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Notice Of Meetings

The next meeting of the International Lightning Class Association Governing Board, District Commodores, Vice Presidents and Executive Committee Members, will be held Thursday, March 14, 2013, at 9:30 AM in the St. Petersburg Yacht Club, during the Winter Championship.

Reminder**

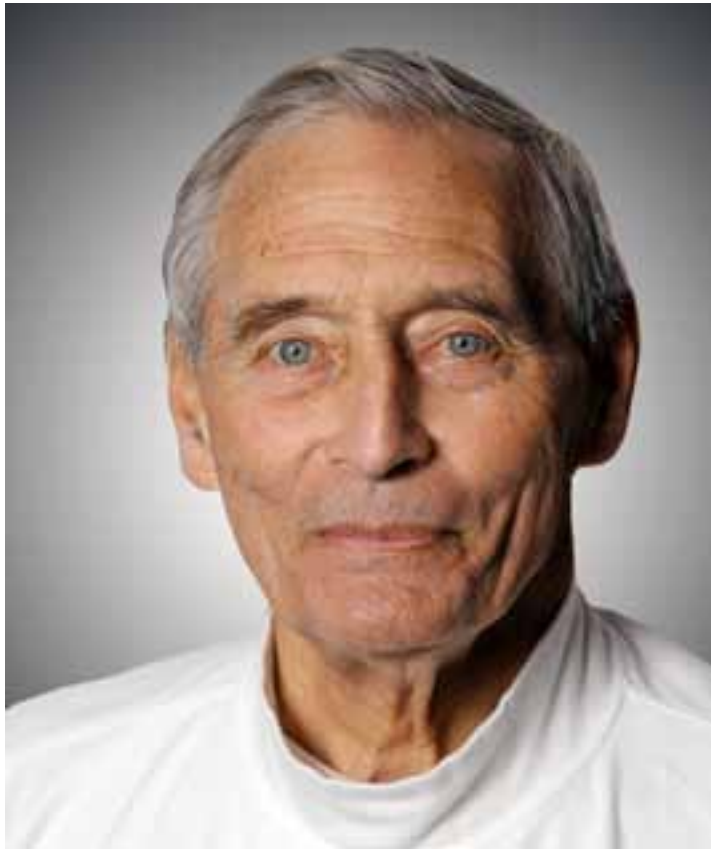
Governing Board Members, written reports may be submitted to the Class Office prior to March 1 for inclusion in the meeting materials.

The Winter Meeting of the International Lightning Class Association will be held Thursday, March 14, 2013, at 6:00 PM in the St. Petersburg Yacht Club during the Winter Championship.



*Carrie Houtman, John McCree, Amy Abramczyk
2012 Bluenose Champions
Carrie is the first female skipper to ever win the Bluenose!*

Remembering Thomas G. Allen, III



The Lightning Class lost a great legend when Thomas Gilchrist Allen, III passed away on December 6, 2012 at the age of 81.

Tom Allen, III of Amherst, New York was the husband of fifty-six years to Anne Smither Allen. An entrepreneur, boat builder, champion sailor and a passionate lover of the Buffalo Canoe Club and his summer home in Bay Beach, Ontario, Tom will be remembered for his uncanny ability to build and sail boats.

He attended the Nichols School in Buffalo. He was a member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity at Albion College and graduated in 1953, followed by two years in the Navy, where he was a member of the swimming team. In 1961 he founded the Allen Boat Company in Buffalo, New York, where he built sailboats, but most notably, the Lightning class sailboat. Initially, his boats were built of wood, but over time, their construction switched to fiberglass. He became the largest manufacturer of the Lightning class boat in the world. At the time of his passing, Tom was still affiliated with the Allen Boat Company, which is now run by his son, Thomas Allen.

Tom's sailing record is legendary. Over the span of his life he has won four Lightning World Championships, eight North American Lightning Championships, a Flying Dutchman North American Championship, the Albacore Nationals, a gold and silver medal in the Pan American Games, and was an alternate member of the U.S. Olympic Team in the Flying Dutchman class for the 1968 Olympics in

Mexico. He has won so many races that it is difficult to portray the extent of his success.

His success was also a partnership. His wife Anne, who also grew up sailing at Bay Beach, was his lifetime crew, sailing with him every step of the way in the Lightning. Racing the Lightning, they traveled throughout Europe and South America. In 1961 he was awarded the March of Dimes Award for Sport as well as the Buffalo Athletic Club's Athlete of the Year. Tom served as Commodore of the Buffalo Canoe Club in 1985. In 1996 Tom was the first sailor to be inducted into the Buffalo Sports Hall of Fame. And in 2007 he was honored by being awarded a life membership in the Lightning Class.

In Tom's opinion one of his finest accomplishments and joy is the fact that all of his family, right down to the youngest grandchild, is involved in sailing.

Tom is survived by his wife, partner and crew, Anne Smither Allen, and his four children; Jane Allen of Canton, Michigan, Brenda Crane of Darien, Connecticut, Thomas Allen of Kenmore, New York, and James Allen of Walled Lake, Michigan. A sister, Joan Armour, survives him. He also leaves behind six grandchildren: Robert, Kelly, Shelby, Karl, Tyler and Abby.

Many have shared their thoughts about Tom and the wonderful memories they have shared with him. We invite you to take a few minutes to journey back and see what fellow sailors have shared.

Shelby Allen, Granddaughter of Tom, has written a heartfelt tribute titled "The Stuff Legends Are Made Of, Forever a Part of Me, Forever Remembered, Forever Loved" to her grandfather and that can be read in its entirety.

Amy Smith Linton interviewed Tom in 2006, and a link to the Sailing Anarchy Forum with memories shared by Peter Huston can be found at:

<http://www.lightningclass.org/resources/news/2012/tomallensr.asp>

A special tribute written by Dave Powlison can also be found in the current March, 2013, issue of Sailing World.



Tom (12511) sailing with daughter Jane and Larry Bone leading the pack at the 1974 NAs in Cleveland



President's Message

John Faus

In late October I headed out to Denver to visit my nephew who is a junior at the University of Denver. Who knew that this short weekend getaway would turn into ten days away from home? Luckily for me I had some of the best hosts anyone can have, Jan and Steve Davis. I can't thank them enough. This is what makes our Class such an amazing one! We have extended family all over.

Hurricane Sandy has come and gone, and the images on TV can only show a portion of the damage that has occurred. Homes, yacht clubs, businesses and schools have sustained damage, but they will rebuild and rebound. Please visit the ILCA home page to see the reports from some of our fleets. Thank you to the many folks who offered help or just contacted people to make sure all was well!

2013 is here, and we are celebrating a birthday. The Lightning is 75 this year! This is a huge accomplishment and a testament to the design and to the ILCA.

We will be celebrating the 75th at four different events in 2013. The first was at the New Year's Eve banquet during the Chilean Nationals in Pucón! I am very lucky to have had the opportunity to attend! Mucho gracias, Victor! We will then have our next 75th event during the St. Pete portion of the Southern Circuit, with the Saturday night banquet being an extra special evening. The next will be at the World Championships in Italy and, finally, at the North Americans at Cedar Point Yacht Club. Here again is an amazing situation—we are celebrating our 75th on three continents! How many international classes can say that! Please try to make it to one of these events in 2013. You are guaranteed to have fun both on and off the water.

Speaking of the Worlds, Dave Starck has been working non-stop with the regatta organizers in Italy. Renzo Bozzi, Sergio Rustichelli and the entire Italian crew are looking forward to hosting Lightning sailors from around the World. Thanks to Abby and Rob Ruhlman for scouting out the new location! Lake Trasimeno is really an amazing area, and we have commitments from ten countries! If you qualify as a Master, contact someone that is sailing the regular

Worlds and see if you can team up for the International Masters' Championship.

