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Dedication

This Book is dedicated to the thousands of Lightning. Skippers and Crews who at every starting gun are out there teady and eager for another race, but never seem to get the "Old Hooker" fired-up enough to get the finish gun.

We are proud of these sailors, for without them there would be no Fleet, District or International Champions, no regames or parties, and none of the fine Friendships we have all made through our racing.

They are the ones who have made the Lightning Class one of the largest and certainly the best of the one design classes. We must not forget that the Lightning sailboar is a day sailer, or even a cruiser, as well as an excellent tacing boat.

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To such as these a hearty, WELL DONE.

The Editor.

FOREWORD

It is indeed an honor being president of so fine an organization as the Lightning Class Association but with it comes many responsibilities as well.

Organizations such as this do not happen by accident, they are created by men who have given much time and thought to the cause. We are indeed fortunate in that during the inception period we had the services and mature judgment of very capable men to set up the rules and regulations which govern our activities today. We owe them much and we can repay them in part by continuing to support the high ideals and purposes which they so ably fostered. By doing so we will continue to grow and prosper and will eventually be able to pass the organization along to our future Lightning owners and Officers in the same strong position it has always enjoyed.

H. Richard Krauss,

President

Officers of Lightning

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President H. R. (Dick) Krauss 3720 Woodmont,

Toledo, Ohio

Dick brings to the office of President the same enthusiosm and great ability he displayed in corrying out his duties as Chief Measurer last year. He is hardworking, sincere and conscientious in all his offorts. Dick is a member of the Toledo Lightning, Fleit #42 and has served as their Secretary and Captain. He was 1930 international Champion and acted as Chairman of the 1953 International Regatta Committee. Between Lightning activities, Dick operates his new insurance agency.

VICE-PRESIDENT & CHIEF MEASURER -C. B. Crittenden

R.F.D. #1, Manitou Beach. Mich.

"Barney" has been sailing his Arrow III since 1940 and is one of the Lightning's most enthusiastic supporters and bonsters. He organized Devil's Lake Fleet #31, served as Fleet Secretary and Captain and is a part Commodory of the Devil's Lake Yacht Club, Barney is also a part Commodore of the Michigan-Ohio District as well as their first district champion. He served the Association as Secretary Just year and edited the Year Book as well. When railing doesn't interfore, Barney acts as Maintenance Products representative of the S. C. Johnson & Sons, Inc.



VICE-PRESIDENT-Ross G. Allen Wymberley, Isle of Hope, Savannah, Ga.

Ross has been active in Lightning affairs since 1947 when he helped organize Savannah Fleet #127 and was first Fleet Captain. He has owned two Lightnings and now sails the "Wild Goose". #4671. He also helds the post of Commodore of the Southeastern District. Ross served in the Navy during the war and is a Commonder in the Naval Rossrve. He is the Secretary Treasurer of the Southeast Iron Roofing Co.



VICE-PRESIDENT-John W. Campbell 4170-33rd St., San Diego 4, Calif.

"Jack" started his calling on the Cheanpeake Bay, Maryland, where his father was part owner of a Yacht Yard. He sailed in several different classes at bears but in those days it was all fair fun. He served in the Navy for four years landing in California after the war. Here, Jack built the "G-WIZ" with his brather putting into it all the love and care he had learned from his father. He has been fleet champion three times, Southern California District Clumpton in 1951 and is the only shipper to trail his beat from California to participate in the Internationals.



VICE-PRESIDENT-Edward R. Olson 143 Margherita Lawn, Stratford, Conn.

"Bud" has been a Lightning subjective of the Haussumic Bant Club. Floer, #6, urres as a Measurer, and was Commodore for the Connecticut District in 1952. Bud built his own Lightning and says he usually comes in 3rd, 4th, or 5th, in 16. He is serving as Publicit? Chairman this year and 10 doing a very excellent job. Bud owns a Ship Chandlery and Appliance business.



VICE-PRESIDENT-John Robertson 1001 Pigott Bidg., 36 James St., S., Hamilton, Ont.

