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Class Celebrations



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President's Message



Thank you to all the Executive Committee Members and Governing Board Members for their service to the Lightning Class. These individuals and many other volunteers, from Fleet Captains to Regatta Organizers to Registration Officials, give their time and expertise to make the Class the best in the World.

It is not often that the Lightning Class puts together a husband/wife team as President and Executive Secretary. For Jan and me, it occurred at a point in our lives when we could really dedicate some time to the tasks needed and when the Class could use some extra effort. We had fun with the Quest to visit all the Districts—an uncompleted but continuing task—and thoroughly enjoyed our new sailing friends from around the globe. Also, we enjoyed the challenge of modernizing the operating systems and procedures for running the Class on a day-to-day basis.

A major focus for me was the financial health of the Class. I felt that if the Class had positive cash flow, it could afford to implement new programs and expand. During my term, the “non-profit” Class has achieved a modest operating profit and increased its cash position. The assets of the organization have increased to \$300,000 and now include boats owned. These results have permitted the Class to have and expand the Boat Grant Program, Lightning Labs and numerous other Member services.

The generosity and commitment of the Members to accomplish these results is to be commended. Over \$40,000 has been donated to the ILCA and Boat Grant Program, Historical and Limbaugh Funds over the past two years.

As to the future...the effort to build the world-wide Lightning family and its multi-generational participants must continue. New boats shipped to Finland and Chile and used sail donations shipped to Greece have stirred excitement in these Areas. The 2011 Pan Am Games and 2011 World Championship in South America are a great opportunity to expand the Class. The U.S. Southern District, post-Katrina, is another opportunity for the Class.

Care for the elders and nurture the youth. Respect the Masters, Past Presidents, Life Members and Lightning #1. Support the Boat Grant Program, Junior events and Junior sailing. It has been an honor to serve as Class President the past few years and carry on the reputation of the International Lightning Class as a leader in one-design sailing.

Yearbook Editors Dedication

As Editor of the 2008 Yearbook, I would like to dedicate this book to all the volunteers who love and support the Lightning Class. Without you all, we would not have the positive dynamic the Class now enjoys.

Major events were held in each of our three organizational areas this year: Brazil hosted the Pan American Games, Greece the European and World Championships, and Annapolis the North American Championship. Each of them was a spectacular success! The Lightning Class is so blessed to have the passionate dedication of volunteers on all three continents. This year also saw the incorporation of our Nigerian Fleet into the Lightning community with Skip Dieball and Steve Davis' Lightning Lab in Lagos and the participation of five Nigerian teams in the Worlds in Greece.

Steve and I have had a fantastic time traveling around the World and meeting so many new and graciously welcoming members of the Lightning family. It is amazing to experience the global culture of this Class; generation follows generation, sharing their love of the out of doors, their appreciation for the sportsmanship sailing cultivates and the camaraderie of team work that is part of sailing a Lightning. And, yes, the thrill of competing with a group talented friends.

And then there are the parties...I will never forget dancing in the boat yard in Pireaus in the warm evening air, Greek line dances with our PRO Paul and Worlds organizer Lisa. We toured a budding sailing school founded by a young Greek and have since sent videos and sails to help support his efforts. Our trip to the South American Championship in Colombia with Jeff and Amy Linton and Ched Proctor was a delight. The hospitality was amazing, and their lovely mountain lake made Steve and I feel at home. We loved seeing our many friends from Ecuador, who we visited last year in Salinas. To be honest...I can't keep up with the partying of the South Americans—WAY past my bed time! At the North Americans we spent two weeks with Colin and Karen Park—precious moments to be treasured always. PRO Jeff Borland made our first North American championship with radios fun and a huge success. How can you top a year like this...the 70th Anniversary Regatta and the North American Championship in Newport, Rhode Island are on the agenda for next year.

Jan Davis
ILCA Executive Secretary



Executive Officers

Steve Davis—President



Steve has been active in sailboat racing since age six. Born in Southern California and a member of Newport Harbor Yacht Club, Steve raced Sabots, snowbirds, Lehman 12s and Etchells. Steve's and Jan's, his wife and ILCA Executive Secretary, grandfather and father were also active Southern California sailboat racers who competed against each other. You can guess how they met! Since moving to the Denver area, Steve has enjoyed sailing and is involved in the Sailing Association of Intermountain Lakes (Area F Regional Sailing Assoc.), Denver Sailing Association and Rocky Mountain International Sailing Association (a junior sailor support organization).

When not sailing, Steve is busy with fly fishing, hunting and skiing. Steve has vigorously participated in the Lightning Class since 1999 when he acquired his first Lightning boat (11457). As a consistent participant at the Southern Circuit, NAs and many other Lightning boat gatherings across the US, Steve thoroughly enjoys the camaraderie, competition and friendships that the Lightning Class has offered.

Brian Hayes—Secretary



The Hayes family name has been associated with Lightning sailing since the mid 1940s when Brian's dad, Dick, started sailing on the family boat, #3445, at the Housatonic Boat Club's Fleet #6 in Stratford, Connecticut. Some twenty years later, I was born into the Hayes sailing clan, and I'm still "pushing around the box" some forty years later. Although I have been able to have some modest success on the race course, due to crewing for some great skippers and having even better crews sail for me, most of my great thoughts of Lightning sailing come from the great times and friendships I've made off the

water at places like Kerr Lake, Nashville, Nyack and St. Pete, to name just a few. These days my wife Kelley and I are doing our best to juggle our work schedules and raise our children, Olivia and Brian Jr, while still finding time to sail Lightnings. I think I need to find a way to work less so I can sail more!

Rob Ruhlman—Treasurer



Rob was literally born into the Lightning Class as well as Fleet 36 at Pymatuning Yacht Club. Rob's dad, Jon Ruhlman was already a member of both organizations and later went on to be ILCA Chief Measurer and President. As a result of this fortuitous timing, Rob is a walking compendium of trivia useless to virtually everyone on the planet outside the Lightning class and Pymatuning Yacht Club. Having grown up in the class as well as the Ohio District, Rob has had the pleasure of sailing with and against a veritable "Who's Who" of the class. He participated in the inaugural Lightning Junior North Americans; built Lightnings with the Mueller family; has refurbished two pre-flotation Lippincotts; participated in numerous World Championships—the first in 1975; competed in countless North American

cans and has a rather large collection of antiquated Lightning fittings and hardware. As you might imagine, Rob's family is heavily involved in the class: Abby has been sailing with Rob for over 30 years and their children, Ryan and Maegan have seen great success in local, national and world Lightning events. Periodically, Rob takes time away from racing Lightnings to be CEO of Preformed Line Products Co, a worldwide manufacturer of hardware for the communication and energy industry. Rob and Abby also own Sailing, Inc., a full service boat yard in their hometown of Cleveland, Ohio.

Bill Clausen—Chief Measurer



Bill started racing Lightnings in 1947 on boat #134. He's owned 1495, 7195, 10895 and still has 14495.

He grew up racing in Ocean City on the New Jersey shore. Bill crewed and worked for some of the greats of the Lightning Class: Bob Seidelman, Marcy Lippincott, John Tieglund and Jim Carson. He learned a lot about Lightnings from them and continues to enjoy being involved in measurement and photographing at major events.

Hisson David sailed in four Junior NAs and crewed with Bill in the last Worlds Masters at Miami.

Bill has enjoyed being a part of the Executive Committee this year and hopes to continue to serve the Class as photographer and Chief Measurer in the years ahead.

John Faus—Executive Committee Member



John started sailing Lightning's at age seven on his father's 10823 Helms. Growing up in the Barnegat Light Yacht Club's youth program, he later started racing Lightning's at age thirteen. His mentors, outside of his dad, have included Bill Clarke, Jack Elfman, Greg Fisher and Jim Carson. "As a junior sailor, I had no idea the gift that I was being given with learning how to sail." Unlike many other sports, sailing is a life long sport where you can always continue to learn new things and improve.

While Lightning racing is a big part of being a member of the ILCA, meeting new people, enjoying various social events, and spending time with lifelong friends and family is equally important. Growth of the Lightning Class is

important to John. Fleet Development, the Boat Grant Program, and just getting people to race or cruise is challenging, yet very rewarding. John is heavily active in recruiting and developing youth sailors and showing them how much fun sailing these boats can be. When not sailing, John likes to occasionally go fishing, work on his house and cheer for the New York Yankees and Washington Redskins. John resides in Rocky Hill, New Jersey, and spends extended summers in Harvey Cedars on Long Beach Island, New Jersey. He has worked in the sporting goods apparel business since graduating from Kenyon College. Although his yacht club is only 100 members strong, John is proud when his club is called upon to host a regatta because the membership comes together to throw a first class regatta as well as a 'not to miss' regatta party.

Jan Davis—Executive Secretary



I was born into a sailing family in Southern California. We all learned to sail while visiting our grandparents in Newport Harbor. It was not competitive, just fun on the water. We moved to Newport Harbor when I was in Junior High School, and I sailed in the summer Inter Club races until summer jobs and school activities took over my time. One fateful evening my Dad had a sailing friend over to dinner, who introduced me to his son and my fate was sealed. Steve and I dated, sailed, and were married two years later. Later we learned that not only our fathers raced against one another in Newport, but also our Grandfathers!

Life brought us to Denver and away from the world of sailing; we raised our children, and came to the time when it was clear the children were going to indeed

leave the nest. We saw boats racing one evening on the local reservoir and went down, met the gang and bought our first Lightning a week later. I was intimidated by the "enormous" size of the Lightning compared to what I had previously sailed, so it took a couple of years for me to figure out the spinnaker and gain confidence to begin crewing. We started traveling to national and world events, and I loved meeting the Class members and returning to the world of sailors. Life took another turn, and I am now the Lightning Class Secretary, spending ALL my time with sailors, and loving it! Steve and I are completely immersed in the Lightning Class these days, traveling around the world meeting wonderful people and hopefully sharing our enthusiasm for this wonderful sport and Class.

