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78 years young and the Intl Lightning Class is still a leader in One-Design sailing!



Flash Blast June 3, 2016

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Lightning World Champion and celebrated mentor to the class, David Starck traveled to Salinas, Ecuador last week to hold a Lightning Lab for teams participating in the upcoming Youth Worlds.



Starck leading the group ashore.

What a fantastic weekend with my friends @ Salinas Yacht Club! Upon arriving Guayaquil International Airport, I was picked up by Julio Velez and Nicolas Fracchia and we headed directly to the Salinas Yacht Club. There, I was greeted by a bunch of Lightning sailors from Ecuador and Peru, some of which were long-time friends; others newer to the class. There were 4 youth teams too, eager to get going! [Read more...](#)

Want to attend or request a lab for your Fleet or District?

2016 Lightning Lab Schedule (updated 6/1/16)
Click the above link for more information

June 10th (Dixie District) - **CANCELED**
Havre De Grace, Md, before Dixie Districts

JUST ANNOUNCED - June 24th (Central Atlantic District)

Ocean City YC, NJ - before the CAD Districts
Coached by Allan Terhune, Contact: Michael McGuckin at mike@acesllc.com

July 15th (Southeastern District)

Carolina YC, Wrightsville Beach, NC before Atlantic Coast Championship
Coached by Greg Fisher and Brian Hayes

August 10-19 (Central NY District)

Daily debriefs after sailing at the WJM's and NA's.

The Southern Circuit Mentor program is like a 4 day Lightning Lab. Videos taken of talks given by top lightning sailors at the 2015 Southern Circuit Mentor program are posted on the ILCA you-tube website for you to watch at any time. <https://www.youtube.com/user/IntLightningClass>

Please contact Joan & Gary Hurban Lightning Lab, VP's if you would like more information and/or schedule a Lightning Lab.

2017 Southern Circuit

2017 will mark the 70th Anniversary of the Winter Championship at the St Petersburg Yacht Club. The Circuit will kick off in St Pete with racing March 19-21 (Sunday-Tuesday). Wednesday will be a travel day. The Circuit concludes with the Mid-Winter Championship in Miami at the Coral Reef Yacht Club on March 23-25 (Thursday-Saturday).

More information will be posted as we get closer to the regatta. In the mean time make plans to attend. Begin making your hotel reservations today! **Hotel Block for the Hampton Inn in St Pete has been set up**

We are also looking for a person(s) who might like to take the helm as Southern Circuit Chair(s). Please contact the **Class Office** if you are interested. TerryLynn Hamilton just held this position for the past 5 years and it is a turn key operation... she has great notes all compiled for the next person stepping up to the plate.

Notes from the Class Office

- Next Flash Blast deadline: June 14th.
 - The Summer Issue of Flashes is in final design, watch for your copy to arrive the week of June 6th.
 - The remaining 2016 Flashes Schedule is as follows: Fall Issue: Content Deadline Sept 1st (drop late Sept); Winter: Content Deadline, December 1st.
 - The Class looking for 6 or 7 volunteers to assist in creating a Social Media Policy. If you are interested, please send an email to comms@lightningclass.org
 - We are looking for more articles and stories to use in all of our publications - short, long or anything in between... if you don't have something to tell, what type of article(s) would you like to see? Please send your thoughts to Todd Wake or the class office.
 - Looking for a new boat? Check out the [Classified Section](#)! There is a lot of activity happening right now! Also check out the Sail Classified or Other Items Classified pages.
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They are all fantastic
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Get your Dad
something he will use
all season long!



Father's Day is Sunday, June 19th. Please place
orders by Monday, June 13th to ensure delivery
by the 19th.

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July 23-27

2016 Youth World Championship

- A second Team From ARG will replace one of the Teams from FIN that will be unable to participate. Please inform the Class Office if your Country has a wait list for additional last minute slots.
- Reminder each participant will need to complete and return a signed Competitor Agreement, Liability Release and Medical Information/Consent Form.

Please click on the above heading for more information

Recent Regatta Champions

Click the above link for full details on all regattas including Report and Photo Links!

Juby Wynne: Marvin Beckmann

Southern District Championship: Jeanne Herman

48th Annual Hernando De Soto Regatta: Bill Killebrew, Bruce Richards, Ritter Arnold

FL District Championship: Jeffrey Hayden, Stuart Taylor, Kip Hamblet

Area F Sears Cup Qualifier: Dane Byerly, Carson Shields, Laura Masterson

Dougie Byerly - Alternate

When sending in regatta results PLEASE try to list all crew members as well!