Johnny marted his sailing career in 1912 and joined the Lightning Class in 1942. Since this time he has been in all International and District races except in 1948 and 1952 when he represented Canada in the Olympics. In 1951 he was runner-up in the Internationals, Juliany has also served as Secretary-Treasurer of the Lake Brie District. His father has also taken 4 very active part in the Class especially in trying to get the Lightning established in an Olympic class. When not sailing, John is an Lissimmor agent.



SECRETARY-Len Ladenburger 37 Cass Street, South Haven, Mich.

Len it a very familiar person to members of the Lightning Class Association. No reminder is needed for the uniting efforts of this strong upp porter of the Lightning. He served at VumPremient in 1944, Secretary-Tremarri in 1945 and President in 1946. He has also been Michigan Disnit: Secretary, was Lake Michigan Champson in 1944, organized the South Haven Yacho Club and Lightning Fleet and is still an able and claver skipper Although Len is very husy running his non-Conson France Co., he has given generously of his time to help the South Haven, office function smoothly and efficiently this year.



TREASURER-Charles H. Dore III 100 Gill Road, Haddonfield, N. J.

Charlie is serving his second term as Treasurer of the Association. He is one of the outstanding Lightning Sailors from the Central Atlantic District having been a former champion as well as Commodore of his District. He was in charge of the advertising for the 1952 Year Book and between Lightning activities, is a representative of Pitts-burgh Plate Glass Co.



ASSISTANT CHIEF MEASURER-Clifford J. Prados 946 Ockley Drive, Shreveport, Lc.

Cliff has been building and racing his own boats for 32 years on the Mississippi Gulf Coast and Lake Pontchar-train in Louisiana. He recently finished building his third Lightning "Glider" #5202. He is a member of the Shreveporr Lightning Fleet but has been Captain of the Lake Pontchartrain Fleet at New Orleans and Secretary of the Bay-Waveland Fleet at Bay St. Louis, Miss. Cliff is Commodore of the Southern District this year and served the LCA as Vice-President last year. To keep the five little Prados in shoes, Cliff acts as District Sales Manager for she Southern Bell Tel & Tel Co.

HONORARY COMMODORE-Wayne Brockett Lanphier Road, Branford, Conn.

Wayne was appointed Honorary Commodore after having served as Secretary for three years and our President last year. He is well known to all Lightning sailors and has had over ten years sailing experience. Wayne came to the Lightning Class in 1945 and has participated in every Incernational Championship Regatta since. He organized the Bran-ford Yacht Club Fleet, served on the Executive Board of the Eastern Connecticut Yacht Racing Association and is a former editor of "Flash-



es". Wayne is in the printing business.

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LIGHTNING CLASS ASSOCIATION

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To promote and develop Lightning Class racing under uniform rules, governed by this Association, and to rigidly maintain the one-design features of Lightning Class sloop, as designed by Sparkman and Stephens, Inc., which plans are known as 265.

To cooperate with all other yachting organizations and to demand in return observance of the rules of the Lightning Class.

To keep the Lightning Class within the financial reach of the man of moderate means without handicapping ability or encouraging neglect in conditioning yachts.

To rigidly maintain a strictly one-design Class, in order to positively insure that all Lightning Class races held undet the auspices of this Association be to determine the skill of the skipper, and to eliminate all variation in construction of the yachts. Everything in the Constitution, By-Laws and all building restrictions is intended to in-sure competition between boats of identical design and the spirit of the Constitution, By-Laws and building restrictions is to this end.

JURISDICTION

The Association has jurisdiction over all Lightning activities. Its Class rule govern all sanctioned Lightning races regardless of by whom held. Its Constitution, By-Laws and Rules are binding upon all members and Fleets and all registered Lightning yachts must conform to its official plans and specifications.

ATTENTION OWNERS, BUILDERS AND SAILMAKERS

The Lightning name and emblem as applied to sailboats has been registered with the U.S. Patent office and the Lightning Class Association is granted exclusive use thereof. No boat may properly be sold or entered in any race as a Lightning or at any time display the Lightning emblem upon its sails or otherwise, unless the number tax or royalty on such boat has been paid to the Association by the builder or owner thereof. For the benefit of owners or prospective owners the Association proposes

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to take whatever steps necessary to protect both the Lightning name and emblem from any unauthorized use,

ROYALTIES AND REGISTRATION

The Association will refuse to issue a number or grant a measurement certificate to any yacht on which the royalty has not been paid or which was not built by a recorded owner of Official Lightning Class plans. The fee for each and every boat built is \$15.00 which includes the assignment of a registered number, blueprints and the book entitled "Building the Lightning."