Executive Committee On the Water/At Work



Steve and Brian



John Faus



Rob Ruhlman



Bill measuring a grant boat at the NAS



Executive Secretary Jan Davis

Former Officers

Year	President	Chief Measurer	Secretary	Treasurer	Assistant Measurers
2007	Steven Davis	Bill Clausen	Brian Hayes	Robert Ruhlman	Buczowski, Calderon, Carson, Ruhlman
2006	Carter Utzig	Bill Clausen	Brian Hayes	Steve Davis	Buczowski, Calderon, Carson, Terhune
2005	Carter Utzig	Bill Clausen	Brian Hayes	Steve Davis	Buczowski, Calderon, Carson, Terhune
2004	Francisco Solá Tanca	Carter Utzig	Jim Carson	Steve Davis	Buczowski, Burke, Calderon, Clausen, Huntsman
2003	Francisco Solá Tanca	Carter Utzig	Jim Carson	Steve Davis	Buczowski, Burke, Calderon, Clausen, Huntsman
2002	Colin Park	Carter Utzig	Francisco Solá Tanca	Bob Harkrider	Buczowski, Burke, Clausen, Hayden, Schmitt
2001	Mary Huntsman	Colin Park	Francisco Solá Tanca	Bill Fastiggi	Alman, Burke, Hayden, Schmitt, Utzig
2000	Mary Huntsman	Colin Park	Francisco Solá Tanca	Bill Fastiggi	Alman, Burke, Hayden, Schmitt, Utzig
1999	Calvin H Schmiede	Colin Park	Francisco Solá Tanca	Mary Huntsman	Alman, Burke, Schmitt, Utzig
1998	William Faude	Calvin H Schmiede	Matt Burridge	Frank Mergenthaler	Alman, Burke, Schmitt, Utzig
1997	William Faude	Calvin H Schmiede	Matt Burridge	Frank Mergenthaler	Atkinson, Ruhlman & Schmitt
1996	Paul Gelenitis	Calvin H Schmiede	William Faude	Frank Mergenthaler	Atkinson, Ruhlman & Schmitt
1995	Robert Harkrider, Jr	Paul Gelenitis	William Faude	Frank Mergenthaler	Atkinson, Ruhlman & Schmitt
1994	R A "Tony" McBride	Paul Gelenitis	Robert G Ruhlman	Robert Harkrider, Jr	Atkinson, Schmiede & Schmitt
1993	Michael Huffman	Christopher "Kip" Hamblet	R A "Tony" McBride	Robert Harkrider, Jr	Gelenitis & Schmiede
1992	Michael Huffman	Christopher "Kip" Hamblet	R A "Tony" McBride	Robert Harkrider, Jr	Gelenitis & Schmiede
1991	Fisk Hayden	Christopher "Kip" Hamblet	Michael Huffman	Robert Harkrider, Jr	Schmiede & McBride
1990	Jack Tibbs	Carl Clipp	Michael Huffman	Fisk Hayden	Clausen & Hamblet
1989	Robert Wardwell	Carl Clipp	Jack Tibbs	Fisk Hayden	Clausen & Huffman
1988	Anne Allen	Robert Wardwell	Fisk Hayden	Jack Tibbs, Jr	Clipp, Clausen & Huffman
1987	David Sprague	Robert Wardwell	Anne Allen	Jack Tibbs, Jr	Clipp & Clausen
1986	Richard Guinan, Jr	David Sprague	Anne Allen	Jack Tibbs, Jr	Clipp & Wardell
1985	George R Hatfield	David Sprague	Anne Allen	Richard C Guinan, Jr	Clipp & Wardell
1984	Djoerd Hoekstra	George R Hatfield	Anne Allen	Richard C Guinan, Jr	Sprague & Wardell
1983	Paul A Huntsman	George R Hatfield	Richard C Guinan, Jr	Djoerd Hoekstra	Sprague & Wardell
1982	George V Fisher	Paul A Huntsman	Richard C Guinan, Jr	Thomas R Bierman	Hatfield, Hoekstra & Norstrom
1981	George V Fisher	Paul A Huntsman	Djoerd Hoekstra	David W White	Gotschalk, Hatfield & Norstrom
1980	Donald P Delorme, MD	George V Fisher	Djoerd Hoekstra	David W White	Brush, Huntsman & Schmiede
1979	David O Peters	George V Fisher	Donald P Delorme, MD	David W White	Buckley, Huntsman & Schmiede
1978	John S Schneider	David O Peters	Donald P Delorme, MD	John R Nixon	Fisher & Schmiede
1977	Robert R Adams	David O Peters	John S Schneider	Donald P Delorme, MD	Fisher & Schmiede
1976	Robert K Smither	Robert R Adams	F C Jacobson	John S Schneider	MacDonald & Peters
1975	Gary A Cameron	Robert K Smither	F C Jacobson	John S Schneider	Adams & Hamblet
1974	Charles N Howe	Robert K Smither	Gary Cameron	Robert R Adams	Hamblet & Buckley
1973	C O Jones, Jr	Robert K Smither	Charles N Howe	Charles N Howe	Hamblet & Buckley
1972	Arnold Schwartz	C O Jones, Jr	Charles N Howe	Walter B Jacobs, Jr	Smither & Hamblet
1971	James G Carson	C O Jones, Jr	Arnold Schwartz	Walter B Jacobs, Jr	Spitz & Maltbie
1970	Charles H Schreck	James G Carson	Arnold Schwartz	Walter B Jacobs, Jr	Jones & Scrim
1969	Stuart Anderson	Charles Schreck	E C Roseberry, Jr	Walter B Jacobs, Jr	Grinnell & Carson
1968	Jon Ruhlman	Stuart Anderson	Charles Schreck	David M Peterson	Llovet & Grinnell
1967	Wilson R Scott, MD	Jon Ruhlman	Stanley Brander, Jr	David M Peterson	Anderson & Llovet
1966	John Swanson	Wilson R Scott, MD	G J Blake	Alan S Raffee	Walton & Ruhlman
1965	Hamilton G Ford	John Swanson	Alfred Coha	Floyd R Arnold, DDS	Scott & Walton
1964	Jay Limbaugh	Mulin & Swanson	Hamilton G Ford	Floyd R Arnold, DDS	Swanson & Fisher
1963	Martin O'Meara	Herman Henschen	J R G Bleasby	Hamilton G Ford	Mulin & Powless
1962	John M McIntosh	Herman Henschen	Martin O'Meara, Jr	Hamilton G Ford	Bernel & Olsen
1961	Thomas D Fallon	James G Carson	Martin O'Meara, Jr	Hamilton G Ford	Herman Henschen
1960	Burrows Morley	James G Carson	John M McIntosh	Martin O'Meara, Jr	Herman Henschen
1959	H J Cawthra	Burrows Morley	Thomas D Fallon	John M McIntosh	James G Carson
1958	Carleton J Alan	H J Cawthra	Samuel D Knox	Thomas D Fallon	Burrows Morley
1957	Robert C Mann	Carleton J Allan	T J Ross, Jr	Allen R Oberson	H J Cawthra
1956	Ross G Allen	Robert C Mann	Burrows Morley	Allen R Oberson	Carlton J Allan
1955	Clifford J Prados	Ross G Allen	Jay Donovan	Burrows Morley	Robert Mann
1954	C B Crittenden	Clifford J Prados	Jay Donovan	Len Ladenburger	Ross G Allen
1953	H Richard Krauss	C B Crittenden	Len Ladenburger	Charles H Dore, III	Clifford Prados
1952	Wayne L Brockett	H Richard Krauss	C B Crittenden	Charles H Dore, III	Clifford O'Kane
1951	Walter E Swindeman, Jr	H Richard Krauss	Wayne L Brockett	Ed B Overton	
1950	LeRoy Amy	Walter E Swindeman, Jr	Wayne L Brockett	Alfred V Amy	
1949	Karl Smither	Walter E Swindeman, Jr	Wayne L Brockett	W A Grimm	
1948	Edward McCain	Arthur Burtscher	LeRoy Amy	Henry Williams	
1947	John W Orelup	Arthur Burtscher	Edward McCain	Karl Smither	
1946	Len Ladenburger	John W Orelup	Edward McCain	Edward McCain	
1945	James Trenary	John W Orelup	Len Ladenburger	Len Ladenburger	
1944	Ted Siferd	A J Webb	James Trenary	James Trenary	
1943	Hon L Stauffer Oliver	A J Webb	Henry L Schimpf	Henry L Schimpf	
1942	Hon L Stauffer Oliver	E Graham	Henry L Schimpf	Henry L Schimpf	
1941	C L Nicholson	Hon L Stauffer Oliver	E Gordon Conk	E Gordon Cronk	
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You Can Make a Difference



How Can You Support the ILCA?

The ILCA has established many alternatives to enable members and friends to make special gifts and bequests of lasting significance—to help ensure the long-term viability, vitality and mission of the Class:

- The ILCA Fund
- The Boat Grant Program
- The Limbaugh Fund
- The Mary Huntsman History Fund

The ILCA Fund

Charter of the Fund

The ILCA Fund was established in 1981 as a way to guarantee the long-range operations of our Class. Contributions to the Fund may be used to pay for the ordinary operating expenses of the ILCA, to advertise and promote the sport of Lightning Class sailing or for any other purpose approved by its Board of Directors.

In 2007, the ILCA Fund supported the US Sailing award winning Lightning Boat Grant Program.

The Boat Grant Program

You can donate cash, boats, covers, sails, trailers, etc. to support this innovative program to attract young racers to the Lightning. Designed to help young sailors experience the high level of competition offered by the class, this revolutionary program offers a unique opportunity among one-design classes. While many one-design classes struggle to attract and retain young sailors, the Lightning Class is taking active steps to give young adults a leg up: this past summer the class provided four fully rigged, insured and competitive boats for worthy teams for the 2007 sailing season. The recipients participated in Fleet, District and National regattas.



The Limbaugh Fund

Charter of the Fund

The Limbaugh Fund was established in honor of two of our most avid supporters. Helen was our Executive Director from 1965 to 1982. Jay was our Class President in 1964. Both remained strong supporters of the Class long after their tenures were completed. Because of Helen & Jay's strong interest in junior sailing, and their belief that our juniors are the future members and officers of our Class, the organizers of the fund have dedicated these funds toward Junior activities.

Use of the Fund

The available monies in the Limbaugh Fund are restricted to support of education, training, and the promotion of junior sailing. Only income generated from Limbaugh Fund investments may be used. The principal may not be spent. Uses of these funds have included support for the Youth World Championships, the Sears Cup, funding junior racing clinics, trophies, promotion of youth regattas, etc.



The Mary Huntsman History Fund

Charter of the Fund

The Mary Huntsman History Fund's primary objective is to help recover and properly preserve the Lightning Class heritage. The Fund is named after Mrs. Mary Huntsman, Past President and Officer of the Class, and who was the first to hold the Historian VP position when it was established. Under her Presidency, Mary secured the purchase of Lightning Number One and subsequently coordinated its donation to the Mystic Seaport Museum, where the boat will be restored and displayed.

Use of the Fund

The Mary Huntsman Lightning History Fund was formed in 2004. Its primary objective is to help recover Lightning memorabilia and properly preserve Class heritage.

The laws of the U.S. permit its citizens to choose how to dispose of possessions at death. The ILCA has been granted status as a charitable organization by the Internal Revenue Service. As such, your gifts to the Class can be deducted from income and estate taxes. These tax laws make giving to the Class both economical and philanthropic.

How may Gifts be Made During Your Lifetime?

Gifts of Cash: A gift of cash during a person's lifetime is the simplest type of gift. These can be made in person or anonymously, directly or on behalf of another person. Gifts within a year are deductible from that year's income taxes. You may send a check to the ILCA at any time or include an extra amount of money in the renewal form when you pay your membership every year.

Gifts of Marketable Securities and Investment Real Estate: Gifts of appreciated securities and real estate held for investment purposes are often more beneficial to the donor than gifts of cash. When such items are donated, the donor receives a contribution deduction equal to the current market value of the security and generally, the excess of the market value over the donor's cost basis is not taxed. Often it can be advantageous to donate substantially appreciated items than to sell them and pay the capital gains tax.

Gifts through Wills: Remembering The ILCA in your will is another method of giving. Such a gift is deductible in calculating estate taxes. Provisions for the gift may be included in the body of the will or by adding a simple codicil. If you desire to establish a separate memorial gift within either the ILCA Fund or "Limbaugh" Fund, or to specify the purpose of the gift, this may be done by so stating in the provisions of the will.

Gifts of Boats and Equipment: You may consider donating your boat and equipment to the ILCA, thereby helping make them available to newcomers. You can deduct the fair market value of your donation from your income or estate taxes. It may be more advantageous for you to give the boat to the class than to sell it. The Class has the procedures in place to facilitate making this important gift.

There is no time better than the present to make gifts to our Class. Your contribution will assure that the next generation of sailors will have the same support that we all now enjoy. We hope you will consider planning an ILCA donation, always informed, by appropriate legal and financial counsel.

