Orange Bowl Coconut Grove Sailing Club Miami, Florida – Fleet 226 December, 2000

POS	SAIL#	SKIPPER	CREW	CREW	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Total
1	USA 14752	STEVE HAYDEN	ANGIE HAYDEN	BARR BATZER	1	7	4	2	2	5	14
2	USA 14730	JEFF LINTON	AMY LINTON	MARK TAYLOR	2	4	5	3	1	4	14
3	ARG 11649	HECTOR LONGARELA	HUGO LONGARELA	VICTOR LOBOS	6	1	1	5	6	2	15
4	USA 14739	JACK ELFMAN	CINDY ELFMAN	MIKE HOLLY	3	2	3	6	5	3	16
5	USA 14975	PAUL WURTZEBACH	MARK WURTZEBACH	STEVE DAVIS	5	3	7	7	7	1	23
6	CHI 11011	TITO GONZALEZ	TAMMI JAMISON	VALERIE	4	10	6	4	3	12	27
7	USA 14478	PETER WENZLER	SHELLY ROTHENBUHLER	CREW TBA	14	11	2	1	10	10	34
8	USA 14886	BILL MAUK	STUART DELISSER	APRIL RICHARDS	8	6	11	11	4	7	36
9	USA 14084	JOHN ROUSE	J B SLATER	JAKE BRANAN	12	8	DNF	8	9	6	43
10	USA14706	BILL HOFMEISTER	MANDY HOFMEISTER	AMU SIMONSON	7	5	10	12	11	DNF	45
11	USA 13970	ROD KOCH	ARTHUR ANOSOV	CORY THOMPSON	11	9	8	14	13	15	55
12	USA 11537	MARK ALLEN	CAREY JONES	MEG GOWER	9	15	13	9	12	18	58
13	USA14698	JIM BIGHAM	STEVE PERRY	JOHN MURCH	16	12	16	10	15	8	61
14	USA 13858	DAVE HELMICK	DAVEY HELMICK	DAN GROSS	15	13	9	13	14	16	64
15	USA 14060	RYAN FLECK	BETH WILKIE	CHRIS METCALF	10	18	15	15	DNF	11	69
16	USA 14374	JON EWING	SAM SEPTEMBRE	PAIGE HELMICK	17	16	14	18	8	17	72
17	USA 14809	JOHN GOCHBERG	DANIELLE SEPTEMBRE	MOLLY CHEN	18	17	12	DSQ	21	9	77
18	USA 14066	DMITRIY YAKOVENKO	LISA YAKOVENKO	ROBERT RAMIREZ	21	14	18	20	17	13	82
19	FIN 14550	PERTTI PYY	MAIJA KARHUSAARI	WALTERI KARHUSAARI	13	19	19	16	18	20	85
20	USA 14558	WALTER BECKWITH	FAY REGAN	JAN FRONT	20	20	20	17	16	14	87
21	USA 14309	DAVID KURTZ	BOB WILBUR	IAN ANDERSON	19	21	17	19	19	19	93
22	USA 13665	DAVE BELL	ALDER ALENSWORTH	ART CREW	22	22	DNF	21	20	DNF	108

Orange Bowl participants

What? You missed it? How? You must have been shoveling snow or scraping ice, I guess. For the first time the Lightnings were invited to sail in the annual Orange Bowl Regatta. And we had a great turnout with an excellent **international** fleet of sailors. Coconut Grove Sailing Club hosted the event with six races over 3 days and great conditions even after the poor weather forecasts. Cool temps for us floridians, 60s brrr, but mostly sunny skies with the usual 8-20+ kts of breeze. Is it **still** snowing up north?? What were you thinking?

The international fleet consisted of teams from Chile, Argentina, Finland, USA, and Miami. Everyone has promised to bring back another team with them to next year's regatta, so get your boat and housing reservations in early. Local Fleet 226 is working on boat storage and regattas for you to attend throughout the winter months. So next year you can make the trip down for the regatta and leave the boat for the winter months (more room in the garage for the snow blower). Then fly down for some of the winter weekend regattas in Jan. and Feb. before the Circuit.

This year's regatta was as competitive as any I sailed this year. Four boats finished within 2 points of each other. Great battles on every leg of every race. Only Argentina won more than 1 race. Seems like Jeff Linton and I were within a couple boatlengths of each other all day every day. It was great to have the northerners like Paul Wurtzebach (windy city) and Jack Elfman (windy Jersey) show everyone how to roll upwind in the wind. It was awesome racing! It was typical racing on Biscayne Bay. The competition was great. "It's never over until it's over" was the perfect motto. I know its Florida but no hanging chads here. The recounts were done on the sail in. It was good stuff. Tito is already making plans for next year to bring his own boat which will include his all-star crew, so watch out. The Florida District is going to turn this into a large annual event and we want everyone to be a part of it. It is also a GREAT chance to show off the Lightning to all the youth sailors attending. The Orange Bowl regatta has always been a youth and small boat regatta. With three courses set we only had to share our course with one Laser division and the Europe division. The Lightning definitely got noticed by a lot of people, kids and their parents.

I want to thank CGSC and the volunteer committees for their hard work. Also, thanks to the local fleet members for putting on the Friday night dinner and party. Fay Regan and her usual cohorts did great getting people in boats and in houses. I'm very happy to have my wife, Angie sail again and do so well. Couldn't have done without a great effort, as always, from our buddy Barr Batzer. I must also thank my on-shore support team of Ahma and Ahpa Hayden, and Suzy S. who all watched Jeffrey so mommy could sail again. Thanks to all the competitors for attending the regatta you all deserve congratulations. Be there again next year!