

HOW TO FULLY ENJOY THE CALIFORNIA CIRCUIT

Jim Sears

During the 2000 California Circuit I learned several valuable lessons on how to fully enjoy a regatta. **LESSON #1:** You have to get out here and sail the California Circuit! 14 races over five days in 4 different venues, beautiful weather, perfect winds, and a whole new group of Lightning sailors to meet. Folks came from Oregon, Washington, Colorado, Michigan, Missouri, and of course all the locals. Matt Burrige and Dan Moriarty flew in from St. Louis to join me on a boat borrowed from Kirk and Edna Johnson. After winning this first regatta, we were lounging in our lawn chairs, very content with our 1,1,2,1,3 finishes, and I quickly learned **LESSON #2:** Bring more than three lawn chairs! You see, there is something about chairs that makes people want to hang out, and a few extra would be nice. This makes it much easier to get to know the 27 other Lightning sailors at this regatta.

Tuesday was a layday and allowed for a quick drive down to San Diego. We rolled in to Coronado Yacht Club and quickly set up the boat with Carlos Santana blasting, then we lounged in our lawn chairs. The plan was to go sailing around San Diego Bay to get ready for the next day's Marathon race. However, we now had extra chairs, and everyone kept coming by and hanging out. So we spent a beautiful sunny afternoon lounging, laughing, drinking beer, sipping rum and getting to know more of our new Lightning friends. **LESSON #3:** If you have extra chairs, you run out of beer sooner!

Wednesday morning started with some bad news. Our third crew couldn't make the race because of work. Despite about fifty phone calls, Dan and I couldn't dig one up, so we were ordered to carry a huge cooler full of beer for weight. The twentytwo mile marathon race is truly a unique and challenging event. The first hour was upwind from the middle of San Diego Bay. Sunny skies, winds were very steady at 8-10 knots and the fleet stayed tight.

We got into a little duel with the team of Dr. Joel Humphrey, Mark Allen, and Mark Wray. Dan "the pincher" was driving our boat and was right at home in the flat water as we had the lead near the bay entrance. As we sailed out of the harbor, we could see the fog bank

rolling over Point Loma, very ominous. The winds accelerate around the point and the next thirty minutes was a screaming spinnaker reach as we headed out into the Pacific.

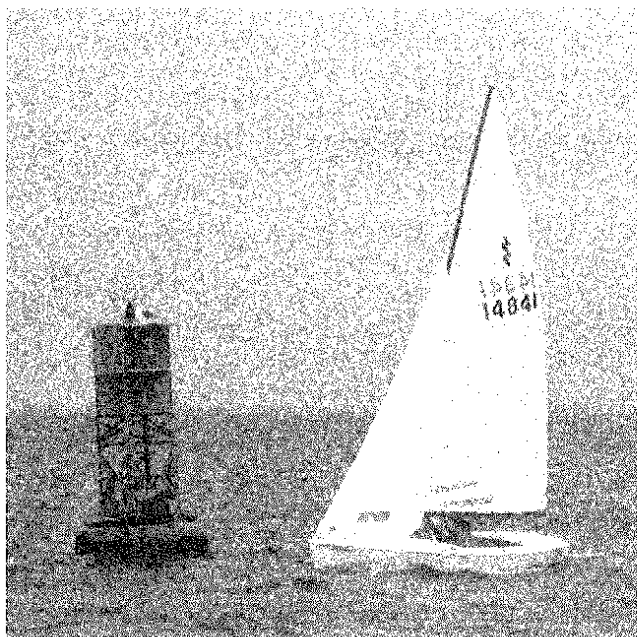
The next challenge was to determine which of the dozen government marks was the turning mark. **LESSON #4:** Studying the NOAA chart for an hour last night pays off big! Apparently a few boats behind us didn't get lesson #4 and sailed well below our course to the wrong mark. We were very nervous, since they were the locals! I swore to Danny that we were right, and soon we rounded with a fourminute lead! The next two hours was a beat up the coast; a game of "get as close to shore as you dare to escape the current, but beware THE KELP BEDS!" Scott Finkboner, with crew Tom Davies and Jill Carman went way inshore, and seemed to be gaining on us. We try to cover, but keep getting caught in the kelp. We learned later that Scott had mapped out the kelp the day before! This would be **LESSON #5.**

This whole time we watch Gerry Neuberger, sailing with Sandra Neuberger and Dan Burton, stay a little offshore and grab the lead. Suddenly we are caught inside a large wave (call it "surf" at this point!) and have a sixfoot breaker barreling down at us! We foot off for speed to "punchthrough," but white water crashes over the boat about chest high. Danny gets thrown against the afterdeck, I cling to the shrouds. Then the boat drops out from under us and lands with a tremendous bang! We are both stunned but the boat stays intact (thank you Dave Nickels!) The Neubergeres saw the whole thing and got to view most of our centerboard!

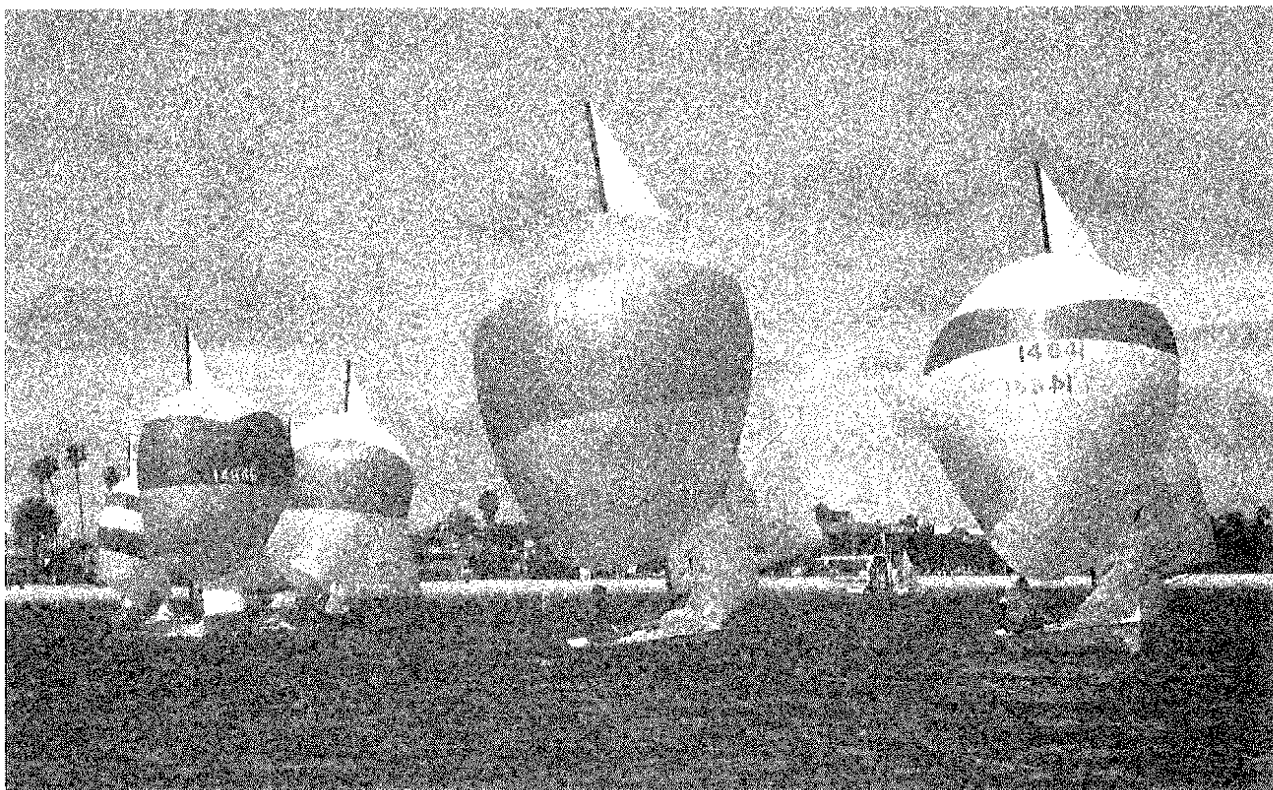
LESSON #6: Don't follow Finkboner unless you know what you are doing!