Donations

ILCA Fund

Benefactor Level

Gary Cameron
Crit Currie

Donor Level

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2007 Contributions made in memory of Colin Park:

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Limbaugh Fund

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World Championship

LIGHTNING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 2007

Yacht Club of Greece, Fleet 286

Pireaus, Greece

July 23-27, 2007

Pl	Bow#	Nat	Sail#	Skipper	Crew 1	Crew 2	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	Pen	Total	Nett
1	33	USA	15083	Linton J	Linton A S	Tihansky J	5	7	6	6	6	1	5	-21		57	36
2	7	USA	14975	Terhune A Jr	Terhune K	Perkowski D	6	17	8	3	1	3	-18	3		59	41
3	24	USA	15265	Davis S	Hayes B	Jeffers L	-26	9	2	16	2	6	7	4		72	46
4	27	CHI	14791	Herman P	Herman L F	Engell C	9	-29	10	2	4	2	6	17		79	50
5	26	USA	15045	Fisher M	Nickel D	Drake J	7	5	9	-19	7	9	17	8		81	62
6	50	USA	15255	Hallagan R	Ten Eyck H	Pope D	20	3	1	-27	10	12	8	9		90	63
7	64	USA	15257	Ruhlman R	Ruhlman A	Werley D	-37	4	18	10	3	16	2	10		100	63
8	9	GRE	11811	Vasilas A	Priftis V	Moghaddam G K S	11	14	14	1	11	4	10	-20		85	65
9	53	USA	15234	Wake T	Wake K	Moriarty D	2	25	12	14	(50 OCS)	15	1	2		121	71
10	3	CAN	15210	Hall P	Deakin J	Allen J	14	8	-30	24	5	18	3	1		103	73
11	52	USA	14866	Mauk B	Kulinichenko V	Sumpton M	3	1	21	17	15	11	-23	7		98	75
12	2	USA	15241	Barden P	Till C	VanArsdale T	8	19	7	11	20	7	-45	19		136	91
13	57	USA	14957	Ruhlman R	Turney M	Schon M	-33	21	17	9	30	5	4	6		125	92
14	10	GRE	15077	Dimou A	Mallis N./Piperakis H	Haniotis C	1	18	15	13	19	8	19	-27	5	125	98
15	39	SUI	13790	Wyller U	Durr W	Durr G	4	(49 DNF)	3	23	8	23	26	13		149	100
16	35	USA	13856	Petit de Mange E	Carroll S	Deming D	18	22	5	18	(50 OCS)	25	11	12		161	111
17	68	USA	15075	Ruhlman M	Fisher M	Bradley K	27	20	11	-29	12	10	21	15		145	116
18	20	USA	9	Allen G T Jr	Allen S	Allen J	29	6	24	7	25	-39	24	5		159	120
19	41	GRE	15144	Andreadis S	Mantis C	Parousi O	25	10	4	-36	36	20	13	14		158	122
20	25	USA	15235	Faus J	Lobos V	Brown W	16	24	27	12	23	-38	25	11		176	138
21	44	USA	15122	Carson J	Stagaard R	Dunn K	21	12	28	21	14	-36	27	16		175	139
22	19	BRA	14894	Sumner T	Brito F	Gil F	22	2	19	-40	26	14	29	28		180	140
23	1	FIN	15281	Aromaa K	Aromaa J	Aromaa M	24	11	29	15	18	31	15	-33		176	143
24	38	GRE	15245	Stylidis O	Bonas P	Andriotis Y	23	15	38	4	21	13	34	(49 DNF)		197	148
25	30	ITA	13462	Jommi C	Mariani G	Americo M	17	13	-36	8	33	21	28	32		188	152
26	22	USA	14654	Bush R	Bush A S	Depenbrock J	13	27	23	31	(50 OCS)	17	9	42		212	162
27	36	USA	15340	Spira D	Shore R	Flack R	-39	35	32	22	13	29	14	18		202	163
28	47	USA	15330	Finkboner S	Lyons J	Tondreau G	-47	23	16	28	16	24	20	39		213	166
29	42	USA	13726	Buckles B	Florian G	Edgell E	34	38	35	5	17	26	-40	24		219	179
30	37	COL	14802	Tamayo G	Guerrero J N	Delgado J A	-40	37	20	20	38	27	16	31		229	189
31	32	USA	15276	Lange P	Lange J	Thomson A	15	39	22	37	29	19	-46	29		236	190
32	17	GRE	14377	Aivazis T	Sikiniotis M	Tsigakos L	12	30	25	30	31	33	-38	30	5	234	196
33	28	USA	15272	Grinder M	Grinder M	Montgomery A	-41	36	26	33	24	28	37	25		250	209
34	34	SUI	14530	Perret J	Montmollin A	Louis A	19	32	37	26	34	30	33	(49 DNF)		260	211
35	11	FIN	14018	Lappaloien N	Hannila P	Kanerve K	10	26	40	32	(50 DSQ)	37	44	26		265	215
36	4	GRE	12007	Mavridis C	Adamopoulos Y	Theodorakis D	36	28	13	(50 DSQ)	35	50 DNE	39	23		274	224
37	14	GRE	14361	Vasakas N	Pangakis Y	Caseley P	-45	34	31	39	32	40	12	38		271	226
38	40	USA	14811	Allen T Sr	Allen J	Papachristopoulou C	35	-45	39	25	9	43	41	36		273	228
39	49	USA	14415	Glenn G	Hopkin C	Buzby A	-44	43	42	38	27	35	22	22		273	229
40	6	GRE	14211	Petikidis D	Telios D	Tsekouras T	42	33	34	42	22	22	-43	41		279	236
41	43	AUS	13527	Barton A	Calvin J	Use D	38	-42	33	41	39	34	30	35		292	250
42	46	USA	15324	Haas M	Engelbreetsen K	Engelbreetsen E	32	31	44	34	37	45	(49 DNF)	37		309	260
43	31	USA	15325	King K	Eldon M	Leek R	46	44	-47	35	28	41	35	34		310	263
44	45	AUS	15323	Edwards I	Schwartz G	Emslie A	28	40	41	43	42	42	36	(50 OCS)		322	272
45	23	USA	14924	Coppens J	Moriarty T	Sears J	30	16	49 DNF	49 DNC	49 DNC	49 DNC	31	(50 OCS)		323	273
46	5	FIN	14331	Pesola S	Jarvenen T	Kangas R	43	41	-46	44	40	44	32	40		330	284
47	8	GBR	15322	Willmott R	Alderson D	Willmott T	31	46	45	45	41	(49 DNF)	42	49 DNF		348	299
48	13	FIN	14761	Hemming L	Hemming L	Hemming M	48	47	43	(50 DSQ)	43	32	47	43		353	303

WORLD CHAMPIONS



World Champions Jeff Linton, Amy Smith Linton, Jahn Tihansky being presented the Edith Oliver Dusmet trophy



Runners Up Allan Terhune, Katie Terhune, Dave Perkowski being awarded the Finnish Challenge Cup



Second Runner-Up Steve Davis, Laura Jeffers, Brian Hayes being presented the Russ Scrim Trophy



Third Runner Up Pablo Herman, Luis Filipe Herman, Claus Engell being presented the Annapolis Trophy



5th Place—Matt Fisher, Doug Nickel & Jared Drake

World Championship



Lisa Stathatou, Geroge Andreadis & Anna Andreadis



*Nigerian ambassador to Greece
meeting members of the Lagos Yacht Club*



The South Americans



*Chief Measurer Clausen
enjoying the party!!*



*Italian Team—Carlo Jommi, Mariani Giancarlo,
Americo Mandalini*



World Championship



World Championship



World Championship



Linton Team leading at the Worlds



International Masters

Bill Mauk (14866)



Members of the team visited Athens' Parthenon, the Temple of Poseidon (at sunset) and the cities of Sikyon, Corinth, Sparta, Thebes, Argos, Delphi, Olympia, Mycenae. We read Aeschines, Aesop, Euripides, Homer, Horace, Plato, Virgil and Tacitus (heck with the North tuning guide). What a wonderful country. They have contributed so much to whom we are as people and nations. With this as prelude, we felt prepared.

We arrived before any foreign team. The Yacht Club of Greece and the Organizing Committee were ready for us. More than ready. They went out of their way to make us feel at home. This was a world class event, run by world class people! George, Anna, Lisa and Paul, what a wonderful job you did.

Everything from the logistics of the boats, opening and closing ceremonies, dinners, and race committee work, etc. was first class. Looking out from the Club's deck balcony, during the opening and closing ceremonies, and seeing the Acropolis will always be remembered! You put on a great show.

Making friends is a big part of the Lightning culture. My team, Jo and I enjoyed getting to know you and cherished our time with you. Thanks for all you did. And Andy Sinopoulos, you are the best. Thank you for all your insights, good humor, and teaching us how to eat the Greek way.

We actually did some sailing to prepare. We trained for three days in strong Meltemi and lighter sea breeze winds. We helped coach one of the Greek teams before their National Championship. We observed racing, on the water one day, of the Championship, while team Chile sailed my boat. And we sailed two races the last day of the regatta. We had a fair idea of the conditions going into the Masters.

Of course it took a lucky wind shift in the last race for us to come from behind to win the last race and the regatta. Of course, that is sail boat racing.

Congratulations to the Andreadis, Wyler, Hallagan and Hall teams and all the competitors. It was fun racing with you. Let us do it again.



What a fabulous place to hold a regatta! All the important gods were there: Zeus, Poseidon, Hades, Hestia, Hera, Ares, Athena, Apollo, Hermes, Artemis and Hephaestus. What a cast of characters. Our team of Kuli Kulinichenko, Michele Sumpton and myself made sacrifices to Poseidon and Hermes before the regatta—we were taking no chances. As we quickly found out, our initiative was a critical success factor. Obviously, some of our competition had done the same to other gods. I just did not understand why so many made their sacrifice to Hades. Who was that guy that always tacked on us, and how about room at the mark?



LIGHTNING INTERNATIONAL MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIP 2007

Sailed:6, Discards:1, To count:5, Entries:14, Scoring system:LIGHTNING WORLD

Rank	Bow#	Nat	Sail#	Skipper	Crew	Crew	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Total	Nett
1	52	USA	14866	Mauk B.	Kulinichenko V.	Sumpton M.	-6	2	3	5	4	1	21	15
2	41	GRE	15144	Andreadis G.	Vlastaki V.	Pachoumas A.	3	1	1	-8	8	4	25	17
3	39	SUI	13790	Wyer U.	Durr W.	Durr G.	1	3	6	4	3	-7	24	17
4	50	USA	15255	Hallagan R.	Ten Eyck H.	Pope D.	4	-8	4	3	2	5	26	18
5	49	CAN	15210	Hall P.	Kerrigan P.	Deacon J.	2	7	9	1	1	-10	30	20
6	51	USA	15119	Larson R.	Larson E.	Elmergreen M.	7	6	7	2	(15.0 DNC)	3	40	25
7	44	USA	15122	Carson J.	Clausen B.	Schon D.	5	5	5	6	6	-11	38	27
8	42	USA	13726	Buckles B.	Florian G.	Edgell E.	-12	4	10	7	5	6	44	32
9	47	USA	15330	Finkboner S.	Tondreau G.	Schmitz L.	8	13	2	9	(15.0 DNS)	2	49	34
10	45	AUS	15323	Edwards I.	Emslie A.	Schwantz G.	9	9	-12	11	7	8	56	44
11	40	USA	14811	Allen T. Sr	Allen T. Jr	Allen S.	10	11	-14	10	9	9	63	49
12	43	GBR	13727	Calvin J.	Use D.	Alderson D.	11	10	-13	13	11	12	70	57
13	48	USA	15185	Finsilver B.	Brown L.	Roth J.	13	12	8	(15.0 DNF)	15.0 DNC	13	76	61
14	46	NOR	15324	Engerretsen K.	Haas M.	Engebretsein E.	14	(15.0 DNF)	11	12	10	14	76	61



CHAMPIONS

Bill Mauk,
Vladimir Kulinichenko,
Michel Sumpton

CELEBRATION!



