

# INTERNATIONAL LIGHTNING CLASS ASSOCIATION

Sailing with skipper and crew of two, the Lightning is the place to hone your one design sailing skills instead of flogging your wallet on the latest high tech go-fast gear!

As a club racer or as a regatta circuit regular, Lightning racing will provide you and your crew the highest level of one design competition and skill development at minimal cost. Some of the nation's finest sailors have spent a great amount of time racing Lightnings, including 2013 Rolex Yachtswoman of the year Jody (Swanson) Starck, Andy Horton, Jay and Jody Lutz, Greg and Matt Fisher, Betsy Alison, Tim Healy, Allan Terhune, Brad Read, Ken Read, Terry Hutchinson, Dave Dellenbaugh, Ted Turner and many more.

With over 75 years of success, more than 15,540 hulls built for 130 fleets sailing in the United States and 17 different countries, the Lightning class is the longest operating and best organized one design sailing organization in the world.

## ***Why sail a Lightning:***

- Competitive and challenging racing at the Local, National and International Levels
- Affordable, family friendly class
- Fun, social parties
- Diverse age demographics
- Race with a crew of three
- Simple rig but opportunity for advanced sail shape controls
- Good investment, boats hold their value
- 2 competitive US builders
- Excellent selection of used boats available
- Opportunity to travel within the US to sail in over 8 major regattas (40 or more boats) per year.
- Stable Class over 75 years young
- Organized class office and volunteer run board
- Active classic boat group

***"The Lightning class is, consistently and by far, the largest multi-crew one design in the world in terms of number of fleets, active class members, and regatta participation. Lightning's are extremely technical & tactical to race due to a hard-chine hull and advanced sail plan. The Lightning class is, very arguably, the strongest level of competition in all of one design racing..." - US Sailing***

***"Some of the best sailors in the world are sailing the Lightning"***  
- Dave Dellenbaugh

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