We open the bailers, hike hard, sail fast, and retake the lead just before the last turning mark. The sun comes back out for the reach into Mission Bay. A little chug on the "jugorum" and then pop the chute. We feel very lucky to have all nine spinnakers behind us! Soon we cross the finish line in front of the club with the smell of chili cooking! The rum is quickly finished. Neuberger is 2nd, Finkboner 3rd; Joel Humphrey is 4th, followed by Mike Brewer who, I believe, sailed the entire race shirtless! John DeBenedetti is 6th, Al Poindexter 7th, then Dave Webber 8th, Steven Davis 9th, and Wendell Harter in 10th. If you have never done distance racing in a Lightning, it is a blast, and you have to get out here and try it!

EVENT #3, "The Ocean Series". It was my turn to drive again, and our third was Paul Galvez, a nimble sailor who taught me how to sail an I14. Three great races, long windwardleeward. The second race featured an exciting downwind duel between us and Mark Allen that made the Prada/ America One duels look like child's play. Gerry Neuberger, last year's circuit winner, had fixed his tuning problems from King Harbor and had great boat speed. A win in race two put Gerry one point behind us, with Mark Allen another point back going into the final race. Gerry rolled over us at the start but then turned around to restart, allowing us to grab the bullet and our third "event win." We were done early enough for some extracurricular activities; the Michigan group went surfing! That evening, Scott Finkboner prepared an amazing meal of teriyaki grilled Mahi Mahi. **LESSON #7:** Scott makes the best Mahi Mahi in the world; this alone would make



John DeBenedetti from Oregon rounding the green can in the Marathon Race.



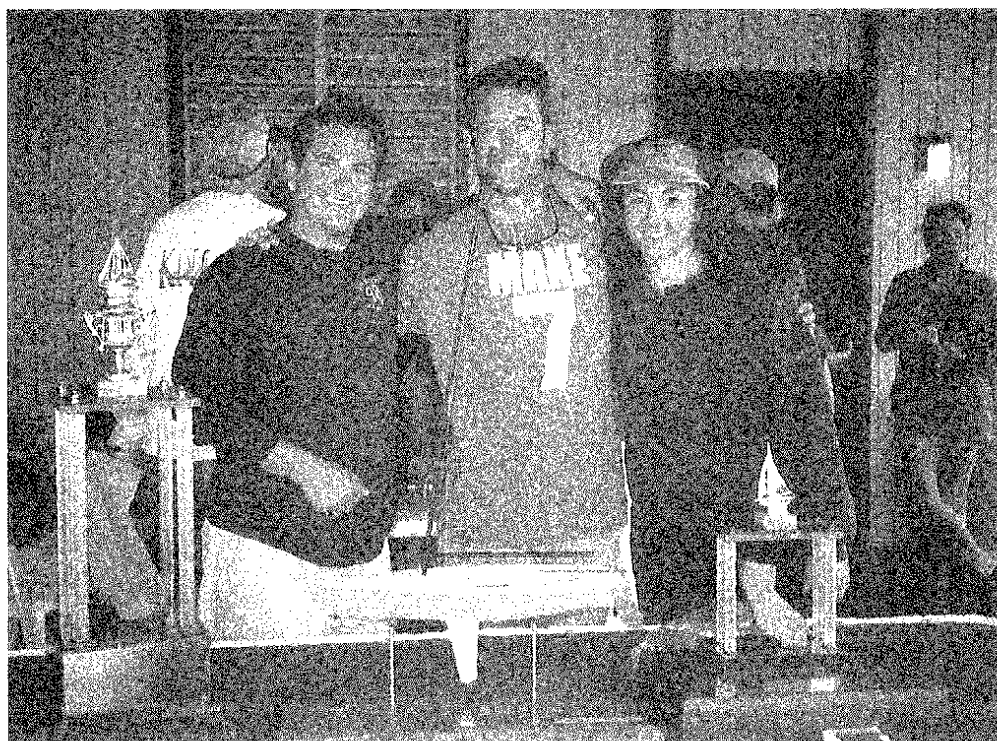
A close run on beautiful San Diego Bay

the trip worth it, so get out here next year!

Final day, five races inside Mission Bay. Danny "the pincher" drove this one; our third was Yvonne Galvez, another I14 sailor. Courses were short so the fleet stayed very tight; this was the most competitive racing of the Circuit. We stumbled in the early races with finishes of 3,3,2 thanks to being over early and a spectacular capsized trying to get the chute down after a downwind finish.

Gerry Neuberger had three bullets and looked untouchable. We won the last two races and watched Al Poindexter come within a half boat length of spoiling Gerry's day. Gerry held onto a 4,3 to win the tiebreaker for the Bay Series.

At the awards ceremony, Dan finally wore his "Make 7, Up Yours" tee shirt as we accepted a truckload of trophies for the 2000 California Circuit! Second overall were coskippers Joel Humphrey and Mark Allen. In third was Scott Finkboner. Problems with a new mast in King Harbor kept Gerry Neuberger back in fourth. Al Poindexter, sailing with Edrie Romans and Derek Poindexter rounded out the top five. Our capsized did win us the "bowling trophy;" this was the first time this award went to the Circuit winners! The Susan M. Arnold trophy for the highest placing woman sailing every race, went to Sandra Neuberger.



+Jim Sears, Dan Moriarty and Yvonne Galvez at final Trophy Presentation.