Special Awards



Anne Allen presenting Angelos Vassilas with the Smither Trophy for the highest finisher who was a first-time participant at the Worlds



Brian Hayes presenting Bill Mauk with a Class Appreciation Award for his outstanding service as Vice President, World Championships



Amy Smith Linton receiving the Audrey Matteson Trophy



Bill Clausen presenting Lisa Stathatou with a Class Appreciation Award for serving as President of the Organizing Committee for the 2007 World Championships



Shelby Allen receiving the Kaleigh Wilday Trophy for being the youngest competitor at the Worlds

European Championship

European Championship Yacht Club of Greece, Fleet 286 Pireaus, Greece—July 23-27, 2007

Rank	Bow#	Class	Nat	Sail#	Skipper	Crew 1	Crew 2	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Total	Nett
1	39	E	SUI	13790	Wylar U	Durr W	Durr G	1	3	-9	2	1	6	22	13
2	41	E	GRE	15144	Andreadis G	Vlastaki V	Pachoumas A	3	1	3	7	-10	3	27	17
3	12	E	GRE	14334	Stoubos M	Mandis C	Parousi O	4	6	2	4	3	-15	34	19
4	17	E	GRE	14377	Aivazis T	Sikiniotis M	Tsigakos L	2	4	4	6	5	-10	31	21
5	10	E	GRE	15077	Dimou A	Chaniotis C	Mallis N	6	2	1	3 (23.0 DSQ)		11	46	23
6	18	E	GRE	15244	Manolakis Y	Manolakis S	Ntasis D	(22.0 DNF)	11	8	1	7	5	54	32
7	9	E	GRE	11811	Vasilas A	Priftis V	Moghaddam GKS	5	8	11	5	6	-12	47	35
8	1	E	FIN	15281	Aromaa K	Aromaa J	Aromaa M	-14	13	10	8	2	7	54	40
9	19	E	GRE	14211	Papoutsoglou A	Telios D	Asvestakis G	9	-14	6	13	4	8	54	40
10	4	E	GRE	12007	Mavridis C	Adamopoulos J	Tsekouras A	7	5	7	-16	11	13	59	43
11	38	E	GRE	15245	Bonas C	Bonas P	Andriotis Y	16	7 (22.0 DNF)		14	8	2	69	47
12	11	E	FIN	14018	Lappalainen N	Hannila P	Kanerve K	10	-17	16	9	12	1	65	48
13	45	E	AUS	15323	Edwards I	Schwantz G	Emslie A	8	12	14	-15	9	9	67	52
14	15	E	GRE	13981	Stratigiou A	Teliou A	Kalidonis M	15	-16	12	10	13	4	70	54
15	16	E	GRE	15190	Tsokaras V	Jackson R	Petrogonas M	12	9	5	12	-16	16	70	54
16	14	E	GRE	14361	Pangakis Y	Celsey P	Vazakas N	11	10	17	17	14	-19	88	69
17	43	E	GBR	13727	Calvin J	Use D	Alderson D	13	15	15	-20	18	14	95	75
18	5	E	FIN	14331	Pesola S	Jarivenen T	Kangas R	17 (23.0 OCS)		19	11	15	18	103	80
19	46	E	NOR	15324	Engelbretsen K	Haas M	Engelbretsen E	18 (22.0 DNF)		13	19	17	17	106	84
20	13	E	GRE	14362	Mitsopoulos G	Hatzimaliakas Y	Karinou M	19	18	18	18	19	-20	112	92
21	30	E	ITA	13462	Jommi C	Mariani G	Mandolini A	(22.0 DNC)	22.0 DNC	22.0 DNC	22.0 DNC	22.0 DNC	22.0 DNC	132	110



Champions—Urs Wylar, Walter Durr, Gilbert Durr



Runner Up—George Andreadis, V Vlastaki, A Pachoumas



2nd Runner Up—Emanuel Stoubos, Costas Mandis, Rania Parousi

Open European Championship

Open European Championship



Allan and Katie Terhune and Dave Perkowski

Prior to the Worlds, the Yacht Club of Greece also hosted the Open European Championship. This regatta coincided with the Masters, and it was an excellent warm-up for both the competitors and the Race Committee. We arrived a day early to set up the boat, and the first thing we noticed, it was HOT! The club was very well organized and everything from registration to measurement went swiftly.

Our story is quite unusual, as our middle crew Dave was flying in the day the regatta started. Unfortunately due to weather in the US, he missed the first day. We were lucky enough to twist JoAnn Schon into sailing, as well as Todd Wake, until Dave arrived. It was a five-person team! We all had a great time.

The wind during the regatta was crazy. There were 180 degree shifts every day. Brian Hayes and I had a bet on how many times it would shift each day. I believe the record was five 180s in one day! Everyone's first thought was that they would not want to sail in that. My thought was, I would not want to be in the Race Committee.

It was a fantastic regatta, which we were fortunate enough to win. Bill Mauk and team won the Masters and Urs Wyler won the top European. The team of the Hermans and Claus Engel from Chile sailed a great regatta and if not for a crazy last race, probably would have won the event.

One note about the regatta that was really cool. It was a ranking regatta for the Youth sailors from Greece. I originally thought it was ranking for their sailing team, but it actually was to get points which would allow them to choose their college! We were trying to figure out why the regatta was so cut throat for them— now we know why. Who would have thought a Lightning regatta could impact a college choice? It was really cool to see.

Congrats again to Jeff, Amy and Jahn for winning the Worlds. We had a great time in Athens and can't wait to go back.





A Pan American Perspective

Bill Faude

(AKA #27, the 27th potential crew member the Starcks asked to sail in the Pam Am trials before one accepted)

As I write this, we've been home from Brazil for ten days. In that time, I've gotten warm again. I haven't needed my magic wool hat (the one that was knitted for me by Audrey Mattesson and recovered and returned to me after capsizes in two lakes and the Pacific Ocean). It's been in three sailboat races; we haven't touched a line in any of them, and we've won all three! My two-and-a-half-year-old has taken permanent possession of 'her' silver medal. She occasionally lets me look at it—if she can be interrupted in her quest to pulverize it on the mudroom floor. One more thing—I miss the Lightning family we were with in Brazil.

We learned a lot participating in an Olympic-style event. If you'd like, you can go to:

www.lightninginrio.blogspot.com

and read a little bit about what it felt like to me to be in the middle of that amazing event. The USOC and US Sailing gave us incredible support. We had very diligent coaching. We had an incredible trainer. We were surrounded with security. It was fantastic to bond with our teammates on the US Sailing team—former Olympic medalists, former Rolex winners, future gold medalists. It was incredible to sail a regatta among all that hoopla...speaking of which, we even became friends with both men's and women's US hoop team members. All that was amazing.

But perhaps even more amazing than anything about the actual sailing in the games was being a Lightning Sailor in the games. I never understood how important, how wonderful being in the Pan American Games is to the International Lightning Class. I was President of ILCA for two years. For ten plus years before that and at every major meeting before and during that time, someone, Jim Carson, Larry MacDonald Sr., Dave Sprague, or someone with equally good perspective on International Sailing, would make a report on the outlook for the Lightning staying in the Pan American Games. It was generally pretty iffy. We had six or seven countries interested in sailing in the games. The Pan American Sailing Organization wanted more countries to participate. If we didn't get more countries to sail, we'd be in trouble. We were always told how critical Pan American status was to the Lightning in South America. I've got to tell you, at that time those guys sounded like a broken record to me. We would never really lose the Lightning in the Pan Ams. Would we?

My gosh, I was so wrong. Maybe the only reason they sail Lightnings in those games is that those folks worked so hard to keep the boat in those games. My Lightning friends from different countries won medals because of the behind-the-scenes effort they made for those games. Andy and Bill and Heather. Larry and Julie-Marie and Trevor. Matt and Sean and Steve. Then for one of the games the Lightning was actually out. And Brian, who won the US trials, didn't get to go. I had no idea what a complete bummer that was until two weeks ago.

My advice:

1. Hug one of the people who have always understood...and has put in the time to keep our beloved square boats in the games.
2. Think hard about whether you know a sailor from Mexico who might like to sail the Southern Circuit next winter. It would be fantastic to have a Lightning with MEX on the main next time in Puerto Villarta in 2011. I've already got two Snipe Sailors from Paraguay who are prime candidates, and I'm working them.



Pan American Games



#27, Jody and David in the Pan Am Village

Every night in the blog, there was a section called “The Neatest Thing That Happened Today.” It was dedicated every night to Sabrina Starck and Camryn Faude.

I’m going to end this article with a short list of the Neatest things that happened during our whole Pan American Games experience:

- Matt Fisher showing me his Pan American Games gold medal from Havana.



Bill & Camryn–David & Sabrina

- Watching Nelson Schmidt measure the Lightnings. The guy knows what he’s doing. He came down from Sao Paulo with just a few days notice—because the Lightning Class needed him. I know he burned up the long distance lines with Bill Clausen before he came down. He made the process fun too.



- Getting to the beach at Pt. Abino late on a Friday night after a week of work—before a weekend of practicing—and having Julie and Camryn already there.
- Larry and Debbie and Michael and Jody and Bob and Sarah around the campfire that night.
- Coming into the venue in Rio one morning and running into David Sprague, who had flown down to Rio from Toronto just to attend the kind of meeting he’s been attending for years—the kind of meeting that keeps the Lightning in the games. He stayed in Brazil about twelve hours—and flew about twenty-five. He didn’t leave before he sent an e-mail to his office from right there in the boat park—we needed to know who’d had a good first day at the Lightning Worlds.
- Surviving (narrowly) a training run from Key Biscayne over the causeway to Coral Reef Yacht Club on Memorial Day weekend while we were practicing. Mental note to self: next time, carbon fiber bike!
- Getting an e-mail from Matt Burrridge during the games and realizing that people were watching—and rooting for us.
- Watching Tito and Diego and Cristian get their gold medals out of the corner of my eye—and being proud of our friends.
- Getting a hug from Claudio, Gunnar and Silva after getting their medals and being proud of our friends.
- Watching Richard Walsh, Jim and Alicia Cameron of team Canada win a race handily after sailing a very brave first beat up a side of the course we were curious about but didn’t think would pan out.
- Going up wind with Juan Santos and team on a practice day and remembering that he goes pretty fast, then meeting his son on shore. That was neat.
- Ice cold Kwat: Official beverage of every meal for thirteen days in the Pan Am Village cafeteria.
- Waking up very early one morning, kicking the cobwebs around and figuring out I was still in the village. Then being psyched that nobody in the first twenty-six people my teammates asked said yes!

Pan American Games



Marina da Gloria

28 JUL 2007

Sailing

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Place	Name	NOC Code	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Medal Race	Ttl Pts	Net Pts
Gold	GONZALEZ Alberto GONZALEZ Diego HERMAN Cristian	CHI	1	1	(8)OCS	1	4	3	2	2	22	14
Silver	STARCK David STARCK Jody FAUDE Bill	USA	3	(4)	1	3	3	2	3	4	23	19
Bronze	BIEKARCK Claudio FICKER Gunnar SILVA Marcelo	BRA	2	3	4	2	(5)	1	1	6	224	19
4	SANTOS GARCÉS Juan SANTOS DILLON Juan HERRERA CASTRO Sebastián	ECU	5	2	3	(6)	2	6	5	10	39	33
5	WALSH Richard CAMERON Jim CAMERON Alisia	CAN	6	(7)	2	7	1	7	4	8	42	35
6	BETTINI Jose LAMAS Marcos GNERI Diego	ARG	4	(6)	6	4	6	5	6	-	37	31
7	HIGUERA Juan Sebastian BUSTOS Juan Camilo DEEB ORJUELA Nicolas	COL	7	5	5	5	(8)DNF	4	7	-	41	43



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Geoff Becker and Team Win at the NAs



Team Becker

The 2007 Lightning NAs is an event I will always remember. Being relatively inexperienced driving these boats, many people have asked me, "How did you do it?" It surely wasn't easy or without bumps in the road. Here is my "coach's" take on how our regatta came together.