I am constantly amazed by the devotion of our Classic/Wooden boat members. This group interacts on a daily basis through the Yahoo Lightning Wooden boat group! I am not lying when I say they communicate by email on a daily basis. The amount of rigging and building advice is remarkable, as is the wealth of knowledge that these folks have. We thank Bob Astrove for all of his hard work with this important segment of our membership!

If you don't receive the daily Scuttlebutt sailing emails, you should sign up! (www.sailingscuttlebutt.com) The ILCA and the Boat Grant Program continue to receive great press. Most recently, we were included in a three-day discussion on the Lightning's place in the one-design world (link to the discussion). Each article also included a call for applications for the Boat Grant program! Can you believe this program is already entering its seventh season! It seems like yesterday that Bob King and Sarah Costich were some of our first grantees—now they are married!! Congratulations! I highly encourage all of our members to be on the lookout for a team that they believe is qualified for this program. It really is an amazing opportunity.

The Southern Circuit is just around the corner. It's not too late to put a plan together! It might be the last time to experience all three Southern Circuit venues during the same week.

Bill Faude has been elected as the fifth member of the ILCA Executive Committee. We welcome Bill's balanced thought process, humor and marketing skills. Bill is a past ILCA President and continues to be an asset to the both the Executive Committee and the Governing Board.

Finally, I encourage you to renew your ILCA membership today. Maybe add a few crew memberships while you are there and consider making a donation to one of the great ILCA Funds!

Here's to a great start of 2013! See you all at the Southern Circuit!

75 Years of Lightning Sailing

75th Anniversary Shirts and Hats



Devon & Jones Ladies stretch pique polo with Lycra and ribbon placket. 6.5 oz., 97% cotton, 3% Lycra® spandex jersey; Stretch tape in shoulders for added strength; Neat, no-button placket; Striped grosgrain ribbon tape inside placket; Double-needle stitching on sleeves and hem; Side vents; Color Peony Blue, sizes small, medium, large, XL, XXL \$35



Devon & Jones Men's solid pima polo. 100% long-staple Peruvian Pima cotton interlock; Three-button placket with Dura-Pearl™ buttons; Stretch tape in shoulders for extra strength; Split tail with side vents. Luxurious soft cotton jersey material! Color Red, sizes medium, large and XL, but we only have the three sizes – \$35



Adams Cool Caps, pigment dyed. 100% garment-washed cotton twill; 6-panel, unstructured, low-profile; Tuck-away leather back strap; Antiqued brass buckle and grommet; Cool-Crown™ mesh lining; Four rows of stitching on bill. Colors: White, Lime and Nautical Red – \$20



Sunblock Neck Drape Hat – \$28



Please Join Us During One of These Special Anniversary Celebrations!

More details will be posted on the ILCA website soon.

⚡	Chilean Nationals	12/31/2012
⚡	St Petersburg Winter Championships	3/16/2013
⚡	World Championship	6/9/2013
⚡	North American Championship	8/21/2013

We are looking for stories that describe what the Lightning Class means to you and your family or photos that show the make-up of our Class. These items can be as long or as short as you would like. They may be used in the yearbook, Flashes, monthly e-Blasts or on the website. Please contact the Class Office if you have any questions or would like to submit a bit of history.

What Has It Meant to You?

Quantico 1961



"Bewitched" 12052, L to R, Clarke Newman, Sylvan Newman, Keith Newman



1980 Metropolitan District Group Photo



Generations 3, 4, and 5 racing in Skaneateles, 2008, on Lightning #2



Fisk Hayden, Steve Hayden, and Jeffrey Hayden

Together, we're doing a great many things to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the International Lightning Class. There will be parties. There are already special membership stickers for our boats. There will be special glassware for the Southern Circuit that you can then buy afterward...lots of stuff! What does it all have in common?

It symbolizes seventy-five years of how together, we are something big and powerful and lasting that's made up of a lot of individual experiences and commitments...of families and new boats and old boats and great friends no longer with us and new babies who are now winning the North Americans. We're made up of memories...of late nights in the boat house or behind the spinnaker curtains at the Spring Classic or fixing holes as big as your head overnight after a little crash...or of that 20-knot plane over 9' waves at the World Championship that will never be forgotten. You get the point. There are a lot of personal memories in our 75 years and we'd like to find a way to remember them.

That's where you come in:

Send us a picture. Just one. Or more than one, but no more than five. But send at least one picture that symbolizes something you just love or loved about Lightning sailing. We'll take that photo and make it a part of something truly special, something we can keep for a long time. And maybe something we can share with people who don't know Lightning sailing like we do.

There's a deadline:

You need to send the photo to 75thphotoproject@lightningclass.org by March 1. Please do us a favor and put the names of people in the photo, the location and date, if known, in the subject line or in the body of the email. Please don't send a paper picture. It's 2013, you can scan a photo and email it, or you can find someone who will be happy to help you.

There's an award:

Since we're by nature competitive beings, of course, there is a contest and an award. The Executive Committee will review the best photos you send in, and we will select the single 'best' one. Frankly, it doesn't seem like that tough a job sitting here right now with no photos in yet. Yes, it is an impossible job, but we will select the best single one, and the person who sent it in will get six 75th Anniversary glasses to add to their Lightning collection.

The announcement will be made at the 75th Anniversary Celebration, Saturday, March 16, in St. Petersburg.



Lightning Family News

Just Launched



Jacinta Lobos Imschenetzky, born October 29, 2012.

Will be available for crewing at the 2030 Southern Circuit!



Emma Grace Flack, born September 6, 2012, 7 pounds, 7 ounces, 21 inches long.

Just Married



Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Ryan Ruhlman
married on September 8, 2012.



Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Robert King
married on September 8, 2012.

"...Hopefully you just received the Lightning Flashes in your post mail box. I, for one, forget how nice it is to receive a print copy. In the past few days, it has traveled with me from my home office to the living room couch, and then to the sailing club where I will post it on the Lightning bulletin board—showing off to other classes and boat owners what a great class association we have!...

I think it is a brilliant move to promote the printed version. I just renewed my membership and included the print versions in my order. In the past, I never printed the eFlashes and barely looked at them, usually planning to read it another time that never happened.

Keep up the great work!"

Lori Foster – Fleet #77

George P. Glenn

It is with sadness that we share the passing of Dr. George P. Glenn. Dr. Glenn was an avid Lightning sailor who taught both his son Gidge and John Parker how to crew on his Lightning "Peaches," which was named for his third crew, his wife Lillian.

After racing many years with Fleet #99, Dr. Glenn, along with three other Lightning sailors, decided to create a new Lightning Fleet, #430, at the Ocean City Yacht Club in the late 60s. He helped to create one of the strongest Lightning fleets in the South Jersey area.

Dr. Glenn will be missed by his many friends and especially by his two sons Gidge and Jimmy Glenn.



Jonathan Lutz was featured as one of Gary Jobson's Junior All Stars for 2012 in the January/February 2013 issue of Sailing World for his wins this past summer at the NAs. <http://www.sailingworld.com/news/jobson-junior-all-stars>

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2012 Yearbooks have been mailed. Please watch your mailbox for either the printed book (if you ordered one) or the CD. Printed yearbooks are \$25 each and the CD is mailed to all Skipper and Associate members.

2013 Yearbook Report Deadline!

All Fleet and District reports recapping events from 2012 are due by NOW. Please remember that photos for the yearbook need to be a minimum of 300 dpi in order for them to be printable. Please submit articles and photos to the Class Office.

Publication Deadlines:

2013 Yearbook–NOW

2013 Printed Flashes deadlines:

April 8

July 8

October 7

2013 MIDWEST DISTRICT RACE SCHEDULE

This is a open district to all who may want to join and have some great racing and meet great people.