48th Annual Hernando De Soto Regatta

Delta Sailing Association- Fleet 274

Hernando, MS

May 21-22, 2016

What a way to kick off the 2016 sailing season - to have an abundance of water, ample wind and

boats ready sail. Lightning fleet 274 was blessed to have all of those factors on the weekend on May 21st and 22nd. The local fleet managed to put six boats on the line and with the addition of Bill Killebrew and crew from Nashville made for a nice racing fleet.

Saturday morning began with nice 10 mph breeze from the northwest, which made for some very shifty sailing conditions....

Full results and the rest of the report click on the heading above.

Upcoming Events

Click on the title for more information on a single event for for the full schedule of events

June

Newport Celebration of Spring	Rochester, New York	11-Jun
NE District Championship	Hingham, Massachusetts	June 11 - 12
Dixie District Championships	Havre de Grace, Maryland	June 11 - 12
VLSC Annual Regatta	Vancouver, Washington	June 11 - 12
Indiana Districts	Indiana	June 11 - 12
Caz Flash Bash - Willowbank YC - Cazenovia, NY	Cazenovia, New York	June 18 - 19
James Island YC Open Regatta	Charleston, South Carolina	June 18 - 19
Lake Erie District Championship	Chautauqua, New York	June 18 - 19
New Jersey Governor's Cup	Riverton, New Jersey	18-Jun
Great Lakes Championship @ North Cape YC	Lasalle, Michigan	June 25 - 26
Central Atlantic District Championship	Ocean City, New Jersey	June 25 - 26
48th Annual Champagne/Classic Boat Regatta	Hammondsport, New York	June 25 - 26
Low Country Regatta/Beaufort Open	Beaufort, South Carolina	June 25 - 26
CT/RI District Championships	Westport, Connecticut	June 25 - 26
Midwest District Championship	Sheboygan, Wisconsin	June 25 - 26
European Championships	Marsala, Italy	June 29 - 3

July

Canadian Open Championship	Montreal, Canada	July 2 - 3
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Samson 2016 Lightning North American Championships!

Rochester YC/Fleet 52

Rochester, New York

WJM's Aug 10-14

NA's Aug 13-19

Rochester YC is looking forward to hosting Lightning sailors in August! We are pleased to announce Samson Rope as the title sponsor. Samson is partnering with APS/Annapolis to offer line packages for the Lightning. Event shirts and gear will be available on site at the Coral Reef Sailing Apparel store.



Sailing on Lake Ontario in August is warm, fresh water accessible re: a short sail out the Genesee River.

The Executive Committee has approved a 1:1 ratio so to qualify for the NAs you must register for your District Championship. The WJM's are an open event.

Rochester YC welcomes all sailors and family members to enjoy the facilities and will offer guest charge privileges during the event. The club has a swimming pool/snack bar, tennis courts, bar and dining room. Those who are not sailing can enjoy sitting on the deck right on the river and watch boats sail out and come in each day. RYC Sailing program, led by Holly and Liam are putting together a great week for Lightning Kid's Camp Monday-Friday during the NA's featuring a mid-week adventure to Rochester's famous: Strong Museum of Play. Kids Camp will include a mix of many fun activities for kids age 5 and up. **Kid's Camp Registration is open!**

Skip Shumway and Shumway Marine, the club's neighbor to the South has offered to make arrangements for those wishing to bring an RV and stay close by. Contact Skip at Shumway Marine to make arrangements directly with him: 585-342-3030.

The Housing Committee is making every effort to fill requests for housing for all junior teams who request housing by July 1st as well as to match up club members willing to host sailors in their homes or staying aboard boats in the basin. There are several recommended hotels with special rates for the event.

Saranac Beer has come on board as the event beer sponsor. The beer truck will be open for 2 hours after racing each day with free beer and soft drinks. Daily debriefs with snacks included will be scheduled after racing each day along with drawings for give away items from our sponsors.

Come for the **Womens, Juniors and Masters** and enjoy an evening at Seabreeze Amusement Park Friday evening. Welcoming meeting Thursday night includes food and drink, RYC cookout Saturday night and Awards party Sunday after racing. NA's begins with a practice race on Sunday afternoon August 14th with an Opening Ceremonies party (food and drink), a Monday night dinner after the debrief featuring entrees from two of Rochester's famous food trucks, Wednesday RYC cookout, and Awards Friday evening followed by a buffet meal and entertainment.


The club setting is a perfect place to enjoy socializing after sailing each day.

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