Coming into the event I tried to focus on the things that I felt our team could do well. That all started with crew selection. Since I own the boat with Dan Rabin it was easy to find an excellent bow person as Dan has been there and done that. The only crew decision for us was to find a quality trimmer/tactician. Bill Ward, the Dinghy Coach at St. Mary's College of Maryland, was available for our team and I can say that no one else would have done a better job for us, or made our regatta as much of a success.

We then made sure we had good equipment for our run at the NAs. We knew the boat was solid and would perform well for us if we could figure out how to set it up and point it in the right direction. So we next focused on sails for the event. Fortunately we got some help from Quantum Newport, Rhode Island, who agreed to work with us and help us get the boat up to speed. They were great to work with, and we certainly appreciate that. Once we had all the right gear, our equipment worries were put aside and we were ready to go.

My next focus was learning the boat setup and as much as possible about tuning the boat, from as many different sources as I could get. I checked several tuning guides and other articles

about how to make the boat go fast and tried to compare similarities between them. Once I had an understanding of how others thought the boat and rig should be setup, I tried to use that information to create a basic setup.

The next step was sailing the boat. When we sailed in practice sessions, I used the old sailing adage, "trust what you see." We made adjustments to the rig and sails until they looked the way we wanted them to look. I have never been a believer in setting the rig to a guide and sailing by faith. I always check the mast and sails to make sure they look how they should and make the necessary adjustments while sailing the boat. The largest adjustment we made was in the tension of our lower shrouds. We found that in the light winds and choppy water the main could be made fuller and more powerful by easing the lowers giving the boat more punch through the chop.

The final step in our regatta preparation was to create a game plan for the event. Our game plan included two main parts, which we called 'big picture' and 'little picture.' The 'big picture' items included things that had to do with the entire regatta performance. Since our team was new to the boat and sailing together, we made a plan to improve each day and be sailing our best by the end of the event. A good example of this for our event was the practice race, where we made sure we started in a pack and sailed around boats the entire race.

We knew we would be weak in traffic, so we tried to stay around boats as much as possible early in the event in an effort to improve that part of our game.

Once the qualifying series started, we had two 'big picture' goals. One goal was to make it into Blue Fleet; the other was again to improve after each race. Our 'big picture' plan on the course was simple—stay away from the edges and keep our options open allowing us to be in every race.

Our 'little picture' goals were created on a race-by-race, situation-by-situation basis. Some of the 'little picture' items included, where should we start, what side of the course looked better, what was the current doing, etc. When we considered the 'little picture,' we made sure not to forget the 'big picture.' Our tactics reflected this again by staying away from the ends of the line and the sides of the course, allowing us to make adjustments and have a chance to be in every race. One sacrifice we understood in the beginning was that with these conservative tactics, we couldn't really expect to win many races. In the large fleets, with the boats getting so far apart on the upwind legs, boats way to the favored side would certainly have a significant advantage by the top mark. We knew that normally only a few boats could take advantage of the far sides, so we were OK with sailing just behind the lead pack on a regular basis.

Obviously our plan worked for us for the NAs, but we were fortunate that we were able to be so successful because there were certainly many boats that had both the speed and talent to win the regatta. Our team had a great time at the event, and we plan to be there again next year!

Finally, we would like to thank Severn Sailing Association and Eastport Yacht Club for doing an excellent job hosting the Lightning Class during the North American Championship. Steve Constands has my admiration, as I know how difficult it is to sail in a regatta you are hosting. Steve not only put on a great event, he sailed well to boot! We would also like to thank Jeff Borland and his team on the Race Committee, as they did an excellent job making the sailing both fair and competitive in sometimes challenging conditions. I can say, without hesitation, that we never sailed a race during the entire event that was not both a fair test and a challenge for the competitors.

North American Championship

2007 North American Championship

Severn Sailing Association, Fleet 329 & Eastport Yacht Club

August 18–24, 2007

Pos	Bow/Sail	Skipper	Crew	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total Points
1	20/ 15151	Becker, Geoff	Rabin, Dan/Ward, Bill	2	4	2	[8]	3	6	17.00
2	32/ 15232	Terhune, Allan	Terhune, Katie/Paisley, Sarah	1	12	1	[20]	4	1	19.00
3	31/ 15164	Dodge, Jed	Dodge, Bill/Costich, Sarah	[17]	1	3	5	5	15	29.00
4	61/ 14821	Proctor, Ched	Mueller, Jay/Dudas, Debbie	8	8	[21]	6	2	7	31.00
5	64/ 15257	Ruhlman, Rob	Ruhlman, Abby/Wilson, Patrick	[34]	6	8	9	1	8	32.00
6	1/ 14834	Burridge, Matt	Wake, Todd/Wake, Kristine	5	5	4	[29]	14	5	33.00
7	38/ 15310	Harkrider, Bob	Stone, Ellie/Moehlman, Marcus	[15]	7	10	4	15	4	40.00
8	33/ 14958	Fastiggi, Bill	Coburn, Suzy/Kruger, Kolby	9	[14]	5	12	6	9	41.00
9	15/ 15285	Strammer, Frederick	Jeffers, Will/Sims, Charlotte	13	2	7	[19]	8	13	43.00
10	43/ 9	Allen Jr, Tom	Allen, Shelby/Allen, Karl	3	[26]	13	3	7	23	49.00
11	68/ 14786	Schwartz, Jon	Krzenski, Paul/Schon, Don	16	13	[24]	7	10	3	49.00
12	65/ 14957	Rulhman, Ryan	Turney, Nick/Sundman, Caroline	20	11	6	[28]	13	2	52.00
13	4/ 15181	Fisher, Jo Ann	Fisher, Greg/Bernstein, Rick	6	10	22	2	[29]	14	54.00
14	56/ 15251	Probst, Debbie	Jones, Monica/Kelly, Cindy	4	24	20	1	[25]	10	59.00
15	29/ 15240	Constants, Steve	Constants, Mike/Constants, Dave	12	[21]	16	15	18	12	73.00
16	57/ 14453	Peck, Darrell	Webber, Allison/Ganter, Kara	[26]	9	9	14	23	19	74.00
17	30/ 14880	Dieball, Skip	Gauger, Derek/Gauger, Ryanne	10	25	14	[27]	11	16	76.00
18	23/ 15279	King, Bob	Morang, Will/Healy, Billy	11	[34]	15	18	9	24	77.00
19	37/ 14548	Guth, John	Rich, Peter/Millar, Jenn	[23]	19	12	11	16	20	78.00
20	26/ 14350	Brown, Will	Faus, John/Whitesides, Paul	27	16	[28]	10	12	22	87.00
21	59/ 14795	Perez, Ignacio	Perez, Edmundo/Perez, Cristian	19	22	11	16	[37/DSQ]	28	96.00
22	5/ 15016	Brickell, Jamie	Brickell, Susie/Brickell-Frank, Kimberly	18	18	17	25	[31]	21	99.00
23	77/ 14119	Miller, Chad	Miller, Tanya/Hill, John	21	23	[31]	24	22	11	101.00
24	67/ 15154	Schneider, Mark	Schneider, Ashley/Schneider, Greta	32	15	18	21	19	[37/40%]	105.00
25	76/ 15024	Werner, Jason	DeBrincat, Brian/Dodd, Heather	25	3	27	[33]	24	29	108.00
26	60/ 15131	Phelan, Patrick	Sanford, Mark/Morris, Rich	14	29	19	13	34	[35]	109.00
27	48/ 14866	Mauk, Bill	Weaver, R/Vladimir	28	[30]	23	23	20	18	112.00
28	88/ 14890	Townsend, John	Pramik, Sara/Mangan, Sarah	[33]	17	30	22	28	17	114.00
29	27/ 14940	Cobbum, Craig	Shore, Randy/Brown, Ryan	7	20	[34]	31	27	31	116.00
30	42/ 14073	Hurban, Gary	Coplan, Justin/Carney, Mike	24	27	25	30	21	[32]	127.00
31	3/ 15142	Alsalam, Nabeel	Roberts, Russell/Kugler, Lisbet	22	[33]	26	26	30	25	129.00
32	85/ 15084	Buczkowski, Joe	Crann, Caitlin/Parker, Ryan	29	28	[33]	32	17	27	133.00
33	34/ 14050	Gardner, Bretton	Unworth, James/Hazelett, Peter	30	32	32	17	33	[34]	144.00
34	51/ 13806	Newman, Clarke	Scanlon, Alex/Rudolph, Gavin	35	35	29	[37/OCS]	26	30	155.00
35	16/ 15276	Lange, Philip	Lange, Jonathan/Lange, Derik	31	31	[35/TLE]	34	32	33	161.00

Notes

(1) Scoring System is Lightning LowPoint

(2) Time limit expired (TLE) penalty is: Finishers plus 1

(3) Finishes in [brackets] denote throwouts

North American Championship



Geoff Becker and Dan Rabin receiving NA Championship Trophy



Katie Terhune, Sarah Paisley & Allan Terhune



Jed Dodge, Sarah Costich & Bill Dodge



Ched Proctor, Jay Mueller & Debbie Dudas



Patrick Wilson, Abby Ruhlman & Rob Ruhlman

North American Championship



Daily Annapolis U briefing



The VERY popular beer truck

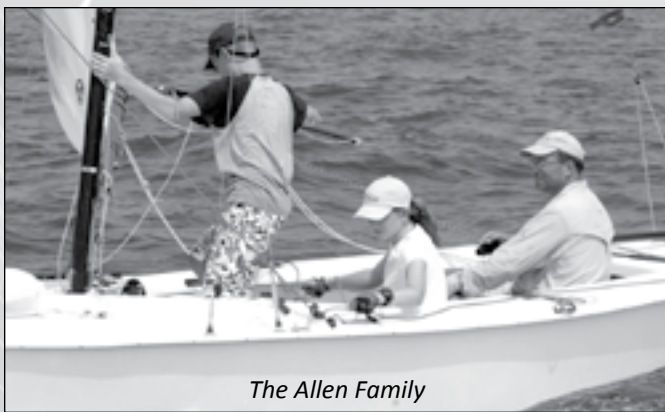


Proud Papa-Cully Ward with daughters Beth & Kat



President Steve with the Ecuadorians at the NAs

North American Championship



The Allen Family



The Brickell Family



August in Annapolis?!—your just never know...

President's Cup

Steven H. Davis

I am proud to join the ranks of previous Presidents who have won the President's Cup. Fisk Hayden, Paul Gelenitis, Don De-lorme, David Peters, Henry Cawthra and Karl Smith hold that distinction. My only unique aspect is that I won the President's Cup as the standing President of the ILCA.

Colin, Karen and I started sailing together last year in San Diego. I would drag the boat and gear to a venue and crew for Colin and Karen in the Master's Championship, and the following week the duo would crew for me in the NAs.

I love to sail with Colin and Karen Park, as the expectations are very high. Colin is a ILCA Past President, former North American Champion and Olympic sailing medalist. Karen, otherwise known as "Tiger", is a first-rate crew, Yearbook editor extraordinaire, past first lady of ILCA and a North American Champion. There isn't much that they miss on the race course or off the race course.