FOND DU LAC (LIGHTHOUSE)	JUNE 1 – 2
GREEN BAY DISTRICTS	JUNE 22 – 23
MILWAUKEE SAILING CTR	JULY 20 – 21
GREEN BAY (EVANS)	JULY 27 – 28
SHEBOYGAN (BROTZ)	AUGUST 24 – 25
CHICAGO (RED FLANNELS)	SEPTEMBER 21 – 22

These are all open regattas, anyone and all are invited.

For more info. Please e-mail doug olson at:
deo10349@gbonline.com

2013 European, International Masters and World Championships

June 3–14, 2013



- The 2013 ILCA World, Master and European Championships will be held at the Club Velico Castiglione (CVC) in Castiglione del lago, Italy. June 3-14, 2013.
Regatta website: <http://www.lightningclass.it/inthome.htm>
- [NOTICE OF RACE](#) is now posted on the ILCA Website for the World, International Masters and European Championships.
- [On-line entry form](#) is now available. Entries are due by March 31, 2013, to avoid a late entry fee.
- [Preferred hotel arrangements](#) have been made. The list is posted on the ILCA website. Look over the list, and send your request or any questions to: lightning2013housing@cvcastiglione.it
- Are you planning to go to the Worlds and need crew? Or would like to sail in the European or International Master Championships and need a boat to charter? Post your need or want on the [Logistics Notice Board](#).
- [Country Allocations](#): In accordance with the Document Governing All Sanctioned Lightning Class Championships, the following allocations have been made for the 2013 ILCA World Championship at the Club Velico Castiglione in Castiglione del lago, Italy June 7-14, 2013. Please let David Starck or Secretary Jeffers know how many slots your Country anticipates using or if it desires any additional slots AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Initial reports indicate 11 Countries are planning to attend:

1. USA	7. Greece
2. Canada	8. Italy
3. Argentina	9. Switzerland
4. Brazil	10. Australia
5. Chile	11. Nigeria
6. Finland	
- Please contact: David Starck at dstarck@aol.com or Laura Jeffers at office@lightningclass.org or lightning2013info@cvcastiglione.it with any questions or comments.

[More Information about the CVC and Castiglione del lago, Italy](#)

Travel Tips

From Roma Termini there is a local train to arrive at Castiglione del lago (2 hours). The distance from the station of Castiglione del lago to the yacht club is about 1.5 km.

Another option is to rent a car in Rome-Fiumicino and then take the highway A1 (Firenze direction) and get the exit of Bettolle. Follow the signs Perugia for 18.5 km until the exit Castiglione del Lago (10 km).

Final option is to fly into Perugia, Sant'Egidio airport, which is well connected with Barcellona and London via Ryan Air (<http://www.airport.umbria.it/>). As you arrive in Sant'Egidio. You should advise us, and we will bring you to Castiglione del Lago. Send an email to lightning2013info@cvcastiglione.it with your contact information and arrival date/time. You will receive an email confirmation.

Looking forward to seeing you!

Sergio Rustichelli

Italian District Secretary

Those shipping boats from the US: All shipping deposits (\$3,000 total) are now due into the ILCA Class Office. We will be shipping out of NJ (Mark Schneider's Plant) with container packing sometime between April 11-15th. Please have your boats double stacked and at the plant by April 7th. We will also be shipping out of Texas (Houston Yacht Club) with container packing around April 13.

Containers will also be shipped from Chile and will also leave mid-April. For information on shipping out of Chile contact Andres Gomez (agomez@ultramar.cl).

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Help celebrate the ILCA's 75th Anniversary by Sailing in the 2013 Southern Circuit!



What is the Southern Circuit?

The Southern Circuit is a series of three regattas over the course of nine days. It's been a Lightning Class tradition for decades. It starts at Savannah, Georgia, then picks up and moves to Miami, Florida, and finishes in St. Petersburg, Florida. However, this may be our last year as a three-venue circuit. 2014 will be a one-year trial of two venues, Miami and St. Petersburg. The 2015 circuit will be decided after surveys go out, and the Class as a whole will determine if any permanent changes will be made to the Circuit.

The Southern Circuit is scored as an accumulation of points—you get a single drop from the series of races, which can be up to sixteen races—more racing in a week than you'll find at the World Championships!

You can switch out crew between the regattas, and you can co-skipper with a buddy or two. The only provision is that the skipper or co-skippers need to be on board for the whole series. And everyone needs to be a Class member.

Looking for crew or wanting to crew, looking for a boat to charter or have a boat to charter, and/or need housing/accommodations, check these websites:

[Deep South](#)

[Midwinter Championship](#)

[Winter Championships](#)

Direct links are available on the front page of the ILCA website:

www.lightningclass.org

What's New About this Year?

- [On-the-water mentorship program](#).
The deadline to apply is February 20.

We will match up participants that would like to work on their technique or tactics with seasoned veterans. To sign up as a mentor recipient or as a mentor, please send an email to: southerncircuit@lightningclass.org

• [New Games and Entertainment](#)

We are planning in honor of the Class' 75th Anniversary! Brush up on your Lightning trivia and be ready for a whole new scavenger hunt!

• [Sailing the WHOLE Circuit???](#)

A \$25 discount is available to teams sailing the whole circuit and who register and pay for all three regattas through the Class website before March 1, 2013. No waiting in line to register—just pick up your meal tickets and SI's at each venue. Pay for it now, no worries later.

- We will be taking t-shirt and lunch orders for the Deep South Regatta. Be sure to register before March 1 to order your t-shirts in the sizes you want! T-Shirts will be available on a first come, first served basis during on-site registration for those that register after March 1.

Should I Bring the Family?

With the understanding that the sailors will be a tired and salty bunch at the end of the day, absolutely!

Each stop on the Circuit has its own charms and attractions. Bed-and-breakfast in Savannah, enjoy low country cuisine, take in the history. Miami's got it all: major shopping, beaches, the beautiful people, galleries, and live music. St. Petersburg is a lovely small city with access to wide white beaches, good bargains and high-end shopping, museums, and more.

What Other Gear Should I Remember?

Sunblock, sunblock, sunblock, and dryer squares to ward off the bugs in Savannah. Cold weather gear and shorts. We usually see it all.

How Much Will This Cost Me?

It's cheaper than a week at Disney, but you get a better set of bruises and much more unusual tan lines. The regattas themselves offer good value: Savannah usually plans three races, with an entry fee of \$165. Miami runs for three days, with an entry fee of \$180. The last stop at St. Petersburg encompasses four days for \$195. Note discount described above for sailing all three venues.

Several meals are provided. Savannah includes three roasted oyster dinners for your \$165. Boxed lunches are available at \$7.50 each. Dinners in Miami? In St. Petersburg three tickets to Thursday night's Welcome Party and Saturday evening's Banquet are included with your entry fee. Additional tickets may be purchased.



Original 1958 Blue Lowell North Main

In honor of our 75th Anniversary, Class Historian Clayton Gray and his Lightning #7592 will be sailing in St. Pete. He has been working on this boat and fitting it with self-rescuing tanks that he plans to test in St Pete.

Gray will also have lots of books, magazines and post-cards to share. He will also have an original North Sails main, built in 1958, on display—most likely made by Lowell North himself!

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! To the following Southern Circuit Sponsors!

If you are interested sponsorship or donating prizes for the Circuit, please contact [Terry Hamilton](#) or the [Class Office](#).



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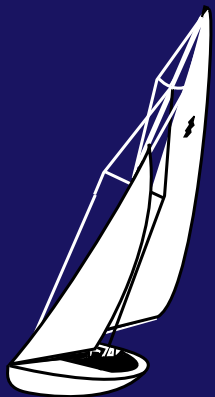


Please enter your 2013 Regattas into the ILCA Regatta Calendar!

Help other Lightning Sailors plan their regatta schedule!

