



LIGHTNING CLASS 1955 YEAR BOOK ASSOCIATION

LIGHTNING CLASS ASSOCIATION

POLICY

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 under 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 insure 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 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 each sail made, as evidenced by the above label securely sewn thereon. The colors in this label are red and black lettering 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 cash with order.

PLANS

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 received 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 races 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

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

Champion—John S. Barnes of Skaneateles, N. Y. (Fleet 1) in "Ay-Ay-Ay" No. 35.
Runner-Up—John C. Hirst of Mantoloking, N. J. (Fleet 3) in "Anyhoo" No. 102.

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

Champion—John S. Barnes of Skaneateles, N. Y. (Fleet 1) in "Ay-Ay-Ay" No. 35.
Runner-Up—Carl Dixon of Riverside, Conn. (Fleet 7) in "Feather", No. 242.

1941—SKANEATELES COUNTRY CLUB SKANEATELES, N. Y.

Champion—John M. Stern of Buffalo, N. Y. (Fleet 12) in "Thunderbolt", No. 680.
Runner-Up—David G. Cluett of Lawrence, Long Island (Fleet 2) in "Linnett", No. 131.

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

Champion—David G. Cluett of Lawrence, Long Island, N. Y. (Fleet 2) in a local boat drawn by lot.
Runner-Up—Walt E. Swindeman, Jr. of Toledo, Ohio (Fleet 42) in "Yankee Doodle", No. 800.

1943—BAY HEAD YACHT CLUB BARNEGAT BAY—BAY HEAD, N. J. (SECOND SPECIAL WAR TIME REGATTA)

Champion—Karl Smither of Buffalo, N. Y. (Fleet 12) in a local boat drawn by lot.
Runner-Up—John W. Orelup of Short Hills, N. J. (Fleet 3) in a local boat drawn by lot.

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

Champion—Theodore Maher of Riverside, Conn. (Fleet 7) in a local boat drawn by lot.
Runner-Up—Karl Smithers and Robert Crane of Buffalo, N. Y. local boat drawn by lot.

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

Champion—George R. Barnes of Skaneateles, N. Y. (Fleet No. 1) in "Westerly."
Runner-Up—Karl Smither of Buffalo, N. Y. (Fleet 12) in a local boat 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

Champion—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 Runner-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 Erie, 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—Eugene Walet, III, of New Orleans (Fleet No. 62) in Spirit II, No. 5082.
President's Trophy Winner—Thomas Allen of Buffalo, N. Y. (Fleet 12) in Atom No. 4811.
President's Trophy Runner-Up—Ed. Water of Little Silver (Fleet 80) in Revenger No. 4918.

1953—BUFFALO CANOE CLUB POINT ABINO, ONTARIO

Champion—Hank Cawthra of Detroit, Michigan, (Fleet 51) in "Broom" No. 4924.
Runner-Up—Karl Smither of Buffalo, N. Y. (Fleet 12) in "Thermis Five M's" No. 5000.
President's Trophy Winner—Warren Jones of Detroit, Michigan (Fleet 51) in "WaHa" No. 2904.
President's Trophy Runner-Up—Jim Carson of Philadelphia, Pa. (Fleet 34) in "Sparks" No. 5284.

1954—CRESCENT SAIL CLUB DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Champion—Tom Allen, Bainbridge, Maryland (Fleet 192 in "Atom" No. 4811.
Runner-up—H. R. Sindle of Little Falls, N. J. (Fleet 104) in "Flying Dutchman" No. 5570.
President's Trophy Winner—Pete Grainge of North Tonawanda, N.Y. (Fleet 12) in "Rampage," No. 467.
President's Trophy Runner-up—Clarence L. Holman, Jr. of Fenton, Michigan. (Fleet No. 53) in "5050."

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Dedication

This book is dedicated to our YACHT CLUBS and the members thereof. They provide a place for us to enjoy our special recreation, that of sailing our LIGHTNINGS; a place where our pride and joy is safe from harm while we seek means to buy more sails, fittings and gadgets to make her faster and more beautiful. They provide the men to man our race committees, to set out the marks for our races, to penalize us when we are wrong and to tow us back when the winds fail.

Our non-sailing members are our staunchest supporters and our severest critics; everyone knows you can sail a better race from the clubhouse porch than you can from the tiller, but we love them every one. They provide our trophies, our parties, a place for us to meet to form our Fleets and to make our friendships. Without them there would be no Lightnings, no Fleets, no Regattas which we all enjoy so much, and, above all no sailing arguments which are as much a part of our sailing as hoisting the sails and running for the starting line.