Annapolis has always been a difficult place to sail for me, and every trip is memorable for its calamity. My first trip to Annapolis I broke my leg, so not making it to the Blue Fleet was not as bad. Besides, Colin had never had the opportunity to sail in the Green Fleet!

Day One: Frank Gallagher won the day with a 1 and a 3. Our first race was a recovery from oblivion. We were rocket ship fast downwind. With Colin, Karen and Steve, "the Little People," what would you expect!? Up the first weather leg in the second race,

a 30-degree left hand shift set us up nicely, and we battled Dick Moyer around the course for first and second. A nasty right shift at the top of the second leg allowed us to get around Team Moyer and go on to win the race.

Day Two: Neal Fowler won the only race of the day by a mile. We were deeper than deep, but once again we glided downwind in super light air to pull out a six. That effort put us in the overall lead.

Day Three: The previous pattern repeated itself. We won the fourth race, and then Team Fowler won the fifth race. With a throwout, Team Fowler was back. At the start of the last race, we had lost sight of Team Fowler and positioned ourselves at the pin end. There was a stack of boats on the pin boat that looked like a people pileup on a ski lift exit. We squirted out and battled Cully Ward to the weather mark but could not find Team Fowler. Finally, they showed up right behind us. They dogged us and we dogged them up and down the course. Team Ward won the race but we were able to stay ahead of Team Fowler for the overall 2007 President's Cup Championship!

It was a good week. Our focus was on fun! One night Jan prepared a clam chowder feast at our rented house for all the South American participants and family. After racing, we pursued seafood haunts throughout the Annapolis area. Almost nothing is more fun for the out-of-towners than to smash crabs and drink cold beer!

Thank you to all the NAs Organizing Team, especially Steve Con-stants and Todd Johnson. Congratulations to PRO Jeff Borland for a job well done.



North American President's Cup



2007 President's Cup

Severn Sailing Association, Fleet 329 & Eastport Yacht Club

August 18-24, 2007

Pos	Bow/Sail	Skipper	Crew	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total Points
1	8/ 15265	Davis, Steve	Park, Colin Park, Karen	5	1	6	1	[9]	3	16.00
2	2/ 15202	Fowler, Neal	Johnson, Todd Offerman, Katie	10	[14]	1	4	1	4	20.00
3	75/ 15216	Ward, Cully	Ward, Kat Ward, Beth	2	9	8	2	[17]	1	22.00
4	46/ 15336	Martin, Bobby	Spiller, Ben Kilcline, Erin	23	2	4	3	3	[25/DNF]	35.00
5	49/ 14942	Moyer, Richard	Moyer, Helen Depenbrock, John	3	4	[15]	14	10	11	42.00
6	41/ 15082	Holly, Michael	Tardif-Holly, Valerie- Wheatley, Christine	9	7	[16/TLE]	10	2	15	43.00
7	69/ 14888	Sengstacken, Bob	Tsutsui, Mino Zitin, Daniel	8	15	14	6	[19]	2	45.00
8	40/ 14706	Harrington, George	Guerrera, Art Thomson, Christian	16	6	2	[19]	11	10	45.00
9	6/ 15122	Carson, James	Ruiter, Dave Thompson, Dave	[22]	5	3	17	15	6	46.00
10	45/ 14676	Lecaro, Carlos	Viteri, Oscar Pamino, Jimmy	[19]	8	16/TLE	5	4	13	46.00
11	9/ 15296	Sprole, Ryan	Sprole, Chris Sprole, Steve	6	10	5	13	14	[19]	48.00
12	13/ 15171	Goldman, Josh	Scheibner, Angela Powers, Danielle	12	12	[16/TLE]	8	7	9	48.00
13	7/ 14566	Gallagher, Frank	Kuzon, Brian Thomasson, Rebecca	1	3	13	[22]	22	12	51.00
14	53/ 13910	Allen, Bill	Miller, Stephen Quesser, Robbie	15	[17]	12	7	6	16	56.00
15	50/ 14737	Niles, Tom	Niles, Kenneth Casey, Collin	13	[20]	10	9	13	14	59.00
16	74/ 14695	Waldkirch, Richard	Elmer, Katie Powel, David	14	11	16/TLE	12	[20]	7	60.00
17	36/ 14881	Egan, Dan	Dieselman, Jay Forenza, Robert	4	[21]	9	18	12	18	61.00
18	11/ 14719	Bogardus, Bill	Lynn, Jarrett O'Conner, Cortney	17	16	16/TLE	[21]	8	5	62.00
19	71/ 14588	Virgin, Gregory	Williamson, Jill Dunn, Reeve	[20]	13	7	11	16	20	67.00
20	63/ 14325	Reitingner, Eric	Richter, Warren Ciccotelli, Maria	7	19	16/TLE	[24]	5	21	68.00
21	80/ 14833	Menninger, Peter	Menninger, Jacky Heller, Ian	11	23	11	16	[24]	17	78.00
22	73/ 15189	Waldie, Steven	Gelston, David Boucher, Stephanie	[21]	18	16/TLE	20	18	8	80.00
23	18/ 14817	Anderson, Scott	Kennon, Batton Laughlin, Stephanie	24	22	16/TLE	15	23	[25/DNC]	100.00
24	19/ 14488	Baxter, William	Nagy, George Arndt, Mike	18	24	16/TLE	23	21	[25/DNC]	102.00

Notes

- (1) Scoring System is Lightning LowPoint
- (2) Time limit expired (TLE) penalty is: Finishers plus 1
- (3) Finishes in [brackets] denote throwouts

North American President's Cup



President's Cup Winners—Colin Park, Karen Park & Steve Davis



Neal Fowler, Katie Offerman & Todd Johnson



Cully Ward, Kat Ward & Beth Ward

North American President's Cup



Governor's Cup

Mike Beaver

Ten years had past since selling my lightning and gravitating to the darker side known as powerboating. So what happened you ask. Why the Jekyll and Hyde personality? Simply put...one too many days sails in Annapolis.

I don't know exactly what turned me but it probably had something to do with the finicky winds, tricky current, insane heat, oppressive humidity and the monstrous powerboat chop that makes Annapolis so infamous. Other than that what's not to love?

So to this day I have no idea why my wife thought a new Lightning would be a good idea. After all, we'd moved from Annapolis to Ft. Myers, which is to say the end of the world as far as sailing is concerned. And did she really think the North Americans hosted by our old club could possibly change my mind?

So...the next morning I ordered a new Lightning (that's the way it is in our house).

My long time sailing friend Chris Raubacher was probably more surprised than most. Chris and I have sailed together since the mid 80's and he's been a pretty good sport with putting up with my crap over the years. Chris is an avid sailor and equally accomplished holding a sheet or a tiller. He's also a closet powerboater but views such indiscretion as necessary for his fishing habit.

So that's how our journey to Annapolis began with Chris crewing up front and my wife Joanna in the middle.

First step to Annapolis was qualifying at the Florida Districts. If I learned anything that weekend it would be Florida has some pretty talented sailors and you can't learn a thing about a new boat when it's blowing 15-20+ every race. I also found out that while Joanna is an accomplished sailor in several classes she had never actually flown a spinnaker before. (You did a great job honey...honest!)

Finally the North Americans. Joanna was a trooper and towed the boat by herself a week earlier to sail the Women's. She had a wonderful time and I was fortunate to join her for the final day's events at Leesylvania. I found Ron Buchanan who was using his powerboat (trend?) as the finish boat and hitched a ride to take a few pictures. I noticed through the camera lens that Joanna's mast had a little too much rake and made a mental note to check things out the following day.

That night we made our way to Annapolis and finally dropped the boat off at SSA. After some greetings, a few handshakes and a few too many beers we made our way back to the house we rented. If Joanna did nothing else right that week she certainly scored big time by renting a house only three blocks from the club.

The next morning we decided to skip Sundays practice race and worry about getting ourselves ready for the upcoming week.

We made a few tweaks to the boat and dropped it in the water later that afternoon. That's when we noticed we had big problems with the rig and our forestay was adjusted too long. Back on shore we checked everything and reconfirmed the numbers against the tuning guide. Things looked OK but we knew something was still amiss. I consulted the experts but nothing could be found. Finally out of frustration I shortened the forestay 1 1/4" and made a final adjustment of the shrouds as time was running out for measurement.

During the qualifiers our boat handling was as good as ever, starts were as poor as ever and I've never seen better spinnaker work aboard our boat before. The big problem was poor boat speed induced by bad sail shape brought on by my inability to tune the mast. In the end we finished the qualifiers by having a line drawn above our names on the cut-sheet. Chris is always the optimist and pointed out it was probably better than having it drawn through your name.

I was a little bummed that evening about letting Chris and Joanna down and not giving them a shot at the North American title. But that seemed to vanish when a big dose of reality set in and I realized sailing the Governors Cup was a far better way to spend a few days than sitting at work behind a desk.

By now I was starting to feel a little of the love spreading through our group of "Party Fleeters" and we started making new friends and having fun sailing again. As a team we decided to use local knowledge when we could and good judgment the rest of the time. We communicated well on the boat and took low risk options when playing the course and higher risk options when boat handling was required. In all I'd probably say the left center or left side of the course was our comfort zone in every race. Speed was never our friend.

In the end Paco Sola sailed a very consistent series placing 2nd overall and counted all top five finishes. Carol Park had a great two weeks by winning the Women's Championship and following it up with two bullets on her way to a 3rd in the Governors Cup. Honorable mentions go to Bill Killebrew who sailed consistently in the top five and Diana Lohmeyer who scored herself a bullet in the final race to seal the fifth place overall.

The great folks at SSA and EYC did a masterful job and if I didn't know any better I'd say Jeff Borland sold his sole to "Mother Nature" for such glorious weather. Also, the use of VHF radio communication was a huge success and it kind of makes me wonder why it took so long.

I've left the blow-by-blow accounts to the aces of the other fleets and told a single story of the twenty-one available in the Governors Cup. For myself, I've rekindled an affair with sailing and found renewed enthusiasm for the Lightning. I've also been reminded the importance of taking time away from work and sharing it with friends.

Congratulations to everyone who participated or help organize the 2007 North Americans.