To add an event, click on the "Lightning Regattas – 2013" link on the front page of the ILCA website. Then click on the "add event" link. You will be prompted to enter your ID and password. Your ID is simply your last name spelled out and your password is your full email address. For example: johndoe@gmail.com

Your id and password will only work if your 2013 membership is current. If you have any questions or problems updating the ILCA Regatta Calendar, please contact Laura at: office@lightningclass.org



Classic



Lightning

Bob Astrove — astrove@hotmail.com

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/wooden_lightning

Classic Lightnings

Bob Astrove

A few notes to bring everyone up to date on what is going on in the “Classic Lightning” world.

For starters, 2013 is the 75th anniversary of the Lightning Class, and that is a big deal. Our Class Historian, Corky Gray, is working on a series of articles to bring us all up to date on the history of the Class. He hopes to write about the roots of the design and initial production. From there, the discussion will continue with its meteoric popularity over the boat’s first thirty years. Next he hopes to examine why the Lightning is one of few classes to make a successful transition to fiberglass and remains today one of the most popular one-design classes.

Corky is also encouraging all the Districts and Fleets to dig through their archives and share some of the information they find. The Class website is the perfect place to preserve our history.

Corky, along with myself as his crew, are planning on going to St. Pete with his newly restored Lippy, #7592. He and I would love to see some old documents and hear some stories while there.

A couple of big dates I suspect no one is aware of are October 15–17, 2013, which is the actual 75th anniversary of the launch of #1, and January 12, 2014, which will be the actual 75th anniversary of the establishment of the Class Association.

We are currently in the planning process for some classic Lightning events for 2013. This past year we had boats at the Rock Hall, Maryland, Wooden Boat Magazine “WOOD Regatta,” the annual Woody Regatta in Syracuse, and we had a group at the Philadelphia Cup last September. I expect similar events this year, but I’m always looking for anyone interested to get together a classic boat group at other Lightning events. We appear to be growing in the Chesapeake Bay area and might try to piggyback the classic boat event they have in late September to our calendar.

We have also had some recent discussion about trying to get together a classic boat presence at the Masters’ Championship this year at Nyack, New York, as several of us, as well as the age of our boats, are old enough. Nyack presents a nice, centrally located and typical lighter air venue that might be kind to our old boats. Last September I met Bob Meltzer from Sheboygan. He would love a classic boat fleet at their hosting of the Masters’ Championships in 2014—something our mid western classic boat owners should start to think about.

This year was our busiest year ever on our internet Classic Lightning site. Unlike the typical local fleet structure of the Class, for the spread out and typically non racing, classic Lightning owner, the site has become the vital support group and central point of contact

for those of us with older boats. http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Wooden_Lightning.

And beyond the group internet activity, I hear from so many people looking for help with the old glass and wood boats they are restoring. Sometimes I can help, and other times I refer them to one of the other enthusiasts I have met over the past decade. And it's not just in the northeast US. I have Lightning restoration friends in Columbia, Argentina, Switzerland, California, Texas, Wisconsin, etc.—it is happening everywhere!

Please check out our Yahoo group. And, please, while it started out as a “Woody” site, it's not just for “Woody” owners. There are so many people giving second lives to the older glass boats now. I myself am doing that too, to a fifty-year-old glass boat, #8739.. I put some paint on just this morning. These are fantastic individual or family projects. Better yet, they are a great way to give your teenagers or twenty-something young adults a boat and make them earn it through a little sweat equity. And it's not just about getting a cheap boat. The skills and challenges of restoration are fun, educational, and personally rewarding. We've got people doing boats on small budgets, big budgets, and some unlimited budgets at all. We also have a few folks buying plans and working on new construction. They freely share their challenges on our electronic discussion board.

But our primary discussion topics are maintenance. Recent discussions include re-coring sections of an old glass Lippincott. The photos of one project scared me, and I've done it before.

Paint selection and techniques are recurring themes, and some that absolutely apply to both glass and wood boats. Some other recent discussions include addressing leaks, deck covering and finishing.

But the biggest discussion point of the year was on the safety of the boats in capsize situations. A few of us had the opportunity to go

over this last year—myself included. My last lighting capsize was in 1980, at Quantico. My experience, along with a few others who went swimming last summer re-focused us on a fantastic ILCA web site article by our very own America's Cup designer and fellow Lightning enthusiast and restorer, Scott Graham:

<http://www.lightningclass.org/resources/woodenBoats/articles/general/flotation.asp>

This is a must read for any classic Lightning sailor. His calculations and simulations on how the boat behaves when capsized or swamped and what it needs to self rescue are accurate. I had implemented about two-thirds of his recommendations to my own boat and actually enjoyed a successful self rescue in my woody last September.

The most active in the Class may or may not be aware of all the activity in the classic Lightning world. But rest assured that, after seventy-five years, there is still lots of interest and lots of activity. Very few of the old boats race, but they are out there on weekends and being brought back to life in garages everywhere.

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The following accessories can also be purchased with the boat. Two full sets of North Sail Fisher sails: main, jib, and R2 spinnaker (1 medium used set and 1 barely used set). JCD tiller extension. Tack Tick compass. Set of Harken Covers: (i) Travel, (ii) Mooring, (iii) Mast, and (iv) Full Rudder. Max thick centerboard. 2012 Nickels Galvanized Long Tongue Trailer with front mast stand, steel fenders, lights, and aft kickstand. Currently located in Detroit, MI. Going to Miami and St. Pete for Southern Circuit. Contact Kevin at kevin.morin@macroconnect.net or 313-595-5919

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15368 Nickels 2008 Lightning. Fresh water, lightly used, stored indoors. Full race equipment, Nickels long tongue galvanized trailer w/spare - less than 250 miles. One set of sails, suitable for club racing. Traveling/mast covers. \$15,000, offers. Located Vermont. Contact david.little@med.uvm.edu, 802-893-4211. 15356 Nickels 2008 with Nickels trailer. Lightly used; optimized for racing; meticulously maintained; stored indoors during last winter. The boat comes with 2010 North Fisher main, jib and R2 spinnaker; and 2008 VSP practice sails. Many upgrades, including: Tacktick Micro compass; APS tapered spinnaker pole; carbon fiber tiller extension; JCD bow doinker; JCD mast blocks; and North covers (bottom, top and mast). The boat is located in Darien, Connecticut, minutes from the venue for the 2013 North Americans! \$15,500.00 2011 North Fisher main, jib and R2 spinnaker USED ONE DAY also available (price negotiable--would be \$3000+ to buy new). Contact John at johngreifzu@gmail.com or (203) 505-0076

15259 Nickels (Off Like A Prom Dress) 2004 Lightning fully loaded, 705 lbs at 2011 NAs, max thick stainless board. Rigging, boat and all components in excellent condition. Always dry sailed. Light grey interior and deck with white hull and black rub rails. Dual side controls with color-coded lines. Hull has Twing lines, 24 to 1 jib wire, Harken Jib leads, topping+wire run to the foredeck. Mainsheet internal/ external. Nickels aluminum: (i) mast, mast new in fall of 09. (ii) boom, (iii) spinnaker pole, and (iv) tiller with long carbon tiller extension. Lifting bridle. three (3) padded hiking straps. Dieball sails: main and jib new in 11 and used barley 1/2 season. Still usable UK main and jib, also included. Sail Rite Spinnaker also new and very lightly used in 11. Tac Tic compass. New North mooring cover, full trailering, mast and rudder covers. Nickels Galvanized Long Tongue Trailer with front mast stand, steel fenders, lights, spare tire. Currently located in Indiana. Call Brad Wagnon at 765-749-8556 (cel) or email b.wagnon46@gmail.com. \$14,500.00