Many thanks to all who helped organize this event, King Harbor YC, Coronado YC and Mission Bay YC. Special thanks to Kirk and Edna Johnson for lending us their boat, I'm sure they enjoyed watching it win. The California Circuit is truly a "must do," event; it was great getting to know all the new faces out here. Don't forget LESSON #1: YOU HAVE TO GET OUT HERE AND SAIL THE CALIFORNIA CIRCUIT!

2000 CALIFORNIA LIGHTNING CIRCUIT

KING HARBOR REGATTA, April 9 & 10, 10 Qualified Entries

| SAIL # | SKIPPER/YACHT CLUB | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | PTS |
|----------|--|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| 1 14118 | Jim Sears DPYC/ Dan Moriarty, Matt Burrige | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 8 |
| 2 14851 | Joel Humphrey Pontiac YC/ Mark Allen, Mark Wray | 4 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 14 |
| 3 14904 | Scott Finkboner MBYC/ Tom Davies, Jill Carman | 5 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 16 |
| 4 11415 | Al Poindexter SDYC/ Edrie Romans, Derek Poindexter | 7 | 7 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 27 |
| 5 14846 | Mike Brewer MBYC/ Marty Melheim, Richard Brewer | 6 | 4 | 7 | 3 | 10 | 30 |
| 6 11457 | Steve Davis Denver YC/ Jeff Coppens, Bob Stoller | 8 | 5 | 3 | 7 | 8 | 31 |
| 7 14811 | John DeBenedetti VLYC/ Kevin Stravers, Tim Nearing | 2 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 6 | 35 |
| 8 13788 | Gerry Neuberger VLYC/ San Neuburger, Dan Burton | 9 | 6 | 6 | 9 | 7 | 37 |
| 9 14263 | Wendell Harter KHYC/ David Windes, Gordon Murphy | 3 | 10 | 8 | 8 | 9 | 38 |
| 10 13680 | Dave Webber VLYC/ Allison Webber, Molly Hopkins | 10 | 9 | 10 | 6 | 4 | 39 |

MARATHON, April 12

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|-------------------|----------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| 1 Sears/Moriarty | 4 Mark Allen/Joel Humphrey | 7 Dave Webber | 10 Mike Brewer |
| 2 Jerry Neuberger | 5 John DeBenedetti | 8 Steve Davis | |
| 3 Scott Finkboner | 6 Al Poindexter | 9 Wendell Harter | |

MBYC OCEAN SERIES, April 13

| | Skipper | 1 | 2 | Total |
|----|--------------------------|----|----|-------|
| 1 | Sears/Moriarty | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| 2 | Jerry Neuberger | 3 | 1 | 6 |
| 3 | Mark Allen/Joel Humphrey | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| 4 | Scott Finkboner | 4 | 4 | 2 |
| 5 | Al Poindexter | 5 | 6 | 3 |
| 6 | John DeBenedetti | 6 | 6 | 4 |
| 7 | Mike Brewer | 8 | 5 | 8 |
| 8 | Steve Davis | 10 | 8 | 7 |
| 9 | Wendell Harter | 7 | 10 | 10 |
| 10 | Dave Webber | 9 | 9 | 9 |

MBYC BAY SERIES, April 14

| | Skipper | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Total |
|----|------------------|----|----|----|----|----|-------|
| 1 | Jerry Neuberger | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 10 |
| 2 | Dan Moriarty | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 10 |
| 3 | Joel Humphrey | 4 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 14 |
| 4 | Al Poindexter | 6 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 21 |
| 5 | Scott Finkboner | 2 | 9 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 29 |
| 6 | Mike Brewer | 7 | 7 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 29 |
| 7 | Wendell Harter | 9 | 4 | 8 | 7 | 8 | 36 |
| 8 | John DeBenedetti | 5 | 8 | 7 | 11 | 7 | 38 |
| 9 | Steve Davis | 8 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 9 | 44 |
| 10 | Dave Webber | 10 | 6 | 10 | 9 | 11 | 46 |

OVERALL

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|------------------|-----------|
| Sears/Moriarty | 23 points |
| Humphrey/Allen | 42 |
| Scott Finkboner | 58 |
| Jerry Neuberger | 59 |
| Al Poindexter | 68 |
| Mike Brewer | 89 |
| John DeBenedetti | 95 |
| Steve Davis | 108 |
| Wendell Harter | 110 |
| Dave Webber | 119 |

BRAZILIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Rio Yacht Club, April 19-23

11 Boats

| | | |
|----|-------|---|
| 1 | 14893 | George Rider, John Julio Jansen, Pedro Soares |
| 2 | 14498 | Enrico Francavilla, Daniel Fromer, Richard Zietmann |
| 3 | 14378 | Mario Buckup, Telma Buckup, Marc Buckup |
| 4 | 14891 | Eduardo Maia, Alvaro Costa Souza, Julio Falcao |
| 5 | 13405 | Antonio C. Leme, Pepe D'Olivia, Marcelo Maia |
| 6 | 111 | Norman McPherson, Ricardo Freitas, Pedro Caldas |
| 7 | 11710 | Jan Peter Zacher, Peter Zacher, Ingo Zietmann |
| 8 | 14633 | Nelson Schmitt, James Sumner, Mansur |
| 9 | 14894 | Caio Seabra, Paulo Figueiredo, Jorge Soares |
| 10 | 14564 | Sergio Gilaberte, Marcelo Gilaberte, Murilo Gilaberte |
| 11 | 14892 | Hans Ludwig, Sellers McKeell, James Birkenshaw |