North American Governor's Cup



2007 Governor's Cup

Severn Sailing Association, Fleet 329 & Eastport Yacht Club

August 18-24, 2007

Pos	Bow/Sail	Skipper	Crew	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
1	10/ 15320	Beaver, Mike	Beaver, Joanna / Raubacher, Chris	[12]	1	2	2	1	12	18.00
2	70/ 15139	Sola, Paco	Sola Jr, Francisco / Romero, Juan Carlos	3	2	5	[7]	5	5	20.00
3	12/ 14902	Park, Carol	Cosenitino, Rhea / Slicker-Jay, Sharon	1	5	1	[12]	6	10	23.00
4	44/ 15308	Killebrew, Bill	Osborne, Mike / Colby, Denis	8 [23/DSQ]		3	4	7	2	24.00
5	47/ 14049	Lohmeyer, Diana	McCorkell, Joe / Yellott/Lohmeyer	[19]	15	8	5	2	1	31.00
6	17/ 15093	Hurban, Joan	Jadrosich, Peter / Weimer, Denise	5	6	4	[10]	9	7	31.00
7	66/ 14318	Sawyer, John	Morton, Dan / Allen, Ann	[16]	4	11	6	11	3	35.00
8	14/ 15159	Hanson, Frank	Hanson, Taylor / Prior, Danielle	4	3	[15]	14	12	4	37.00
9	72/ 15259	Wagnon, Brad	Richey, Michael / Lester, Ron	2	7	10	9	10	[11]	38.00
10	25/ 15315	Cabrall, Bill	Farell, Raeyane / Pierce, Craig	13	14	[17/TLE]	1	4	14	46.00
11	22/ 14802	Tamayo, Gustavo	Delgado, Sergio / Tamyo, Antonin	[18]	8	6	18	3	17	52.00
12	92/ 14481	McBurney, Scott	McBurney, Sean / Bonanno, Julia	14	12	7	15	[17]	8	56.00
13	58/ 14932	Pelosi, John	Broadwell, Harold / Michels, Ed	9	16	12	13	8 [17/40%]		58.00
14	54/ 15342	Reak, Paul	Bogadi, Jennifer / Phelan, Brian	10	11	13	3 [23/DSQ]	22/DNC		59.00
15	96/ 14630	Tawney, Guy	Eyring, Andrew / Hillyard, Chase	7	17	14 [23/OCS]		18	6	62.00
16	78/ 14811	Allen, Sr., Tom	Duncan, Lourie / Lopez, Christine	[21]	9	17/TLE	8	13	19	66.00
17	28/ 14629	Compton, Tom	Dolezal, Adam / Jay, Matt	15	10	[16]	11	14	16	66.00
18	39/ 14139	Harmon, Robert B	Esbesen, Gretchen / Schmidt, Laura	6	13	17/TLE [23/OCS]		15	18	69.00
19	24/ 14627	Pemberton, John	Cook, Chris / Lake, Laura	[20]	19	9	16	16	13	73.00
20	62/ 15156	Pyle, David A.	Chervenec, Dave / Essman, Rick	11	18	17/TLE	17	[19]	15	78.00



North American Governor's Cup



Governor's Cup Winners—Mike Beaver, Joanna Beaver & Chris Raubacher



Paco Sola, Francisco Sola, Jr. & Juan Carlos Romero



Carol Park, Rhea Cosenitino & Sharon Slicker-Jay



Appreciation Awards

Kaleigh Wilday Trophy



For the youngest competitor
Francisco Sola, Jr

Fleet 36 Award



For the highest placing junior skipper
Fred Strammer

Appreciation Awards

Steve Constants—(USA sail # 15240)

For his dedication and expertise as the Chairman of the Organizing Committee of the 2007 Lightning North American Championship Regatta hosted by Severn Sailing Association, Eastport Yacht Club and Lightning Fleet 329.

Nabeel Alsalam—(USA sail # 15142)

For his dedication and expertise as the Chairman of the Organizing Committee of the 2007 Women's, Juniors', and Masters' North American Championship Regatta hosted by the Potomac River Sailing Association and Lightning Fleet 50. And, for the generous donation of his time and resources in support of the ILCA Boat Grant Program.

David Thompson—(USA sail #15228)

For his dedication and expertise in organizing the 2007 Women's, Juniors', and Masters' North American Championship Regatta hosted by the Potomac River Sailing Association and Lightning Fleet 50.

Jim Dillard—(USA sail # 15311)

For his dedication and expertise in support of the 2007 Women's, Juniors' and Masters' North American Championship Regatta hosted by the Potomac River Sailing Association and Lightning Fleet 50.

Jeff Borland—Professional Race Officer

For his dedication and expertise in support of the 2007 Lightning North American Championship Regatta hosted by Eastport Yacht Club, Severn Sailing Association and Lightning Fleet 329.

John Quay—Professional Race Officer

For his dedication and expertise in support of the 2007 Lightning North American Championship Regatta hosted by Severn Sailing Association, Eastport Yacht Club and Lightning Fleet 329.

Todd Johnson—(USA sail#15202)

For his expertise and dedication as a member of the Organizing Committee of the 2007 Lightning North American Championship Regatta hosted by Severn Sailing Association, Eastport Yacht Club and Lightning Fleet 329.

Ed Michels—(USA sail #14950)

For his expertise and dedication as a member of the Organizing Committee of the 2007 Lightning North American Championship Regatta hosted by Severn Sailing Association, Eastport Yacht Club and Lightning Fleet 329.



Steve presents appreciation awards to the WJM regatta organizers Nabeel Alsalam and David Thompson

Appreciation Awards

Steketee Award



Presented to Fleet 50 Captain Nabeel Alsalam

Fallon Trophy



For the last boat to qualify into the Championship Fleet
Jamie Brickell

Swanson Trophy



To promote and encourage women skippers
JoAnn Fisher

McDermott Trophy



*For the most improved from 2006-2007
qualifying series-35 places*
Bob Harkrider

Thermis Trophy



*To the highest finisher in the Championship Fleet
who has never qualified before*
Geoff Becker

Jack Elfman Trophy



*Presented to the highest finishing Master who also competed in
the Masters NA Championship regatta*
Jamie Brickell

North American Women's Championship

Women's NAs

Carol Park

How it all got started: I was six years old and...

Well, actually it got started last year when fellow club member Sharon Slieker-Jay mentioned that the Women's Championship would be held nearby at Leesylvania State Park. How could we pass up the opportunity was her basic sales line. We had raced together once before, had a fun time, so the sales line did the trick. Soon, we were committed and had a third, Rhea Cosentino, also from the Susquehanna Yacht Club, Fleet 253. This provided the opportunity to practice on a regular basis—obviously this was a big advantage.

Sharon Slieker-Jay is an English gal that relocated five years ago to Lancaster, Pennsylvania. During one of her regular scuba diving sessions, a classmate asked her to consider crewing on his Lightning. That's when this thirty-something thrill seeker got her introduction to racing in a twelve-boat fleet on Wednesday evenings on the Susquehanna. Primarily, Sharon has been front crew. For the Women's Championships I asked her to learn middle. Due to her agility, strength, and smarts, she quickly learned the position. It was wonderful to have Sharon next to me.

Rhea Cosentino is also from Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. She too started sailing and racing about five years ago after taking a Learn-to-Sail class sponsored by the Lightning Fleet. (Quick aside, the Learn-to-Sail class is lead by Fred Bush, father of Bob Bush. Bob's wife is A. Sterling Bush, who skippered the yellow boat at the Women's Championships.) Needless to say, Rhea loves sailing and found numerous opportunities to crew in away regattas for various skippers. She used this strategy to learn as much as possible as quickly as possible. Rhea is a superb front crew and made sure I didn't pinch my way through the windward legs.

I had the position of skipper, logistics coordinator, cheerleader, coach, tour co-ordinator and chauffeur. My duties seemed to offset the fact that I'm not agile, flexible, and fit. Sharon and Rhea had those covered.

During the regatta we found a routine. Since we stayed with friends, we had a kitchen to make gourmet lunches (something beyond energy bars), we packed lots of water, arrived early, took our time to review the expected wind and current strengths and direction, and then went out to sail as much of the course as possible. I'm a stickler for boat handling, so we would tack-n-tack and gybe-n-gybe until the process was fluid each day.

We also had team embroidered shirts!

Something I didn't worry about was starting. Knowing the line length would be set for the larger Masters' class, I figured the line would be plenty long. However, racing at the NAs opened my eyes to how rusty I am—terrible starts. At Leesylvania we didn't think current would play a huge role as long as we could find good wind pressure. Two days of light air certainly played to our strength. The third day we had a fresh breeze and exciting racing.

As all of you already know, the Lightning is technical. How many lines are on the boat? How much heel? But it's also a very tactical Class. You can't win races unless you're going the right way, fast. Pure speed, although nice to have, doesn't win at the Championship, and that's the major reason I really enjoy racing Lightnings. Additionally, the class has significant bench strength; there are a large number of talented competitors. I enjoy the quality and depth of the competition.

At the Women's Championships I cautioned my crew before every race that anybody in this fleet can win. The group of competitors was often in a pack rounding the marks. During the last race, I watched from third place as Kathy Lindgren lead the whole way, start to fin...oh my, Lorrie Walsh caught her with one foot to go—wheew.

Winning a National Championship, even if the fleet was eight boats, is FUN. I'll fly the Pink Lightning Bolt on my main with pride and pleasure. It's been a great summer. Thanks much to Fleet 50, Nabeel Alsalam and Dave Thompson for hosting and running a great event.

Congratulations also to Kathy Lindgren, Denise Cornell and Lynelle Reak and to Lorrie Walsh, Katrina Oostveen and Alisia Cameron for finishing first and second runner-up. I hope to see you in Newport!

The Susquehanna Yacht Club Fleet 253, in York County, Pennsylvania, is a very active fleet. Our enthusiasm continues to grow and more Fleet members have been traveling to the Southern Circuit. We also had a great turnout for the WJM and NA events. John Bates, Frank Hanson, and Barb Hill raced in the Masters. Danielle Prior, Taylor Hanson, and Neil Dexter raced the Juniors. Star Mikell and Tom Dexter helped on Race Committee. And Frank Hanson, Taylor, and Danielle raced in the NAs.

See you on the water soon.



North American Women's Championship

Women's North American Championship PRSA and Fleet 50—Leesylvania State Park

August 15–18, 2007

Pl	B#	Sail	Skipper	Crew	From	T	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	12	14902	Carol Park	Rhea Consentino Sharon Sleiker-Jay	York, PA	5	1	1	1	1\ RDG	1	-3
2	80	15301	Kathy Lindgren	Denise Cornell Lynelle Reak	Sheboygan, WI	15	3	6	2	2	-7	2
3	99	15064	Lorrie Walsh	Katrina Ostveen Alisia Cameron	Thunder Bay, Ontario, CA	16	4	-7	4	5	2	1
4	10	15320	Joanna Beaver	Maryann Gallagher Laury Parramore	Ft Myers, FL	18	2	(9\ DNF)	8	1	3	4
5	77	14654	Anne Bush	Jen Goldstein Rebecca Thomasson	Amhert, MA	19	-7	2	3	4\ RDG	5	5
6	11	14719	Courtney O'Connor	Meghan Crann Deborah Corriston	Brick, NJ	22	6	3	-7	3	4	6
7	78	14397	Pamela Murphy	Alexandra Shaw Emily Shaw	Cazenovia, NY	28	5	5	5	5\ RDG	8	(9\ DNF)
8	79	12480	Devon Rapp	Sara Lesniak Sarah Mangan	Delran, NJ	29	(9\ DNF)	4	6	6\ RDG	6	7



Women's Champions-Carol Park, Rhea Consentino & Sharon Sleiker-Jay



Kathy Lindgren, Denise Cornell, Lynelle Reak



Lorrie Walsh, Katrina Oostveen, Alisia Cameron

North American Juniors' Championship

Juniors' NAs

Frederick Strammer



Fred won the racing but was second to the Thunder Bay girls in croquet

The Lightning Junior North Americans proved to be one of my greatest sailing experiences to date, ending with wonderful memories, outstanding results, and no casualties of any kind (big kudos to Charlotte!). Planning started in December organizing crews, housing, equipment, and travel. Basically, the game plan was to fly to Vermont to sail Laser Nationals, then fly to Virginia for Lightning Juniors, and finally ending in Annapolis for the North Americans. This plan was made possible by my dad since he was willing to drive the van and boat up to Virginia over the weekend and leave the vehicle at the airport (another loan in my forever, increasing my debt of gratitude). I would also like to add a big thanks to Mark Bryant for lending me his boat for the two events. He's the culprit behind my participating in the Class, and I am appreciative of his support and faith in me. After landing in Virginia, I would drive north to pick up my jet-lagged, spinnaker trimmer Justin Doane, who just finished sailing Laser Radial Youth Worlds in Amsterdam, at the Reagan Airport before finally heading back to Leesylvania State Park. My third crew, Michelle Thomas, would drive down from New Jersey where she had spent the summer sailing Lasers all over the Northeast. Surprisingly, my plan unfolded smoothly with only a few minor wrinkles.