15250 Allen - new 2006, with 1 set of old sails, one piece travel cover. \$18,500 after the 2013 Worlds. Could be sold in Europe after the Worlds or in the USA. If sold in Europe, must finish sale before shipping to Italy (April 1st) Boat located in Fairpoint, NY. Contact Dick Hallagan 970-319-1507 or via e-mail: sallymhume@gmail.com

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Fisher/North, I've got them all!!! Base price \$ 15,500 and I'll make you FAST. Cell (239) 503-1210, email info@markbryantsailing.com

15184 Nickels - Like new, only raced twice since she was built in 2003. This boat has been completely updated with new running rigging with a meticulous attention to detail on every fitting, line and system. New set of North Fishers used a total of 4 days on the water (2 at Deep South '12, 2 at Charleston Oyster '12). New Tactic. New Custom Teak Mast Blocks, Lines, Spectra, etc. Good Galvanized Trailer. Great mast up cover. O.K. travel cover. Located in Savannah and ready to race. This boat is like a brand new Nickels, Teflon polished and ready to race. Priced to move quickly at a firm \$13,750. Call John Porter 912.308.6308 or email at J.Porter@ms.com

15147 Nickels - Like new. Original owner lived in California with a cottage in Michigan. The boat was day-sailed less than 9 times per year and stored it inside for the winter. Minimum weight boat and rudder. Royal blue hull, white water line, white deck. Has 1/4 blue stripe around the non-skid area. Beautiful boat with all go fast controls, port and starboard. North/Fisher jib, main and very lightly used. Nickels galvanized trailer - ready to travel. \$11,500 - Call Joe Dissette, Midland, MI (989) 631-2133.

15024 - 2001 Nickels. Boat and rigging in excellent condition, Mostly fresh water and always dry sailed. Light grey interior and deck with white hull and black rub rails. Dual sided controls with color coded lines. Adjustable jib cars from side, Jib halyard run to center board trunk-wire to foredeck, twings lead to inside rail and spiced. backstay to side control and gross to inside of stern, Traveler to side control and spliced at rear, mainsheet internal/ external. nickels mast 2009, Boom, spinnaker pole, lifting bridle. 3 hiking straps-front for and aft, Sails North fisher- main Jib and spinnaker very good with another set Main jib spinnaker good. Compass. Guck Rudder with larger tiller. Travel covers bottom very good, top OK, dry sail cover Sailor Taylor OK. Nickels galvanized trailer with mast stand and light bar. Trevor Prior, boat located in Pennsylvania, 717 917 8602 or email tprior@finchinc.com A real good boat for a great price \$9,800

14980 Nickels (Holy Sheet) in great condition, stored inside. Hull is white with a teal green stripe. Includes 2 full sets of North sails main, spinnaker and jib, Fisher cut. Newest set of sails were used under 15x. Five spinnakers are as follows: North sails 14980 red/white/blue, North sails: 14980 pink/white /blue, Quantum chute never used (purchased for training new crew), a grey/ white/pink chute from prior boat 12125, a blue/white chute 12125. Additional sails: one additional main and 2 additional jibs 12125. Boat comes with fabricraft covers for the rudder and the mast. 2 piece Fabricraft travel cover (excellent condition) and a day cover. Price includes a fully galvanized trailer with working lights and a spare tire, in excellent condition. Also includes 3 spinnaker poles, tuning gauges, tool box full of extra parts, etc. \$11,500. Boat is located in southeastern NC at Carolina Yacht Club, Wrightsville Beach. Boat originally purchased by owner who barely used/sailed the boat fresh water and stored inside for winter. Contact Theresa Kramer at 910-470-1121 or there-sakramerpt@gmail.com

14927 Nickels, white on white in great shape. Ready to sail. 2 sets of North Fisher

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14727 Nickels (1995) White hull, Grey deck and interior with blue boot and deck stripes. 4 sets of sails (3 North, 1 Shore). 2 masts (1 new in 2010). 2 spinn poles, new running rigging. Top, Bottom, and Mast covers. Nickels trailer with long tongue, spare tire, and 3 mast light bar. Numerous extras email for details. Asking 11,000. Contact: Paul Email: pluisi001@gmail.com 732 500-4510

14712 Nickels. White Hull, White, Cockpit, White, Deck, Anti-Skid areas are light-gray, White rub rail, Water strip is maroon on either side of a light gray strip. Full side and deck controls, Has had limit to no use for the last (12) years, Always stored indoors during the summer & winter. Mast, bottom trailer, top trailer, full mooring, rudder, tiller/pole cover. Sails are very crisp. Manually adjusted lowers, Nickels trailer with wide bunks and extended tongue, Nickels trailer mounted mast setting post, spare tire, Traveler up/down. Beautiful boat. Built in 1995. \$10,500. Located in SW Michigan. thomasbarb@aol.com, or (269) 343-4906

14698 Nickels with a Nickels' trailer. It was built in 1995. I have the COO and title for both the boat and trailer. It appears that Fastiggi had it first and rigged it. Then the line boat goes to Han Birkholz, Jim Bigham, Joe Baggett, than me, Thomas Hissam. I have it in Wilmington, NC. It was faired 2 years ago. Have 2 sets of sails - one white and blue North Sail Fisher one designs (used). The other white and green from Dieball (new). 3 Chutes, one a reacher. New running rigging. Good standing rigging. Light grey deck, white hull. Traveling (upper and lower) cover and Day cover. \$9,250. Thomas Hissam this-sam61@gmail.com

14643 Nickels. White with teal trim, non skid deck. Hull in near perfect condition. Always dry sailed. One new set of sails, never used: North Fisher Main and Jib and R-2 Spinnaker. Two sets of practice sails. Dual side controls with color coded lines mounted under deck. Mooring cover and covers for rudder, mast, and spars. Compass and all gear included. Nickels galvanized trailer, mast stand, light bar, and spare tire. \$9,100. Located in SW Michigan. Call 269-350-1076 for pictures and more info.

14636 Nickels 1994 with 2 sets of sails (jib, main and spinnaker). 1 set of sails are NEW and have only been used a handful of times. Boat is in good condition and ready to sail. All blocks and lines in good condition. Comes with Traveling Trailer which is in good condition and spare tire. 2 covers, top and bottom. Boat is Dry Sail only. Boat has always been stored inside for the winter. Boat has won many Regatta's and is very fast. Clean title on boat. Email jessicasnyder18@hotmail.com or come see the boat in storage in Carlyle Illinois if interested. \$7500 or best offer. Photos

14222 Nickels, good condition. Light blue hull, white non-skid on deck. North/Fisher main, jib three years old, still very crinkly. Spinnker about six years old. Two sets of older practice sails. All halyards and lines replaced three years ago. Older trailer with new wood bunks, long tongue, light bar, wheels with bearing buddies, tires in good condition including mounted spare. Covers included for mast, rudder, mooring and travel need some

repair. Located in Charleston, SC. \$4800 OBO Contact russell.a.roberts@juno.com

14008 Nickels Light Green hull and buff deck. Sails -- Main, jib, two spinnakers, Bryant Mast, beautiful wood rudder with cover. Mooring cover, mast cover and travel cover. Many new lines and rebuilt trailer. Good fast boat in super condition. Located in Maryland. \$3,550 skip.parry@tetrattech.com 518-774-2943

14004 Allen, Galv. CB, all running rigging new, Harken controls Sails: Quantum M/J (1 regatta), North J, Fisher M/J, 3 Spin Allen low-ride trailer, light bar, new spare Accessories: Anchor/Rode, paddle, boom crutch, seat cushion, mast blocks, lift bridle, compass, mooring cover. \$3,950, Located in Champaign, IL Contact: D. Walker 202-436-4562, cliff@stlouissailandpaddle.com

13740 Nickels. The boat is well rigged and an absolutely perfect boat to learn the lighting on. I am asking \$3,500 which includes several sets of sails, the trailer and everything else needed to get on the water. The boat has always been competitively raced and is rigged and ready to go with all hardware and equipment needed to race. The boat has always been dry sailed, most recently out of Riverton Yacht Club in NJ (which is where it is currently being stored). Bart Nicholson, Bart.Nicholson@gmail.com or 215-514-2778 Photos available via e-mail.