Every Lightning built is recorded by the Association and a complete registry of owners is maintained. All changes in ownership or sale of new boats by builders and dealers must be recorded with the Secretary of the Association.



A \$1.00 royalty must be paid by sail makers on onch sail made, as evidenced by the above label securely sewn thereon. The colors in this label are red and black letturing on a white background. This label, as evidence of payment of royalty is required beginning with 1948 sails. These labels may be purchased from South Haven for \$1.00 each less 2% for each with order.

1939-BAY HEAD YACHT CLUB BARNEGAT BAY-BAY HEAD, N. J.

Chumtian-John S. Barnes of Skancateles, N. Y. (Fleet 1) in "Ay-Ay-Ay" No. 35.

"Runner-Up-John C. Hirst of Mantolokina, N. J. (Plast 3) in "Anyhop" No. 102.

1940-RIVERSIDE YACHT CLUB LONG ISLAND SOUND-RIVERSIDE, CONN.

Champion—John S. Barnes of Skawstieles, N. Y. (Flaw 1) in "Ay-Ay-Ay" No. 35.

Rhours-Up-Cast Dison of Riverside, Com. (Pleet 7) or "Veather", No. 242.

1941-SKANEATELES COUNTRY CLUB SKANEATELES, N. Y.

Chamburg-John M. Stern of Buffalo, N. Y. (Pleet 12) in "Thunderholt", No. 680.

Romer-III - David G. Charit of Lawrence, Long Island (Fleet 7) ist "Linear", No. 131.

1942-SOUTH HAVEN YACHT CLUB LAKE MICHIGAN AT SOUTH HAVEN, MICH. (FIRST SPECIAL WAR TIME REGATTA)

Champion-David G. Chen et Lawrence, Long Island, N. Y. (Phen 2) in a local hunt drawn by Inc.

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Plans are not transferable. They are sold subject to the terms and conditions of the notice thereon. Plans and specifications are subject to annual revision only as provided in the Constitution and By-Laws. It is the policy of the LCA to make no changes which would give more recent Lightnings any advantage over the first Lightnings built. The responsibility of keeping advised as to these annual revisions rests with the purchaser of plans and specifications. Never copy another Lightning.

CONSTITUTION - BY-LAWS - RULES SPECIFICATIONS

The Constitution, By-Laws, Specifications of the Lightning Class Association are contained in a special pamphlet available to all members—builders and yachting organizations.

MEMBERSHIP

Each and every Lightning owner should be an active member of the Association. Our modest dues are a very small amount to pay for the many benefits remeived from such a membership. You are not only helping to support your own Association that is doing everything possible to enhance and protect your investment in your Lightnings but you will receive numerous publications of interest and benefits (which alone are worth the investment). Only members are permitted to enter sanctioned Lightning Class taces and receive the official Yearbook and special Lightning Class publications.

Every crew member or person sailing and interested in Lightnings but is not an owner should be an Associate member. The Yearbook (which is sent to Associate and crew members as well) alone is worth more than this membership costs, not to mention our other publications.

Our Champions

Kunser-Up-Walt E. Swinderman, Jr. et Tabele, Obin. (Fleet 42) in "Vouliev Double", No. 200.

1943-BAY HEAD YACHT CLUB BARNEGAT BAY-BAY HEAD, N. J. ISECOND SPECIAL WAR TIME REGATTA

Champine -- Karl Snither of Buffalo, N. Y. (Fleet 12) in a long beat drown by lot.

Runner-Up-John W. Dreinp of Short Hills, N. J. (Flost in in a local boat drawn by frg.

1944-BUFFALO CANOE CLUB LAKE ERIE, POINT ABINO, ONTARIO, CANADA (THIRD SPECIAL WAR TIME REGATTA)

Chumbion-Thurdure Malter of Riveside, Court. (Place 7) in a bled boat drawn by lot.

Runner-Up--Kurl Saulthers and Boliest Crans of Buffalo, N. Y. local band drawn by lat.