Tuesday morning we pulled into the State Park and prided ourselves on being the first boat to arrive at the regatta site. Greg Fisher arrived shortly after us, and he helped my team and me assemble and tune the boat. I have only a vague idea of what I'm doing since this was my third Lightning regatta. Our group was joined shortly thereafter by Bill Mauk and Jim Reiman. After exchanging greetings, we decided on an afternoon practice session on the river in a light and fickle breeze. By 1800 hours we had exhausted every possible racing scenario, so we returned to shore to store and clean the boat and determine where we were going to eat for the evening. Popular dining sites included the local pasta house, the number one fallback, Cracker Barrel, and the

always delicious Taco Bell. By the end of the week we had had our fill of all of them.

Racing over the week was challenging and frustrating, as conditions ranged from 0–15 knots with shifts as big as 70 degrees. A good start and keeping one's head outside the boat proved successful in linking each puff and shift around the course. We also capitalized on our laser-style downwind sailing when the breeze and waves were up. Despite the conditions, I give huge kudos to my crew for their attentiveness and finesse in keeping the boat sailing fast, providing me good information and executing incredible boat handling. I am thankful that they were willing to sail with me in my last junior regatta.

Apart from the racing, the real competition occurred Saturday evening during the croquet/badminton tournament. The croquet fields proved to be a more challenging course than the river we were sailing on. Course A was the course farthest from the water and was the most difficult. Designating the mid-field line was a huge gutter than intersected the field and ran to a concrete gutter that ran along the sidelines. Ball placement was critical since a team could spend eternity trying to rescue their ball from the gutters of doom. Furthermore, the field was sloping at different angles throughout the course. The less arduous, but nevertheless seemingly impossible, B course was located on the other side of the walk way. This field was had a consistently steep, downward slope and was marred by small patches of grass and dirt that made hitting the ball straight a game of probability. Trying to get the ball to the other side of the field proved to be an hour long event for both courses but all together lots of fun.

The first day I arrived in Annapolis, I was greeted by dreary skies, my one and only bow girl Charlotte Sims, and a new middle crew Will Jeffers. I'm not sure if he was motivated by my new haircut or looked at the weather report and decided to cut his hair to reduce drag but regardless I managed to drive right on by him in the parking lot. Once he came up and re-introduced himself to me, we put the boat together and began a long game of waiting to see if anyone else was going to go out and practice in the light and drizzly weather. Boats went out, but we opted to hang out onshore mostly because Will didn't want to get his hair wet. It was great sitting upstairs in the clubhouse catching up with friends and eating their delicious grill cheese sandwiches while most of the fleet drifted out in foul weather gear.

Despite our lack of enthusiasm on the practice day, we were ready to go with guns blazing for the rest of the week. I've always loved sailing double and triplehanded boats not because I don't have to hike as hard, but because I have someone else to talk to for the six to seven hours on the water. All jokes aside, Will and Charlotte sailed masterfully and I learned so much from the both of them during the week. I look forward to sailing with them again in more events.

I'd like to give a big thanks to all the members of the Lightning Class for making these two regattas so memorable. I look forward to many more years of Lightning sailing!

North American Juniors' Championship

Juniors' North American Championship PRSA and Fleet 50—Leesylvania State Park

August 15–18, 2007

Pos	B#	Sail #	Skipper	Crew	From	Total	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	15	15285	Frederick Strammer	Justin Doane Michelle Thoma	Nokomis, FL	7	1	1	2	-5	1	2
2	91	14584	Peter Hazelett	Derrick Deming Ben Lawson	Stowe, VT	15	4	3	-12	1	2	5
3	94	14901	Ian Schillebeeckx	Lucas Hofmeister Beth Ward	Missouri	17	(18\OCS)	2	3	3	3	6
4	97	14300	Michael Warren	Alexander Loboizzo Tyler Menninger	Cedar Run, NJ	19	2	6	1	7	-13	3
5	13	15171	Taylor Lutz	Michael Denman Luke Vreeland	Houston, TX	20	3	7	-9	2	7	1
6	55	15166	Mathew Schon	Timothy Crann Jason Lutz	Millington, NJ	25	9\ZPG	4	4	4	-15	4
7	90	14416	Connor Godfrey	Adam MacDonald Henry Ring	Grand Island, NY	31	7	5	5	9	5	-14
8	96	15234	Guy Tawney	Andrew Erving Lauren Marles	Baltimore, MD	43	5	-16	8	11	11	8
9	88	14146	Connor Aswad	John Hill Tanya Miller	Burlington, VT	46	12	11	11	8	4	-15
10	95	14949	Andrew Smith	Andrew Murphy Thomas Shaw	Cazenovia, NY	48	10	9	7	-12	12	10
11	16	15054	Ainsley Thomson	Linnhe Thomson Merritt Moran	Pittsford, NY	50	9	14	6	15	6	-16
12	93	14766	Ian Moriarty	Edd Burke Bryan Burke	St. Louis, MO	50	11	-13	10	6	10	13
13	14	15159	Danielle Prior	Taylor Hanson Neil Dexter	Susquehanna	51	13	8	13	10	-16	7
14	85	14527	Alex King	Tom King John King	Manlius, NY	60	(17\DNS)	15	15	13	8	9
15	54	15246	Joy MacDonald	Maddie Waldron Kathryn Moloney	Carlisle, Ontario, CA	60	8	10	-16	16	14	12
16	89	14772	Leigh Crammer	Kyle Crandall Peter Murphy	Cazenovia, NY	60	-14	12	14	14	9	11



North American Juniors' Championship



Junior Champions—Frederick Strammer, Michelle Thomas & Justin Doane
Carson Perpetual Trophy presented by Jim Carson



Runner up—Peter Hazelett, Derrick Deming, Ben Lawson



2nd Runner up—Ian Schillebeeckx, Beth Ward & Lucas Hofmeister

North American Juniors' Championship



Camping out in Leesylvania State Park



Connor Godfrey, Adam MacDonald & Henry Ring



Guy Tawney, Andrew Erving & Lauren Marles



The future for the Lightning Class is looking strong

North American Masters' Championship

George Fisher

The Women's, Juniors' and Masters' Championships were held this year at the Leesylvania State Park, which was a good venue for this regatta. It had a huge parking lot, two hoists and a large gazebo where most of the activities took place. At the other end of the lot, there was an air-conditioned store that had all types of food, sailing clothes and other essentials. We raced over three days and had a variety of wind and wave conditions. The Masters only sailed two races each day.

There were some weather problems the first day. Initially we were sent out and had to return to shore due to thunder in the area. We ended up going out again in the afternoon and sailed two races. The first race was out of the south, and the current was always a factor, having 180-degree turn changes each day. The first race was light to medium, and we were able to pick up three boats on the last downwind to barely win the race in front of Dick Moyer and Nabeel Alsalam. Our thanks to Nabeel Alsalam, Chairman of the regatta, and his fleet for doing an outstanding job in putting all this together.

The second race turned out to be extremely light. There were some heavy swings, and we were extremely lucky to end up winning the race because at one time we were very deep. I should remember this when things go just the opposite way for us. Several of the leaders in the series were really stung badly in this race. For example, Colin Park, who was leading at one time, ended up twenty-first.

The second day had excellent racing and two beautiful races. Colin won the first race and Dick Moyer the second. We were able to come in with a second and a fourth. Because we were scheduled to sail six races with a throw-out, the series could be much closer than what it appeared at the conclusion of the series counting all five races. We were unable to sail the second and final race on Saturday, the third day.

On Friday evening, Fleet 50 hosted an outstanding barbeque dinner with all the trimmings. Class President, Steve Davis, set up several croquet courses on different terrains and held a tournament for the juniors in which there was participation until dark. Prizes were awarded accordingly.

The first race of the last day was the windiest race of the series, which we found out very quickly we were sailing perpendicular to the flow of the two-mile wide river. Right was not the way to go, and at one time, we were very

deep. Mark Grinder, who sailed well throughout the series, won the race, with Colin Park second and Jack Jones third. The series then became extremely tight and with the throw, Colin was within two points of winning. Unfortunately, the wind went completely flat during the last race, and the Race Committee wisely called it. Not only did we not have any wind, but the current was against us going up wind. Several boats were taken out of contention on the last race with OCSs, including Jamie Brickell and Bill Hofmeister.

I had an unbelievable top-notch crew in my son, Greg and Tom Emch who I've sailed with for over twenty-five years. The three of us have sailed together several times, and it always amazes me how much Greg sees and how good Tom is on the compass. I could not have come close to winning without the two of them.

Hats off to Fleet 50 for running a fine regatta. It's always great to be with so many good friends and sailors that we have raced against for many years.



George with Jim Dressel



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Pl	B#	Sail #	Skipper	Crew	From	Tot	1	2	3	4	5
1	4	15181	George Fisher	Greg Fisher Tom Emck	Hilliard, OH	14	1	1	2	4	6
2	21	15272	Mark Grinder	Mark Dodd Stephanie Mah	Orchard Park, NY	30	10	9	3	7	1
3	8	15103	Colin Park	Karen Park Steve Davis	St. Petersburg, FL	31	5	21	1	2	2
4	52	14321	Jack Jones	Mary Lou Carlucci John Steiner	Henderson Harbor, NY	38	14	6	6	9	3
5	49	14942	Dick Moyer	Helen Moyer Cap Pin	Oaks, PA	43	2	17	14	1	9
6	5	15016	Jamie Brickell	Susie Brickell Jonathan Lange	Sykesville, MD	45	6	4	4	5	26\OCS
7	7	14566	Frank Gallagher	Emily Pavilon Terry Burke	Vienna, VA	46	4	10	10	8	14
8	6	15122	Jim Carson	Russ Schon Christopher Schon	Brick, NJ	51	7	16	8	15	5
9	3	15142	Nabeel Alsalam	Pat McGee Russ Roberts	McLean, VA	55	3	13	15	13	11
10	82	13983	Karen Dial	Kathy Gaddy David Wrisley	Lexington, SC	55	12	8	17	14	4
11	17	15093	Joan Hurban	Peter Jodrosich Justin Coplan	New City, NY	55	8	12	19	6	10
12	53	13910	Bill Allen	Stephen C. Miller Robbie Queisser	Anderson, IN	56	13	7	13	16	7
13	9	15296	Chris Sprole	Ryan Sprole J. Stephen Sprole	Garnet Valley, PA	61	26\OCS	2	7	10	16
14	83	15206	William Hofmeister	Bruce Richards Roselyn Hazard	Wartace, TN	61	9	14	9	3	26\OCS
15	48	14866	Bill Mauk	Jan Davis Jim Reiman	Miami, FL	69	26\DSQ	19	5	11	8
16	98	14369	Federico Meira	John Von Reyn Peter King	Cazenovia NY	70	11	3	11	19	26\OCS
17	86	15319	Dan Parietti	Jeffrey Sorensen Michael Carney	New York, NY	78	17	15	12	22	12
18	35	7603	Doug Dixon	Gina Dixon Bob Astrove	Gloucester Point, VA	87	18	5	18	21	25\DNC
19	81	14525	John Bates	Frank Hanson	Lancaster, PA	88	15	23	20	17	13
20	22	15311	James Dillard	Nelson Pemberton Tim Rinaman	Fairfax, VA	89	21	11	22	20	15
21	84	15203	Sandy Huntsman	Matt Smith Crissy Van Sicler	Red Beach, NJ	92	16	22	16	12	26\OCS
22	56	14037	Joe Warren	Laura Schmidt Chandler Owen	Arlington, VA	96	20	20	21	18	17
23	87	15228	David Thompson	Joe Kimak Catherine Calvin	Herndon, VA	110	22	24	23	23	18
24	23	15279	James Macintosh	Robert King Robert Dodge	Williamson, NY	112	19	18	25\DNC	25\DNC	25\DNC



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