1999 CAMPEONATO SURAMERICANO DE LIGHTNING

Salinas Yacht Club, Salinas, Ecuador, April 20-22, 2000

19 Boats, 5 Countries, 6 Races, 1 Throwout

| Pos | Pais | Vela | Capitan & Tripulante | R#1 | R#2 | R#3 | R#4 | R#5 | R#6 | TOTAL |
|-----|------|-------|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| 1 | COL | 14057 | Higuera Sebastian, Salcedo Camilo, Deeb Nicolas | 1 | 2 | 17 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 8 |
| 2 | ECU | 11928 | Plaza Men. Miguel, Gonzalez Christian, Gonzalez Jose | 3 | 4 | 1 | 16 | 3 | 2 | 13 |
| 3 | CHI | 11011 | Gonzalez Tito, Barahona Pablo, Engell Claus | 2 | 3 | 16 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 15 |
| 4 | COL | 14536 | Jacob Loreana, Jacob Philip, Jacob Jessica | 8 | 8 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 14 | 26 |
| 5 | ECU | 14160 | Plaza Carlos Andres, Garcia Santiago, Marin Alfredo | 17 | 1 | 3 | 14 | 10 | 4 | 32 |
| 6 | PER | 12825 | Navarro Augusto, Levaggi Bruno, Cappeleti Guillermo | 9 | 6 | 5 | 12 | 6 | 7 | 33 |
| 7 | CHI | 1100 | Reid Juan Eduardo, Perez Alejandro, Perez Cristobal | 10 | 5 | 7 | 11 | 8 | 6 | 36 |
| 8 | ECU | 14176 | Santos Dillon Juan, Mardonez Miguel, Granja Enrique | 6 | 7 | 6 | 4 | 15 | 16 | 38 |
| 9 | ECU | 14674 | Santa Cruz Jaime, Herrera Hugo, Garcia Cabeto | 9 | 14 | 15 | 7 | 1 | 8 | 39 |
| 10 | PER | 13 | Marston Dereck, Marston Leslie, Verand Rafael | 11 | 17 | 2 | 13 | 9 | 5 | 40 |
| 11 | COL | 14733 | Bermudez Solmar, Londoño Roberto Jose, Chappe Pablo | 4 | 9 | 9 | 8 | 12 | 13 | 42 |
| 12 | ECU | 14145 | Parker Francis, Tamariz Juan, Ferretti Juan Jose | 7 | 12 | 14 | 5 | 7 | 11 | 42 |
| 13 | ECU | 14671 | Santos Garces Juan, Viteri Oscar, Lecaro Rafael | 5 | 11 | 13 | 17 | 14 | 10 | 53 |
| 14 | ECU | 14099 | Plaza Miguel, Arosemena Leonardo, Rodriguez Orlando | 15 | 16 | 11 | 9 | 11 | 9 | 55 |
| 15 | ARG | 11649 | Longarela Hector, Longarela Hugo, Bertini Jose | 14 | 13 | 10 | 6 | 13 | 15 | 56 |
| 16 | ARG | 11037 | Ricoveri Roberto, Turrado Rolando, Bordino Pablo | 12 | 10 | 8 | 10 | 17 | 17 | 57 |
| 17 | ECU | 11365 | Velez Julio, Febres Cordero Carlos, Rumbear Mauricio | 13 | 15 | 18 | 19 | 16 | 18 | 80 |
| 18 | CHI | 14237 | Gonzalez Jorge, Depolo Tomas, Gonzalez Claudio | 18 | 18 | 12 | 18 | 19 | dsq | 85 |
| 19 | PER | 11719 | Verand Renzo, Markovinovic Mirko, Loyola Elio | 16 | 19 | 19 | 15 | 18 | 19 | 87 |

LOS JOVENES SE TOMAN SUDAMERICA

Carlos Lecaro

Salinas Yacht Club, Salinas, Ecuador, Abril 2022 Entre el 20 y 22 de Abril se realizo el 45 Campeonato Sudamericano de Lightning en Salinas Ecuador y por primera vez utilizamos el formato de rotacion de botes, similar al usado en los campeonatos mundiales de juniors. Decidimos probar con ese formato debido a lo dificil y costoso que resulta transportar los botes de un pais a otro, mientras que rotando los botes, todos tendrian igualdad de oportunidades, tanto locales como extranjeros.

Este torneo buscaba levantar la participacion de los lightnistas y sobre todo incorporar a los juveniles, por esto cada pais tenia un cupo de 2 tripulaciones de mayores y 1 de juveniles.

Comenzando por la participacion el campeonato fue un exito, llegaron tripulaciones de Argentina (2), Colombia (3), Chile (3), Peru (3) y Ecuador (8), en total 19 botes que fueron rotando durante las seis regatas del campeonato, de estos 5 eran juveniles (menores de 20 anos). El sistema fue aplaudido por todos y se decidió mantenerlo en los proximos sudamericanos.

Ahora lo mas importante, los resultados:

Campeon: (Colombia) Sebastian Higuera, Nicolas Deeb, Camilo Salcedo edades 21 anos
Vicecampeon: (Ecuador) Miguel Plaza, Jose Gonzales, Cristian Gonzalez edades 22 anos
Cuarto puesto: (Colombia) Loreana Jacob, Jessica Jacob edades 17 anos
Quinto puesto: (Ecuador) Carlos Plaza, Santiago Garcia, Alfredo Marin edades 19 anos
Octavo puesto: (Ecuador) Juan Santos Jr., Miguel Mardonez, Enrique Granja Jr. edades 16 anos
Noveno puesto: (Peru) Dereck Marston, Leslie Marston, Rafael Verand edades 17 anos.

De los 19 botes participantes, 11 tripulaciones estaban totalmente compuestas por menores de 22 anos.

Pensaran, claro todos eran jovencitos sin experiencia, pero no, pues el tercer puesto lo ocuparon nada mas y nada menos que nuestros actuales campeones mundiales, Tito Gonzalez, Pablo Barahona y Clauss Engell. Ademas otros experimentados tuvieron que ceder paso a la juventud, así nuestro archifavorito Juan Santos quedo 13, y Hector Longarela quien venia de quedar 8 en el Circuito del Sur termino 14.

Los resultados obtenidos nos hacen ver con optimismo el futuro de la clase en Sudamerica, creemos que con trabajo permanente de los Comodoros de los diferentes Distritos iremos captando mas jovenes para la clase y así asegurar a nuestra querida clase Lightning muchos anos mas de vida.

KIDS TAKE CHARGE IN SOUTH AMERICA

Carlos Lecaro

Salinas Yacht Club, Salinas, Ecuador, April 2022 The 45th South American Championship was held in Salinas, Ecuador on April 2022. For the first time we tried a boatrotation system, similar to the one used at the Youth Worlds. We decided to try this format because it is very difficult and costly to transport boats around. Also, by rotating boats all teams, both locals and visitors, would have equal opportunity.

The purpose of the regatta was to increase participation from all countries, and to motivate kids to sail Lightnings. Thus, each country was allowed to bring one youth team and two senior teams. Just looking at the attendance we feel that the regatta format was a success: all countries except Brasil showed up with at least two teams: Argentina (2), Chile (3), Colombia (3), Peru (3) and Ecuador (8) for a total of 19 boats, out of which five were youth teams. The system was widely praised by all competitors and it was decided that we should continue to use it in the next South Americans.