11278 Allen - in good shape. Active racer with 2 sets of sails -- one good, one day sail quality. New Bryant mast as of 2009. North top, bottom, mast and rudder covers. Boat is 45 minutes from Annapolis. \$2,500 or best offer. Please contact John Gastright: 571-230-4522 or John.Gastright@dyn-intl.com

9691 - 1973 Clark Lightning which I am selling for \$2800. Calypso is a fiberglass boat with nice wood trim. I purchased it 2 years ago and have been family sailing on Flathead Lake. I had the centerboard pivot professionally repaired at the end of last year's season. The guy who did the work commented on the good condition of the hull. It includes all three sails which are used, but in good working condition. The jib is a Quantum, the main is a North Sail. I upgraded the Jib hardware which cost over \$200. There is an old trailer included, which should provide many years of service. It fits the boat well, and rides very nicely behind a tow vehicle, but the tires are beginning to look a bit bare. Would consider trade for smaller boat with sails and oars. Boat located in Ronan, Montana. gordisht@me.com

9442 Allen. The boat is very stable ideal for family fun or racing. Fiberglass Hull (painted green) Mahogany seats and bright work in excellent condition, steel center board, Includes galvanized trailer. Sails: Main and Jib Boat has been stored in a barn and sailed in fresh water. Price \$3,000.00 Location: Red Jacket Yacht Club Cayuga Lake NY. Contact: Brian Donovan 585 313- 1940 brian54@rochester.rr.com

8858 - Woody -built 1964 in Corvallis, Oregon. Very good shape. Never has needed "restoration". Metal mast and new sails within last 8 years. Rough but useable older metal mast and sails. Original trailer - new running gear. \$1,750 - Jean Gosse, Washington 206-362-3868 or jgosse@juno.com

unknown number - 1964 wooden lighting. \$2000 with 5hp motor or \$1500 without. Includes 2 wooden masts and booms. All bronze hardware. Needs some deck work. Includes trailer. Email for more info. jimfoyardier@aol.com

7286 Wooden Lightning built in 1959 made by J J Taylor and sons in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Comes with custom width Allen Boat Lightning trailer made in 2005. Only used the trailer twice and the trailer and boat have been kept in a garage. Had to have the boat evaluated in 2006 before I could get insurance and the yacht surveyor said it was in excellent condition. Also in 2006 Allen Boat Co. did all the deck hardware. Have history of boat and receipts for work done. It comes with 2 sets of sails. Have over \$11,000.00 invested and asking \$6000.00. Lots of extra pictures available if interested. Ken Lambert, Ontario, Canada 905-894-3452 klambert@bell.net

Classic 1957 wooden Lightning underwent year-long stem to stern restoration in 1999 by an obsessive Newport boat builder who rejected three pieces of Brazilian mahogany (all shipped stateside) before finally settling on the board for the boat's transom. Complete documentation of all work can be provided. Boat meticulously maintained since the original restoration. Mast completely refinished last season. Non-skid deck; mahogany rubrails and cockpit, deep green hull finished with a tough, long-last urethane coating. Two sets of mainsails and jibs included along with solid, roadworthy trailer. Boat can be viewed at Dickersen's Marina in Apponaug, RI. Asking \$13,500. Please call for additional information: 401-424-1805

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2012 Finnish Lightning Championship

Matti Aalto



Alekski Lappalainen, Matti Aalto, Rosabella Hartman

SM 2012

Ensimmäisenä päivänä AP nostettiin maissa, koska järvi oli lähes tuuleton. Iltapäivällä lähdimme kyllä vesille, mutta pääsimme ajamaan vain yhden lähdön. Päivä venyi pitkäksi, eikä kukaan kerennyt saunomaan klubin saunassa. Toinen päivä alkoi erittäin leppoisasti koska vene oli jo valmiiksi laitettu. Toisenakin päivänä kisanjärjestäjät nostivat heti aamusta AP:n ylös, koska tuuli oli taas heikko. Tuuli virkesi kuitenkin päiväksi, ja pääsimme ajamaan kaksi lähtöä. Illalla pääsimme saunomaan ja aikuiset pääsivät nauttimaan illan live musiikista. Kolmantena päivänä oli tuulta aamusta alkaen, ja pääsimme ajamaan kolme lähtöä hyvässä tuulessa. Vasta maihin tullessa ilmeni että me olimme voittaneet kisat. Palkinnot jaettiin hyvissä tunnelmissa, ja kaikki palkinnot mahtuivat juuri ja juuri käsiimme. Saimme myös Classic palkinnon, joka jaetaan parhaalle veneelle, joka on yli 25 vuotta vanha. Samalla lisäsimme vanhan veneen arvoa. Veteen lennon jälkeen lähdimme tyytyväisinä kotiin.

FINNISH CHAMPIONSHIPS 2012

On the first day, the AP flag was hoisted on shore, as there was almost no wind on the lake. In the late afternoon the fleet went sailing in search of wind. We were able to sail one race. It became a long day, and no one had the time to take a sauna at the club.

The second day began very gently because the boats were already rigged. The second day the race organizers hoisted the AP flag early in the morning because the wind was again weak. However, we got

more wind in the afternoon, and, again, we were able to sail two races.

In the evening, we had time to take a sauna, and the adults were enjoying an evening of live music.

On the third day the wind was blowing in the morning, and we were able to sail three starts in a good wind. When coming ashore, we learned that we had won the Finnish Championships.

The prize-giving ceremony was held in good spirits, and we had difficulty holding all the prizes in our hands. We also got the Classic Award, given to the best boat, which is over 25 years old.

By winning the Championship, we increased the value of an old boat. Following tradition after winning the prize, we were thrown for a swim. We went home happy.

Editor's note: Matti Aalto is fifteen years old and is believed to be the youngest Finnish National Champion on record!

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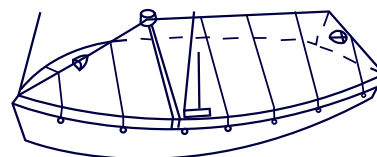
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2012 Finnish Lightning Championship Results