1945-RIVERSIDE YACHT CLUB LONG ISLAND SOUND, RIVERSIDE, CONN. (FOURTH SPECIAL WAR TIME REGATTA)

Champions George R, Barnes of Skanencles, N. V. (Phys. No. 1) in "Westerly."

Humper-Up-Karl Smither of Buffalo, N. Y. (Fires 12) to a local boar drawn by lot.

1946—SKANEATELES COUNTRY CLUB SKANEATELES, N. Y.

Champion-Walt. E. Swindeman, Jr., of Toledo, Ohio (Fleet 42) in "Yankee Doodle" No. 800.

Runner-Up-Karl Smither and Robert Crane of Buffalo, N. Y. (Fleet 12) in "Thermis Twice", No. 588.

1947-TOLEDO YACHT CLUB TOLEDO, OHIO

Champion—Walt. E. Swindeman, Jr., Toledo, Ohio, (Fleet 42) in "Yankee Doodle" No. 800.

Runner-Up-Karl Smither and Robert Crane of Buffalo, N. Y. (Fleet 12) in "Thermis Twice" No. 588.

President's Trophy Winner-Robert H. Siemer of Williamsville, N. Y. (Fleet 59) in "Salt Shaker" No. 1676.

President's Trophy Runner-Up-George A. Wasserburger of Pontiac, Mich. (Fleet 54) in "Aqua Leta" No. 838.

1948-BUFFALO CANOE CLUB POINT ABINO, ONTARIO

Champion—Richard H. Bertram of Miami Beach, Florida (Fleet 130) in "Dodge-Trophy" No. 2891.

Runner-Up-Walt, E. Swindeman, Jr., of Toledo, Ohio (Fleet 42) in "Yankee Doodle" No. 800.

President's Trophy Winner-Karl Smither and Robert Crane of Buffalo, N. Y. (Fleet 12) in "Thermis Twice" No. 588.

President's Trophy Runner-Up-J. R. Ludlow Wray of Philadelphia, Pa., (Fleet 91) in "Nipper" No. 3704.

1949-MIAMI, COCONUT GROVE & BISCAYNE BAY YACHT CLUBS

MIAMI, FLORIDA

Champiow-Richard H. Bertram of Miami Beach, Florida (Fleet 130) in "Sue", No. 2891.

Runner-Up-Bob Graf of Buffalo, New York (Fleet 12) in "Rampage", No. 467.

President's Trophy Winner-Dr. Herbert Virgin, Jr. of Miami, Florida (Fleet III) in "Flame", No. 3880. President's Trophy Runner-Up-Felix Ross of Miami, Florida (Fleet 130) in "Tavana", No. 4411.

1950—BUFFALO CANOE CLUB POINT ABINO, ONTARIO

Champion—H. R. Krauss of Toledo, Ohio (Fleet 42) in "Jinks," No. 447.

Runner-Up-Magnus Pedersen of Nyack, N. Y. (Fleet 75) in "Two Bits," No. 1565.

President's Trophy Winner—Bill Walker of Erie, Pa. (Fleet 24) in "Caroline II," No. 4282.

President's Trophy Russner-Up-Dr. Gerald Murphy of Lake Fenton, Mich. (Fleet 53) in "Double B," No. 4545.

1951-TOLEDO YACHT CLUB TOLEDO, OHIO

Champion—John Teigland of Bedford, N. J. (Fleet 91) in "Seductress" No. 4571.

Runner-Up-John Robertson of Hamilton, Ontario (Fleet 118) in "Rhoda" No. 2327.

President's Trophy Winner-Howard Foht of Eric, Pa. (Fleet 24) in "Zephyr" No. 1916.

President's Trophy Runner-Up-Karl Smither of Buffalo, N. Y. (Fleet 12) in "Thermis Twice" No. 3333.

1952-SPRAY BEACH YACHT CLUB Spray Beach, N.J.

Champion-Robert W. Graf of Buffalo, N. Y. (Fleet 12) in Rampage No. 467

Runner-Up-Engene Walet, III, of New Orleans (Fleet No. 62) in Spirit II, No. 5082

President's Traphy Winner—Thomas Allen of Baiffalo, N. Y. (Fleet 12) in Atom No. 4811

President's Trophy Runner-Up—Ed. Water of Little Silver (Fleet 80) in Revenger No. 4918



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