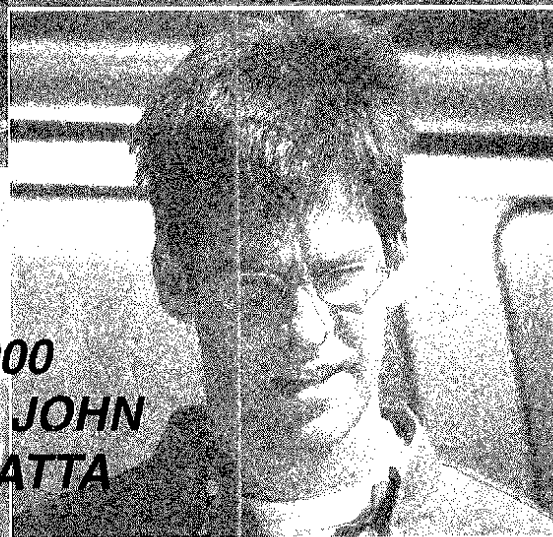
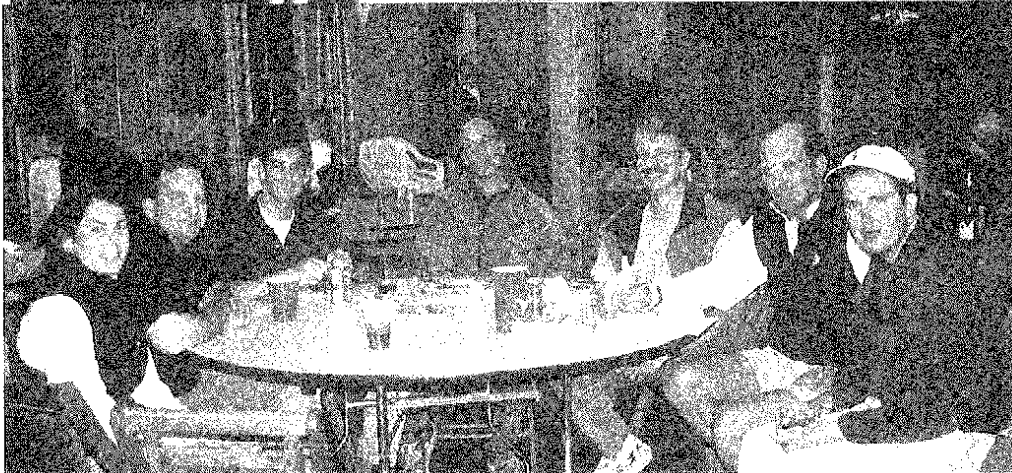
Now the most important stuff, results:

Champions: (Colombia) Sebastian Higuera, Nicolas Deeb, Camilo Salcedo 21 years old
Runners Up: (Ecuador) Miguel Plaza, Jose Gonzales, Cristian Gonzalez 22 years old
Fourth place: (Colombia) Loreana Jacob, Jessica Jacob 17 years old
Fifth place: (Ecuador) Carlos Plaza, Santiago Garcia, Alfredo Marin 19 years old
Eighth place: (Ecuador) Juan Santos Jr., Miguel Mardonez, Enrique Granja Jr. 16 years old
Ninth place: (Peru) Dereck Marston, Leslie Marston, Rafael Verand 17 years old.

Out of the 19 participants, a total of 11 crews were made up completely by kids younger than 22 years.

You'd think these were all inexperienced kids. But then again, Tito Gonzales (CHI) and his world championship crew Pablo and Claus had to fight hard and could only make it to third place after a tight duel with Sebastian Higuera (COL) and Miguel Plaza Jr. (ECU). Also, other seasoned sailors had to give way to the kids, like Juan Santos (ECU) who finished 13th and Hector Longarela (ARG) who finished 14th after having just completed a successful Southern Circuit campaign in which they finished 8th.

These results are very promising for the future of the class in South America. We believe that each District Commodore has a huge responsibility and needs to continue to work very hard to incorporate youth crews to the class, which will guarantee we'll see Lightnings for years to come.



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EUROPEAN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Yacht Club of Greece and Yacht Racing Club of Athens, Athens, Greece, June 25-30
19 Boats from 5 Countries, 6 Races, 1 Throwout

| Pos | Sail # | Country | Team | R#1 | R#2 | R#3 | R#4 | R#5 | R#6 | Total |
|-----|--------|---------|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| 1 | 14361 | Greece | Charalabos Piperakis, Antonis Manolakis, Maria Merentitis, Marios Tsaramirsis | 2 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 11 |
| 2 | 14687 | Greece | Dionisis Dimou, Michalis Pateniotis, Thanassis Siouzios, Melani Vasilopoulou | DNF | 1 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 12 |
| 3 | 14264 | Greece | George Andreadis, Andreas Kypreos, Anests Karayannidis | 1 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 4 | 15 |
| * | 14174 | Canada | Matt Simpson, Dan Sprague, Dave Sprague | 3 | 9 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 6 | 23 |
| 4 | 13988 | Greece | Alexandros Dimou, Grigoris Limberakis, Dimitra Galiti, Antonia Koulianou | 5 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 11 | 24 |
| 5 | 14197 | Greece | Sotiris Dimopoulos, Dimitris Psomiadis, Nikos Raptis | 7 | 5 | 2 | 9 | 8 | 12 | 31 |
| 6 | 14686 | Greece | Anthimos Nikolaidis, Anastasios Boudouris, Dimitris Polito, Nikos Bikakis | 12 | 2 | DSQ | 12 | 5 | 1 | 32 |
| 7 | 14685 | Greece | Periklis Harbilas, Ioannis Andriotis, Haris Finos | 6 | 11 | DNF | 7 | 11 | 3 | 38 |
| 8 | 14377 | Greece | Nikolaos Vazakas, Marios Paraskevas, George Vardaxoglou | 8 | 7 | 7 | 15 | 9 | 9 | 40 |
| 9 | 11459 | Greece | Dimitrios Stathopoulos, Elena Spiropoulou, Vasilis Pappadakis | DNC | 15 | 10 | 8 | 10 | 7 | 50 |
| 10 | 15013 | Italy | Antonio Marino, Francesco Linares, Giuseppe Ragona | 4 | 8 | 8 | 18 | 14 | DNF | 52 |
| 11 | 14689 | Greece | Kostas Kefetzidakis, Vagelis Kafetzidakis, Lambros Nakis | 11 | 13 | 15 | 11 | 7 | 10 | 52 |
| 12 | 1468 | Greece | Sotiris Tsompanoglou, Nikolas Mastrokolias, Thrassos Pandleon | 9 | 14 | 9 | 10 | 12 | 13 | 53 |
| 13 | 14331 | Finland | Antti Lahteinen, Martti Lahteinen, Sanna Kuurre | 13 | 12 | 11 | 16 | 18 | 8 | 60 |
| * | 14160 | Ecuador | Carlos Andre Plaza, Miguel Macias, Alfredo Marin | 14 | DNF | 12 | 2 | OSC | DNF | 68 |
| * | 10114 | Ecuador | Juan Rafael Santos, Enrique Granja, Miguel Mardonez | DNF | 10 | 13 | 14 | 13 | DNF | 70 |
| 14 | 14406 | Finland | Pertti Pyy, Maija Karhusaari, Waltteri Karhusaari | 10 | 18 | 16 | 13 | 15 | DNF | 72 |
| 15 | 14936 | Finland | Olli Lahteinen, Sakari Pesola, Riitta Kangas | 15 | 16 | 14 | 17 | 17 | 14 | 76 |
| 16 | 13802 | Greece | Alexandra Karzi, Kleopatra Kirimi, Christina Kaskoura, Loukia Karzi | 16 | 17 | DNS | DNF | 16 | DNF | 89 |