Pos	N.o	Boat	SailNo	Club	HelmName	CrewName	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Total	Nett
1	13	Ayolos	14018	TP	Matti Aalto	Rosabella Hartman Aleksi Lappalainen	(8)	4	1	2	1	7	23	15
2	5	burgundy 4	15415	TP	Pyy Aalto	Risto Pesola Vilma Valola	(12)	9	2	1	2	4	30	18
3	1	Masi VIII	14958	Merenkävijät ry	Kimmo Aromaa	Pirita Aromaa Mika Aromaa	1	3	(6)	3	6	5	24	18
4	11	Pilvetär	15369	HSK	Lauri Hemming	Antti Varheenmaa WSF Maria Hemming HSK	4	1	4	5	(7)	6	27	20
5	4	Nikea	14364	JVS	Samppa J Salminen	Tero Kotimäki Heikki Nurmi	(21.0/ OCS)	8	5	4	3	2	43	22
6	15	Ayolos II	15341	TP	Lappalainen Niko	Kari Kanerva Pasi Hannila	7	(11)	9	8	4	1	40	29
7	2	Gamma	14638	TP	Matti Leppänen	Mari Leppänen Kalle Ahola (JVS)	2	6	(14)	9	10	3	44	30
8	9	Burgundy III	15331	TP	Sakari Pesola	Saara Kuisma Laura Pesola	6	7	3	6	13	(17)	52	35
9	10	Kikka	15371	OPS	Markku Paloma	Essi Paloma Ari Raappana	9	2	(11)	11	9	11	53	42
10	7	GodSpeed	15281	TP	Rosemarie Hartman	Eeli Suutari-Jääskö Paulus Saari	3	12	10	10	(17)	12	64	47
11	6	Atsula	1537	JVS	Heikki Tulomäki	Suvi Souru Sini Souru	11	(21.0/ OCS)	7	15	5	9	68	47
12	18	Forte	14534	TP	Esko Aalto	Sari Aalto Pasi Kivimäki	10	5	(17)	7	16	16	71	54
13	20	Shark	14331	TP	Pekka Bollström	Tarja Hassinen Erik Hartman	5	(21.0/ OCS)	20	14	11	10	81	60
14	14	Snow White	14406	TP	Waltteri Karhusaari	Linda Suolahti (TP) Juuso Vuorinen (JVS)	(21.0/ OCS)	21.0/ OCS	13	17	8	8	88	67
15	8	Sini	14352	TP	Pötry Eppu	Pötry Jukk Kangas Riitta	13	(21.0/ OCS)	12	12	20	13	91	70
16	3	ELF	15372	LPS	Henry Elfving	Ida Elfving LPS Esa Pukki SP	17	15	8	13	18	(21.0/ DSQ)	92	71
17	16	Solina	13130	TP	Juha Savela	Pekka Aalto, KPS Timo Jalkanen, KPS	14	14	15	(16)	15	15	89	73
18	19	Lola	12908	JVS	Timo Järvinen	Ilkka Virtanen Ilari Lilja	15	13	18	20	12	(21.0/ OCS)	99	78
19	17	Red Snapper	14761	TP	Yrjö Kuitunen	Petri Mäkinen Risto Puoskari	18	10	(19)	18	19	14	98	79
20	12	Janita II	16331	JVS	Tuomas Nurmi	Henrik Lilja Sakari Nurmi	16	16	16	(19)	14	18	99	80



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Chilean National Championship

Will Brown



We arrived at the sailing site in Pucón during the skippers' meeting a day late due to a snow storm in New York. Luckily, the meeting was in Spanish, so skipping it to tune the boat was an easy decision. Matty rigged and tuned, with some help from Nick. Faus registered, and, with some help from Victor, I found some sails to borrow. Thankfully, the Lobos' had thrown the stick up for us, so we weren't too far from being ready.

And I can tell you that the trip did not slow down from there. The Chileans certainly know how to pick their regatta venues. Pucón is a small tourist town that sits on Lake Villarica with the volcano Villarica decorating the skyline.

The sailing was excellent with at least a 5-12 westerly filling in everyday around 3:00 o'clock. The breeze would come straight down the lake, so the shifts were pretty subdued for lake sailing.

The venue is one of the most beautiful I have ever had the pleasure to sail on. The lake is surrounded by mountains and hillsides with the snowy volcano watching over it all. We left the first day of racing feeling about as good as one can, with no big mistakes and a share of the lead.

Day two wasn't quite as kind as we watched Tito and Felipe extend themselves from the rest of us with some great boat speed.

On day three, as we waited for the breeze to fill in before the start of the first race, seemingly out of nowhere came the first big breeze of the event, with 15-20 from the same direction. The breeze continued to build after the first race, and racing was called for the day. With more than a few boats flipped over, a round of applause should go out to Matty Schon and Juan Pablo del Solar who each spent hours in the water helping to right boats.

The fourth and final day of the regatta ended up being the lightest, with the keys to the race being avoiding the holes and keeping the boat moving. The battle for first must have made the final run exciting to watch as Felipe furiously tried to put more boats between himself and Tito to make up the difference. We were focused in our own battle for third with Alejandro Perez. In the end, Tito held on to win by a one-point margin over Felipe and Alejandro, rounding out the top three by taking the tiebreaker over us.



Race course



View of the volcano from the Perez estate



View down the volcano



Matty Schon, Will Brown and John Faus

The rest of the trip is a blur. The awards were held at the Grand Old Hotel right on the lake, and the New Year's fireworks were the best I have ever seen. Pucón wouldn't be complete without mentioning Mamas y Tapas. Thankfully, the New Year's Eve party didn't start till 1:00 AM, so we didn't have to cut the fireworks short.

New Years Day with our American counterparts, Rob, Abby, Meagan, Ryan, Tessa and Nick, was very relaxing, thanks to the Perez family who had us for a barbecue.

An easy day would prove necessary, as the next morning John, Matty, and I left at 7:00 AM for our hike up to the top of the volcano. It would prove steeper and tougher than any of us anticipated, but we made it. After the view from the top, we were happy we did. You also get to slide down, which is well worth the trip up.

Then there was a dune buggy trip to the far side of the lake, more Mamas y Tapas, and a helicopter ride—Seb decided to wait until after we landed back in Concepcion to tell us that the chopper is so old its uninsurable—and a Chilean naval base.

Just to make sure we have an excuse to go back next year, as the regatta will be held in Pucón again, we still have white water rafting to do!

Catalina Perez Photos





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Puerto del Estero

December 29-31, 2012

Pos	Timonel	Nº Proa	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	Total	Nett
1	Tito Gonzales	17	7	1	6	1	(9)	1	2	2	8	37	28
2	Felipe Robles	28	(10)	4	4	10	4	2	1	1	3	39	29
3	Alejaro Perez	38	14	5	1	3	1	10	9	(DNF)	2	79	45
4	Will Brown	5	5	2	7	2	(11)	7	5	10	7	56	45
5	Juan Eduao Reid	71	(16)	10	2	13	7	4	4	6	5	67	51
6	Francisco Perez Vargas	22	6	9	(19)	8	3	6	7	5	10	73	54
7	Tomas Middleton	47	1	15	8	4	(OCS)	8	14	3	9	97	62
8	Ricao Ramirez	77	11	6	13	6	(22)	3	6	8	17	92	70
9	Alejaro Irigoyen	58	4	16	(21)	7	6	13	12	12	1	92	71
10	Criobal Perez	87	12	17	(23)	5	5	14	3	4	16	99	76
11	Diego Gonzalez	1	2	3	12	9	(OCS)	28	15	7	11	122	87
12	Criian Barahona	4	13	18	14	15	8	(25)	18	9	15	135	110
13	Rob Ruhlman	89	8	14	22	16	2	9	8	(DNF)	DNC	147	113
14	Ryan Ruhlman	3	3	11	9	14	24	12	11	(DNF)	DNC	152	118
15	Juan Pablo del Solar	111	18	7	10	24	10	5	20	(DNF)	24	152	118
16	Victor Lobos	15	(25)	24	3	17	15	21	16	11	20	152	127
17	Mario Fumagallo	9	21	20	5	23	(26)	20	21	14	6	156	130
18	Sebaian Larrain	72	17	22	(29)	18	18	17	10	18	13	162	133
19	Jorge Salgado	23	22	13	11	19	17	(26)	13	19	19	159	133
20	Jose Ignacio Iopez	57	15	12	18	12	20	11	24	(DNF)	23	169	135
21	Alfred Sherman	11	(26)	8	24	20	19	24	17	13	12	163	137
22	Matias Daroch	70	23	23	25	21	13	15	(26)	20	4	170	144
23	Alberto Gonzalez jr	0	9	21	17	11	27	27	19	(DNF)	18	183	149
24	Pablo Gallyas	51	(31)	27	15	26	21	19	27	17	14	197	166
25	Martin Armrong	48	19	19	27	22	16	22	22	(DNF)	21	202	168
26	Ares Gomez	27	24	25	16	25	12	18	25	(DNF)	DNC	213	179
27	Rene Contretas	37	20	(BFD)	26	29	14	16	23	22	DNC	219	184
28	Thomas Engell	42	27	26	20	(28)	23	23	28	15	22	212	184
29	Mauricio Ahumada	6	28	(DN F)	28	27	25	29	29	21	DNC	255	221
30	Bubby Trapp	7	29	(DNF)	DNF	31	28	30	32	16	DNC	268	234
31	Alberto Abuhomor	18	(DNC)	DNF	31	30	29	31	30	24	25	268	234
32	Alex Uslar	2	32	(DNF)	32	33	31	33	33	23	DNC	285	251
33	Fernao Contreras	55	30	(DNF)	30	32	30	32	31	DNF	DNC	287	253



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Brazilian Lightning Championship in Guaratuba

A Complete Success



The Brazilian Lightning Championship was held for the first time in Guaratuba, 100 kilometers from Curitiba, capital of the state of Parana, on the September 7–9. The championship was hosted by ENAMAR, Escola de Náutica e Marinharia de Guaratuba, which housed the boats during the entire event and was responsible for the championship's organization.

