

Governing Board Meeting – September 7, 2022

Written Reports:

Secretary's Report - Julio Velez

We have been working with the same plan as last year to promote the Class on social media, newsletters, blogs and written publications such as the Sailing Scuttlebutt Newsletter. In this promotion we have been focusing more our efforts for youth or young sailors to invite them to sail a Lightning. Doing clinics has been another way.

We have received a proposal about revising the ILCA Electronics Policy to become more modernized for this digital time we are living and I'm pretty sure this could help promote the class. This idea came from a young Lightning sailor who is doing a fantastic job as ILCA VP Marketing Doug Wake. This will come up under new business at this meeting.

Finally, In South America countries like Ecuador, Chile, Perú and Colombia have replicated a model like the boat grant program and most of them have been a success. We are in a constant communication with them, working on ideas to help them and I can see the results in the short term. A new generation of Lightning sailors are becoming active in South America. Just this year in the last Bolivarian Games, most of the competitors where under 30 and under 20. I guess only three were above 35 years old and unfortunately, I was one of them. All the rest were under 30.

And the last thing Brazil wants to import 4 boats this year and for the class. For many South American Fleets this is very important that they renew their fleets. Many have a lot of old boats in poor conditions. So, we need to help these fleets as much as we can.

Boat Grant Committee Report

Greg Fisher/Ryan Davidson co-chairs

Matty Schon, Bill Fastiggi, Karl Allen, Bill Faude, Caroline Patton Committee members

The 2021/2022 season has been exciting and positive for the ILCA Boat Grant Program. 6 teams applied for the Program's 3 boats and the 3 teams who have been selected exhibit the talent and the passion we always aspire to bring to the class.

First, on behalf of the class and the Boat Grant Committee, I would like to thank Matty Schon for all his incredible time, effort and leadership these past several years. With all Matty has going on in his life these days (all great stuff!), he thought it best that he step down from the chair position. We are fortunate he will maintain a position on the committee.

In addition, Ryan Davidson (a former Grant recipient and now boat owner 15147) has offered to join the committee and help serve as a co-chair with myself. His experience and "youthfulness" will be a great addition, so thank you Ryan for stepping up!

Due to the endless support of the class leadership and membership, the Boat Grant Committee has been able to upgrade all our boats. All (15619, 15406 and 15475) are in great shape and fantastic late model Allen boats. One is brand new! This has allowed and encouraged some incredibly talented candidates apply for the grant. One was even a Rolex Yachtsman of the Year finalist! All the boats have new sails purchased a couple years ago. Thank you to the class for their confidence and incredible support both in passion and financial to make it all possible.

We have three great teams sailing this season. Team Blouin and Team Hannigan are a part of the strong Southeastern District and are members of the Charleston fleet. Team Hawko sails in Burlington in the New England District. Conner and team won their first regatta a few weeks back! All three teams are traveling, all have sailed their districts, and at least one other regatta. Team Emma Hawko is sailing the Women's Nationals. Teams Hannigan and Blouin plan to do at the least the NAS and hopefully the Frigid Digit. Wild Oyster too in October! We couldn't be prouder of their focus and professional approach. They are contributing to their fleets and enthused to continue in the Lightning when their Boat Grant stint expires.

Emma Hawko, Calvin Lamosse and Charlie Morris	15475
Conner Blouin, Jack Sutton and Kip Watson	15406
Sean Hannigan, Allison Hansen and Teddy Berman	15619

There has been discussion within the committee about offering the grant boats to former grant alumni for a regatta(s) during the winter. We may potentially extend some of the present grant recipients or even offer the boats to foreign youth teams to encourage more young sailors' participation. The very strong directive is that the Boat Grant Boats should ideally be sailing the southern regattas/circuit where it benefits and encourages our youth to sail Lightnings.

Finally, we want to encourage our fellow Lightning Class members to reach out to your enthusiastic young sailors who you feel would be ideal Boat Grant Candidates. We are pleased with all the participation from sailors outside the class as it truly spurs the class growth. But please don't hesitate to encourage your fleet and district members to apply as well!

On behalf of the Boat Grant Committee, thank you again for all your support!
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New England District report for September 2022 Governing Board Meeting – 5 September 2022

Commodore: Bob Shapiro

Secretary: Nathan Cunningham

So far in 2022 we've held a regatta at Malletts Bay, District Champs at Lake Massabesic and a regatta at Squam Lake, with 13, 15 and 12 boats attending. Still to come are Bow Lake this weekend, Lake Massabesic the following weekend and Malletts Bay Leaf Peeper October 1-2.

So far 26 different boats have competed in our District Circuit Championship and we hope to get beyond the 34 boats we had race in the District last year. Currently Bob Shapiro is leading with Ted Hardenbergh in second place one point ahead of Nathan Cunningham. Close behind are Kevin Gallagher from Rhode Island and Calvin Lamosse in the boat grant boat.

Congratulations to our new District Champion, Ted Hardenbergh from Lake Massabesic! Ted was followed by Kevin Gallagher and Eli Matson. District WJMs are this weekend held in conjunction with the Bow Lake regatta.

The Squam Lake and Lake Massabesic fleets continue to grow, and we're hoping that some of the new members will travel to other regattas as well. In 2022, we had 3 boats travel to the World Masters, 4 boats travel to the ACCs, 3 to the NA WJMs, and 5 are planning to attend the NAs. This is a much better showing than the last number of years!

We're trying to be sure that we're "speaking" to our younger sailors. In addition to using Slack for communications and having a District social media presence, this year we added a District Tik-Tok presence. Here are links to the first 2 videos. You don't have to have a Tik-Tok account to watch them.

Tik-Tok1: Here is the first Tik-Tok post. Thank you to Emma Hawks and Kim Rosell! No wind during the first day of our Districts gave way to some wild water skiing fails amongst the sailors – so much fun to watch.

<https://www.tiktok.com/t/ZTReLTvp/?k=1> The things we get up to at a regatta when we aren't sailing
[#lightningsailing](#) [#lightningclass](#) [#sailinglife](#) [#newengland](#) [#massabesic](#)

Tik-Tok2: Another TikTok from New England Lightning District. Thanks to Raoul for filming, Emma for creating and the youngsters of Fleet 332 for embarrassing themselves.

<https://www.tiktok.com/t/ZTR2XsDEQ/?k=1>

That's Fleet 132 Captain Greg McGinnis falling off the wall.

The Squam Lake fleet continues to add more boats and bring in more novice sailors – great job! And this summer Rob Dresser organized Wednesday night sailing for newbies. Many sailed in borrowed boats and all had a great time. Congratulations to Claire for winning the series! And to Rob Dresser for winning the Squam Lake Summer Sunday series,

Ted Hardenbergh started a series of evening Lightning Labs to help some of the newer fleet members figure out how to make their boats go fast. The Massabesic fleet has grown – both Massabesic and Squam have completely filled their dry sailing areas with as many Lightnings as possible.

2022 Remaining Schedule of NE District Events

Bow Lake Ed Hinds Memorial and District WJM September 10

Lake Massabesic September 17-18

MBBC Leaf Peeper October 1-2