* non-European competitor

2000 CANADIAN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club Fleet 215, July 12, 22 Boats, 6 Races, 1 Throwout

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|----|-------|--|------|------|------|--------|----------|----------|-----|
| 1 | 14821 | Ched Proctor, Marc Robin & Vivian Zarow | 8 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | [13] | 12 |
| 2 | 14881 | Philip Grotheer, Sean Carroll & Dan Rabin | [10] | 7 | 9 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 23 |
| 3 | 14768 | Peter Hall, Jay Deakin & Christina Chaniotis | 3 | 10 | 2 | 4 | [11] | 5 | 24 |
| 4 | 14591 | Alain Boucher, Terry Line & Chantal Leger | [9] | 3 | 8 | 5 | 2 | 8 | 26 |
| 5 | 14655 | Richard Hallagan, Craig Thayer & Jean Palm | 2 | (17) | 7 | 9 | 5 | 4 | 27 |
| 6 | 14739 | Jack Elfman, Cindy Elfman & Mike Holly | 6 | [14] | 4 | 8 | 3 | 6 | 27 |
| 7 | 14834 | Larry MacDonald, Ian Jones & Jody Swanson | 5 | 2 | 6 | 10 | [23/DSQ] | | |
| | | | | | | | 7 | | 30 |
| 8 | 14499 | Richard Walsh, Tina Kankaanpaa & Paul Martin | 1 | 4 | 13 | (17) | 10 | 3 | 31 |
| 9 | 14958 | Mike Couture, Bill Fastiggi & Suzy Coburn | 12 | 6 | 3 | (15) | 8 | 2 | 31 |
| 10 | 14176 | Anthony Staples, Valerie Lavigne & Scott Collins | 13 | 5 | 11 | 16 | 7 | 12 | 48 |
| 11 | 14621 | Ben Wallace, Tris Wallace & Erica Beck | 7 | 8 | 14 | 7 | 1 | (23/DNS) | 48 |
| 12 | 14972 | Ray Harrington, Toni Harrington & Allan Keyes | 14 | 18 | 5 | 6 | 6 | (23/DNS) | 49 |
| 13 | 14446 | Kurt Kline, Kate Brush & Ann Brush | 15 | 9 | 10 | 3 | 15 | (17) | 52 |
| 14 | 14640 | Don Brush, Leann Smith & Robert Smith | [16] | 12 | 12 | 12 | 9 | 11 | 56 |
| 15 | 495 | Jamie Allan, Andrew Allan & Tom Mullins | 4 | 11 | 15 | 13 | [19] | 15 | 58 |
| 16 | 14654 | Robert Bush, Sterling Bush & Tillian Ericka Stokes | 11 | 15 | [19] | 11 | 13 | 9 | 59 |
| 17 | 14758 | David Gorman, Valerie Tardif & Brent Baserman | 17 | 13 | 18 | [18] | 16 | 10 | 74 |
| 18 | 14612 | Ross Bailey, Doug Shanks & Julia Charles | [21] | 16 | 16 | 19 | 14 | 16 | 81 |
| 19 | 14013 | Tim Cameron, Scott Cameron & Chris Paju | 19 | [19] | 17 | 14 | 18 | 14 | 82 |
| 20 | 14516 | Stephen Wells, Tracey Wells & Jamie Larson | 18 | 20 | 20 | (20) | 17 | 18 | 93 |
| 21 | 14443 | John Sauter, Rod Hayes & Bob Fuguer | 20 | 21 | 21 | [21] | 20 | 19 | 101 |
| 22 | 11081 | Christian Dubois, Georges Boulanger & Jean Francois Cote | 22 | 22 | 22 | 23/DNF | 21 | [23/DNS] | 110 |

Fleet 215 of the Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club in Dorval, Quebec hosted the 2000 Canadian Open July 12. The fleet that made the voyage was nothing short of impressive. We had a total of 22 boats, of which every one of them was well sailed and crewed!

We had perfect weather both Saturday and Sunday with the wind from the southwest at 10-12 knots. Sunday, the winds picked up and the fleet had a fun (white knuckled) ride into the harbor.

The Race Committee was chaired by former Lightning ace JF Simard (many thanks to his efficient work). Thanks too to Lightning veteran Russell Scrim who manned Harald Mueller's big boat for the finish line. We ran into a little protest action at the end of the regatta which resulted in the prize giving being delayed. Thanks to all who stuck around for the final prize giving.

Ched "Yes, these are stock North Sails" Proctor, Marc Robin and Vivian Zarow simply dominated the fleet winning the regatta with 12 points (including 4 bullets!). It was nice to have Ched sail with a full Canadian Crew for the event (Marc and Vivian have just moved to Connecticut from Montreal).

In Second place was Phil "I have to get Sean home to his girlfriend a.s.a.p" Grotheer, Sean Carroll & Dan Rabin. They made the long trip up from Annapolis for this event and we really appreciated them coming.

The top Canadian and in third place was Peter "Come from Behind" Hall, Jay Deakin and Christina Chaniotis. One point behind Phil.

Fourth place went to Alain "Big Al" Boucher, Chantal Leger and Terry Line. They were only 2 points behind Peter Hall.

Sailing World celeb Dick "not sure about that picture" Hallagan, Craig Thayer and Jean Palm made the top five. He tied with Jack Elfman, Cindy Elfman and Mike Holly who unfortunately didn't make it due to the tie breaking rules.

As you can see, the results were super tight and the racing was nose to tail classic Lightning action.