Serving as the Brazilian selection for the South American Championship, occurring at the end of the year in Colombia, participation in the event included of fifteen boats and forty-five sailors from the states of Paraná, São Paulo and Santa Catarina. Nine races in three days of competition were disputed.

Low currents and light to moderate winds with constant direction shifts gave the Race Committee a significant amount of work in setting the course. The RC was led by Victor São Thiago.





The championship concluded with the victory of the 2011 Brazilian championship crew in 2011 of Cláudio Bieckark, Gunnar Ficker and Marcelo Silva. In second place the crew was led by Pan-American and World Champion, Mário Buckup, Thelma Buckup and Mark Buckup. They were followed by the crew of Thomas Sumner, three-time Junior World Champion. All three crews were from São Paulo.



Campeonato Brasileiro da Classe Lightning Guaratube 07, 08 e 09 de Setembro 2012



Pos	Barco	Clube	Timoneiro	Tripulante	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	Ttl	Nett
1	11	YSCA	Claudio Bieckark	Gunnar Ficker/Marcelo Silva	3	16/ BFP	1	1	1	1	3	4	2	32	12
2	10	YCI	Mario Buckup	Telma Buckup/Marc Buckup	6	1	4	2	4	4	1	2	1	25	15
3	4	SPYC	Thomas Sumner	Felipe Britto/Filipe Gil	1	3	3	4	2	2	4	1	3	23	15
4	7	SPYC	Frede Bojlesen	Fábio Bojlesen/Sidney Bloch	2	16/ BFP	2	9	3	5	2	3	4	46	21
5	2	ENAMAR	Diego Z C Mello	Jordan A C Mello/ Fábio Wilke	8	2	5	5	6	12	16/ OCS	6	11	71	43
6	1	ENAMAR	Luciano Gubert	Luiz Gutierrez/ Arthur Oliveira	14	7	7	8	5	7	10	5	6	69	45
7	3	SPUC	Hans Ludwig	Roberto Marinei/ Fábio Strauss	7	16/ BFP	10	6	10	3	8	7	5	72	46
8	8	SPYC	Pedro Soares	James Birkinshaw/Fabiana Andreazza	4	4	8	11	11	6	6	10	9	69	47
9	6	SPYC	Leonardo Valle	Per Olov Hornell/Nicholas Valle	5	16/ BFP	6	19	8	8	9	11	12	85	57
10	13	ENAMAR	Pedro Prosdócimo	Rogério Alves/Roberto Salles	11	6	9	12	9	11	5	9	10	82	59
11	12	ENAMAR	Arsenio Ameda	Nelson Galvão/Cassla Galvão	12	16/ BFP	11	3	16/ DNF	9	7	12	8	94	62
12	14	ENAMAR	Marcelo Prosdócimo	Claudecir Borges/Marcelo Toste	10	5	13	14	12	10	12	8	7	91	64
13	5	SPYC	Jhon Bennett	Mauro Pannuzio/Robert Craddock	13	16/ BFP	12	7	7	13	11	15	16/ OCS	110	78
14	9	SPYC	Nelson Schmitt	Cecilla Jahnel/James Sammner	9	16/ BFP	14	13	13	16/ DNF	16/ OCS	14	16/ DNS	127	95
15	15	ENAMAR	Daniel Tha	Julian Irusta/Rodolpho Ramina	15	16/ BFP	15	15	14	14	13	13	13	128	97

Planning Well Underway for the 75th Lightning North Americans



Planning is well underway, and we look forward to everyone joining us next August for the 75th Anniversary of the Lightning North American Championships. Nyack Boat Club in Nyack, New York, will host the Women's, Juniors', and Masters' (WJMs) portion of the event, August 14–17. This is also a qualifier for the 2014 Youth Worlds in Ontario, Canada. The Championships will be at Cedar Point Yacht Club (CPYC) in Westport, Connecticut, August 17–23.

CPYC has a fifty-plus year tradition of hosting regattas for each of the Club's classes and is regularly selected to host major championship events. Some of the key regattas since 2003 include the following:

- 2011 Flying Scot North American Championships
- 2009 Star North American Championships
- 2009 Atlantic National Championships
- 2007 Laser Last Chance Olympic Qualifier
- 2005 US Sailing Youth Championships
- 2004 Laser North American Championships
- 2003 Vanguard 15 National Championships
- 2003 Lightning North American Championships

CPYC's awards for race management include the 2002 and 2007 US Sailing One-Design Club of the Year Award for "administrative excellence, fleet growth, creative programming, regatta support, and member contribution at regional, national and international levels of the one-design," and 1998 St. Petersburg Yacht Club Trophy for excellence in race management.

The Principle Race Officer (PRO) for the Championship event will be Dick Thackaberry. Dick has a wealth of experience as PRO, including the 2011 Flying Scot North American Championships, 2009 Thistle National Championships, and 2003 Lightning North American Championships, and runs excellent events in a variety of classes each season.

The Nyack Boat Club was informally started in the late 1890s by a group of boating enthusiasts to insure the continuation of recreational sailing and boating on the majestic Hudson and was formally established in 1909. The Club can be seen from the Tappan Zee Bridge when transiting on I-287 in New York.

The Lightning Fleet at Nyack hosts two regattas each year, including the Magnus Peterson Regatta

in June and the Last Blast Regatta in October. Recent major regattas hosted at Nyack include the 2011 Thistle Atlantic Coast Championships, the 2008 US SAILING Area B Youth Championships, and the Ensign National Championships.

The NAs Planning Committee, chaired by Dave Lutian (David.Lutian@gmail.com), has been meeting regularly since January. "The social leads have committed to a baseline schedule...we have some great sponsorship commitments...the Class Office has announced that one night of the event will be a party to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Class...[and] we have SIs and NORs drafted and in review..."

A block of ninety rooms has been reserved for 8/16-8/24 at the Double Tree Hotel in Norwalk, Connecticut. Rates are \$85 for a king or double bed and \$115 for Executive Level, which includes breakfast, for a king or double bed. Rooms are cancelable, so people should sign-up as soon as possible so that we can ask for more rooms if needed.

The regatta logo was designed by Gianni Cuccio, and you may have already seen some NA's T-shirts

out and about. We are planning a prize giveaway and 50/50 raffle on the Thursday night during the event and will be partnering with the Make-A-Wish Foundation in honor of one of our Feet members, whose five-year-old daughter continues to battle cancer and has benefited from this organization.

We are seeking additional sponsors so that we can keep regatta fees affordable and provide products for the prize giveaway. Please contact us if you are interested.

You can stay abreast of all the latest at www.2013LightningNAs.com. We will also plan to post Facebook updates on the ILCA page and through the Class Office. For now, circle the date on your calendar, make your hotel reservations, and get your crew together! We look forward to seeing you next August!

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