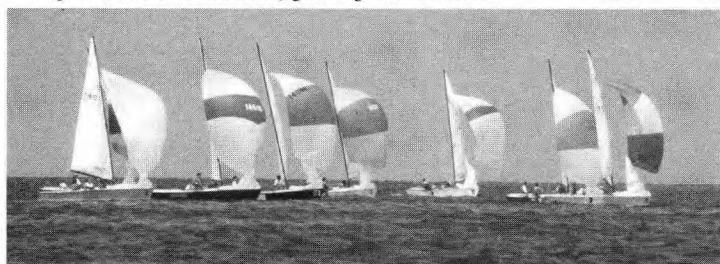
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November 23-28 YOUTH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

SALINAS YACHT CLUB, SALINAS, ECUADOR

November 23-28, 1998, 16 Teams, 6 Races, 1 Throwout

	Country / Team	Races						total points	Final Points
		#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6		
1	USA / Sean Carroll Karl Schutte, Kate Sheahan	dsq	9	1	2	6	2	38	20
2	Greece / Constantinos Merentitis Hilias Manolakis, Michalis Koulianos	7	5	2	13	2	6	35	22
3	Colombia / J. Camilo Bustos Camilo Salcedo, Nicolas Deeb	3	1	12	9	5	7	37	25
4	USA / John Boxberger Jim Ward, Allison Stevens	1	6	5	3	13	ocs	46	28
5	Canada / Andrew Allen Brent Bassermann, Oliver Bone	8	2	6	8	15	4	43	28
6	Ecuador / Sebastian Meira Octavio Jarrin, Francisco Soriano	5	3	14	6	9	5	42	28
7	Canada / Matt Simpson Daniel Sprague, Jessica Simpson	6	12	9	11	3	3	44	32
8	Peru / Derek Marston Juan Andres Marchini, Gianfranco Martinell	ocs	13	7	4	1	8	51	33
9	Brazil / Bruno Ficker Marcos Biekarck, Patrick Fleury	2	7	dsq	16	10	1	54	36
10	USA / Nicolas Mercier Pike Severance, Kat Ward	dsq	8	3	10	4	11	54	36
11	Brazil / Fernando Bocciarelli Richard Zietemann, Martin Zachne	4	11	8	7	11	9	50	39
12	Chile / Pablo Herman Varella L. Philipe Herman, Andress Guevara	ocs	4	4	14	12	10	62	44
13	Colombia / Loreana Jacob Pedro Latill, Jessica P. Jacob	11	10	13	5	8	12	59	46
14	Ecuador / Carlos Andres Plaza Miguel Macias, Alfredo Marin	10	14	11	1	16	ocs	70	52
15	Colombia / Alvaro Bustos A. Maria Bustos, Susana Salcedo	9	15	15	12	7	14	72	57
16	Ecuador / Juan Carlos Vidal Juan Rafael Santos, Juan Jose Ferreti	12	16	10	15	14	13	80	64



Photos David Sprague