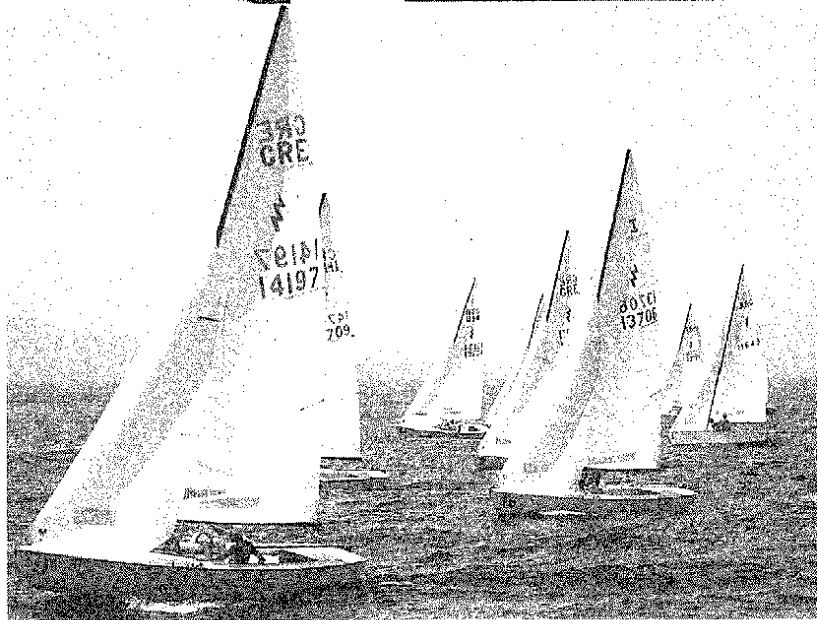
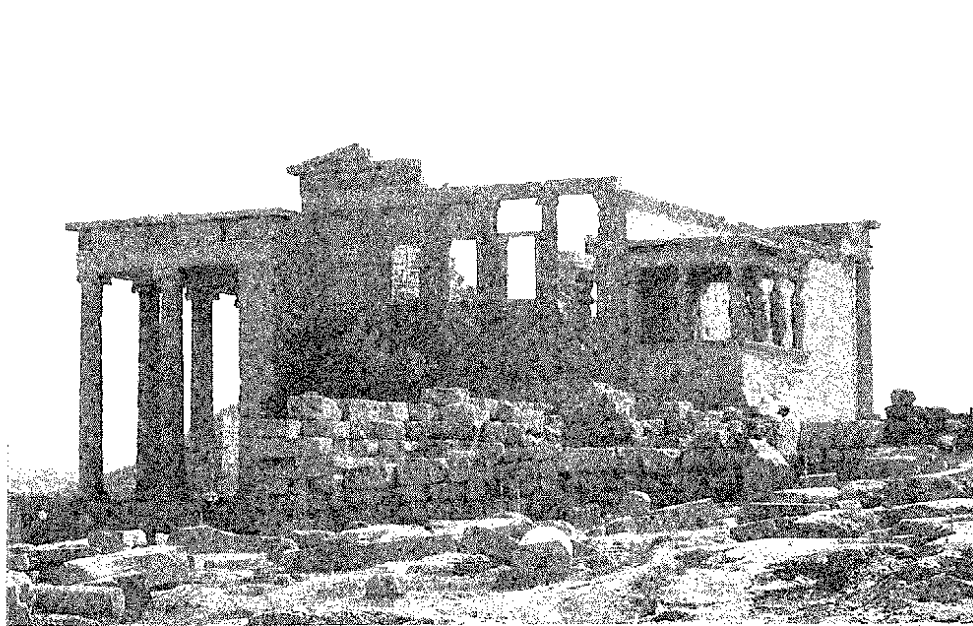
We had a great contingent from Thunder Bay, Winnipeg and Dryden and we would like to thank them for coming all the way down for the event.

Canadians who have qualified through the event for the Worlds in Marsala: Peter Hall, Alain Boucher, Larry MacDonald, and Richard Walsh. I believe the spots will be allocated to those in order of their finishing at this regatta by the ILCA (officially).

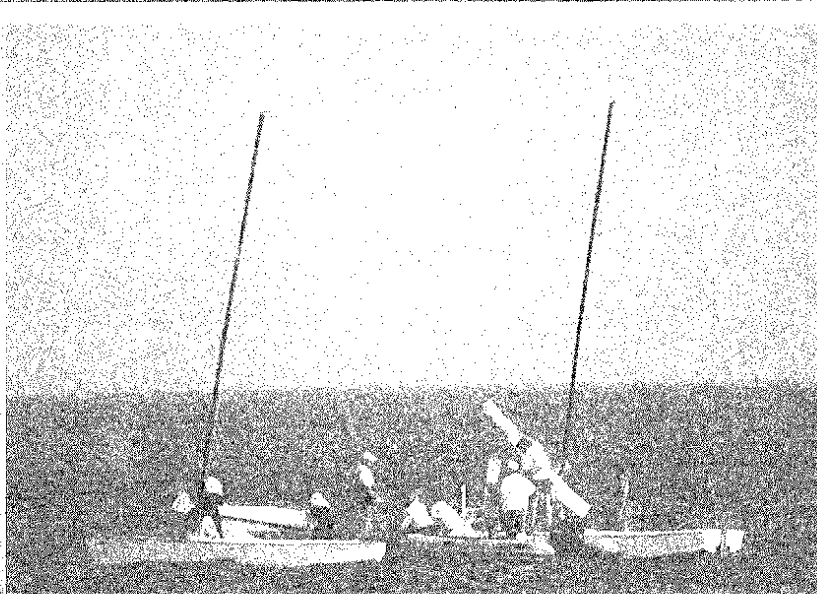
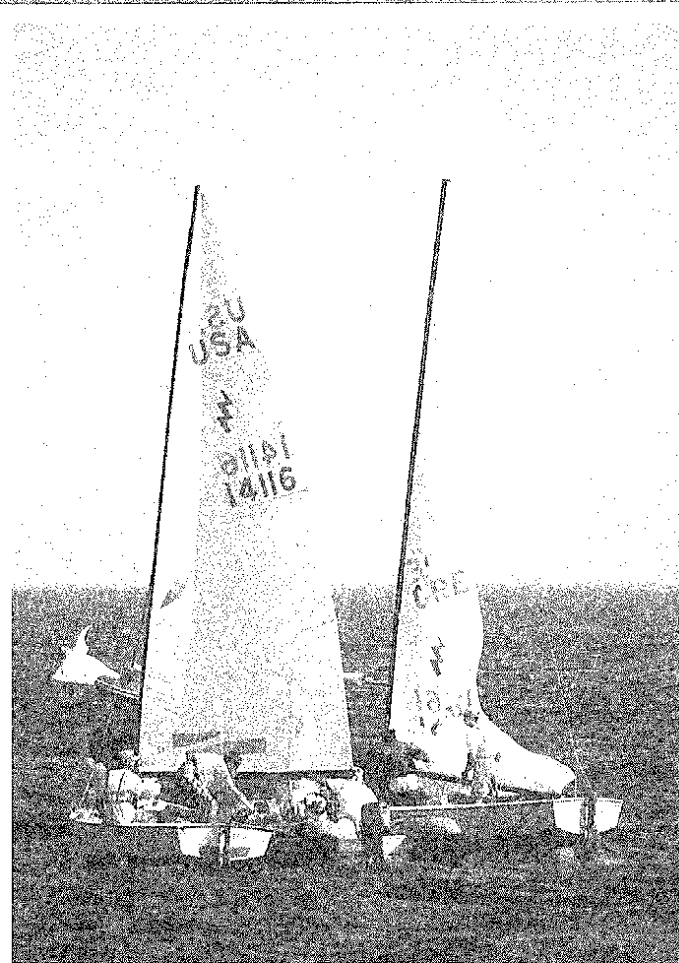
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Yacht Club of Greece and Yacht Racing Club of Athens, Athens, Greece, July 3-8
18 Teams from 9 Countries, 5 Races, No Throwout

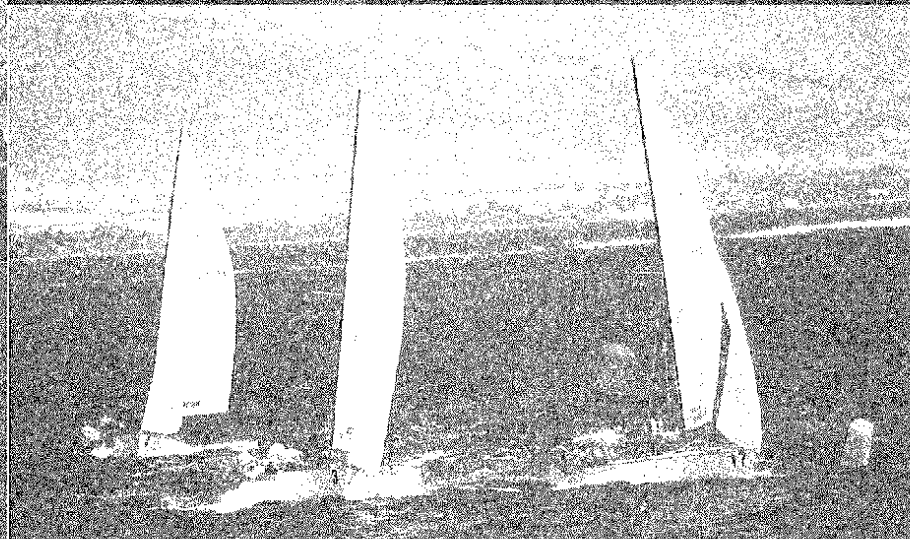
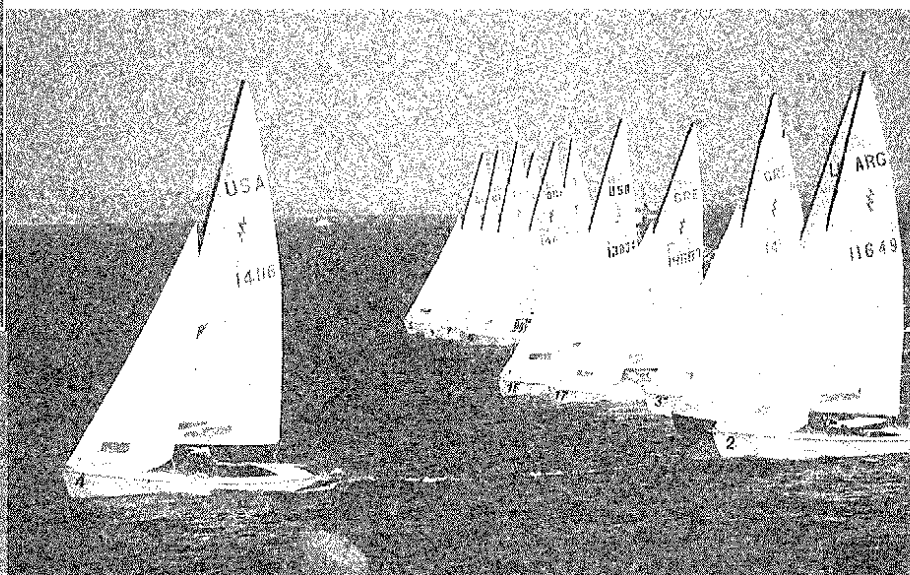
| Pos | Sail # | Country | Team | R#1 | R#2 | R#3 | R#4 | R#5 | Total |
|-----|--------|-----------|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| 1 | 14687 | Greece | Dionisis Dimou, Michalis Pateniotis, Thanassis Siouzios Antonis Pateniotis | 7 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 18 |
| 2 | 14197 | Greece | Sotiris Dimopoulos, Vagelis Kafetzidakis, Charis Finos, Eleni Kafetzidaki | 9 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 22 |
| 3 | 11649 | Argentina | Jose Maria Bettini, Cofone Juan, Valette Franco | 4 | 6 | 8 | 5 | 1 | 24 |
| 4 | 14602 | Brazil | Fernando Bocciarelli, Gustavo Harada, Eduardo Chapchap | 1 | 1 | 11 | 2 | 15 | 30 |
| 5 | 14160 | Ecuador | Carlos Andres Plaza, Smiguel Macias, Alfredo Marin | 8 | 8 | 7 | 8 | 3 | 34 |
| 6 | 13834 | USA | John Boxberger, Robin Ghertner, Robert King | 3 | DNF | 3 | 9 | 5 | 39 |
| 7 | 14174 | Canada | Matt Simpson, Dan Sprague, Oliver Bone | 12 | 2 | 6 | 14 | 8 | 42 |
| 8 | 14361 | Greece | Kostantinos Merentitis, Maria Merentitis, Papadakis Basilis, Hlias Manolakis | 2 | DNF | 16 | 7 | 2 | 46 |
| 9 | 14709 | Chile | Pablo Herman, Luis FelipeHerman, Manuel Jose Gonzales | 17 | 7 | 9 | 4 | 10 | 47 |
| 10 | 13878 | Italy | Ignazio Bonnano, Simone Scontrino, Ennio Conti | 11 | AVG | 13 | 10 | 7 | 51 |
| 11 | 14685 | Greece | Periklis Harbilas, Ioannis Andriotis, Nikitas Kechagioglou | 15 | 5 | 10 | 12 | 11 | 53 |
| 12 | 13788 | USA | Kevin Stravers, Matt Stravers, Mark Wray | 10 | 9 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 58 |
| 13 | 10114 | Ecuador | Juan Rafael Santos, Enrique Granja, Miguel Mardonez | 5 | DNF | 15 | 6 | 14 | 59 |
| 14 | 14116 | USA | Jim Ward, Ryan Stagaard, Ronn Frerker | 18 | 11 | 4 | 15 | 13 | 61 |
| 15 | 14686 | Greece | Michalis Mileos, Anthimos Nikolaidis, Dimitris Polito, Theodoros Polychronidis | 6 | 12 | 5 | DSQ | DNC | 61 |
| 16 | 14331 | Finland | Matti Haapiainen, Robert Brandt, Thomas Weckstrom | 13 | 13 | 18 | 16 | 9 | 69 |
| 17 | 14377 | Greece | Sotiris Tsompanoglou, Nikolas Mastrokolias, Thrasos Pandeleon, Elena Spyropoulou | 16 | 10 | 12 | DNF | DNC | 76 |
| 18 | 13706 | Italy | Gerardi Dario, Giacalone Gianluca, Giuseppe Ragona | 14 | DNF | 17 | 11 | 16 | 77 |



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