We appreciate all you have done for us and assure you we will continue to do our best to uphold the honor and good names of our YACHT CLUBS.

The Editor

FOREWORD

As President of the Lightning Class Association I would like to pay tribute to those who have played a part in moulding our organization into the greatest one-design yacht racing class the world has ever known. In this group we not only salute Officers of the International Association but also Officers, Official Measurers, and individuals on a District and Fleet level. It is the many hours of hard work given to the Association by these individuals, for the love of the sport, that has resulted in a truly one-design, competitive, and financially healthy organization.

Clifford J. Prados

President

Officers of Lightning Class Association

CHIEF MEASURER—Ross G. Allen, Isle of Hope, Savannah, Georgia

Ross has been active in Lightnings since 1947. He helped organize Fleet No. 127 and was its first Captain. In 1952 he was Commodore of the Southeastern District and has served successfully as Vice President and Assistant Chief Measurer of the L.C.A. prior to assuming his present duties. His "Wild Goose," No. 4671 is a familiar sight in the waters of the Southeastern District. He served with distinction in the Navy during World War II and is a Commander in the Naval Reserve.



ASST. MEASURER & VICE PRESIDENT— Robert C. Mann, 2656 Westmont Blvd., Columbus, Ohio

Bob has been known as an "Old Salt" around Buckeye Lake for a good many years. He has owned Lightnings No. 1287, 4283 and finally No. 5999, a brand new unproven one. He served as Fleet Secretary and Captain of the Buckeye Lake Fleet, Commodore of the B.L.Y.C. and edited the 1953 Year Book. Between running to regattas over the entire Ohio-Indiana District, the St. Pete Winter Championship etc., Bob can be found at the desk of the President of Mann Grinding and Machine Works.



HONORARY COMMODORE—C. B. Crittenden, R.R.D. #1, Hudson, Michigan

Barney was the very capable President of the L.C.A. during the past year. He has been sailing Lightning No. 22 since 1940, which is a record. Barney organized the Devil's Lake Fleet, served as Fleet Secretary, Captain and Commodore of the Devil's Lake Yacht Club. He is a past Commodore of the Michigan District and its first District Champion. He served the L.C.A. as Secretary, Chief Measurer and also edited the Year Book. He is a Maintenance representative for S. C. Johnson & Sons, Inc.



President C. J. Prados,

813 Lark Ave.,
Shreveport, Louisiana

Cliff has put in many hours for the L.C.A. as Vice-President, Assistant Chief Measurer and Chief Measurer. He has also written several helpful articles for members and prospective builders.

Our President has been building and racing his own boats for thirty-five years on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, Lake Pontchartrain and Lake Cross in Louisiana. His pride and joy is "Dixie Doodle II," No. 5202. He has served as Commodore of the Southern District and has been Fleet Captain of the Lake Pontchartrain and Shreveport fleets; also Secretary of the Bay-Waveland Mississippi Fleet. Cliff is a District Sales Manager for the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Co.



SECRETARY—Jay Donovan, 2894 St. Paul Blvd., Rochester, N.Y.

Jay has been getting into . . . and falling out of boats for several years. Thinks that mahogany is the finest wood in the world, in strips about 20 feet long and 2 feet wide, and surrounded by four walls, two doors and a ceiling, with ash trays optional. Past Commodore of Newport Y.C., Past Secretary and Commodore of the Central New York District, and now serving second term as L.C.A. Secretary. Spends a lot of time breathing . . . and some time selling advertising.



TREASURER—Burrows Morley, I Center Woods, Saginaw, Michigan

Buzz undoubtedly has more books on racing and remembers less when he gets out on the race course than any other Lightning skipper. Beats drums with the Famed Michigan District Barefoot Philharmonic. Past Commodore of Higgins Lake Boat Club, past Secretary and Commodore of Fleet 110, and Secretary and Commodore of the Michigan District. He is treasurer of Morley Brothers.



VICE PRESIDENT—Oscar N. Candiotti, 1826 Mendoza-Capital Federal Argentina, South America

Oscar started his sailing activities in the year 1938 in a Snipe class boat, running regattas during five years. Later he switched to Grumete Class boats (Argentine design by M. Feers) and still later did a great deal of sailing in bigger off-shore boats. He acquired Lightning No. 4543, known as "Alfil" in 1949 which he sailed in the first Pan-American Regatta held in Argentina in February.



VICE PRESIDENT—Robert Crane,
21 Driftway Lane, Darien, Conn.

Bob started sailing in 1928—raced Stars in Long Island Sound 1931-40. Started racing Lightnings in 1949 as a member of the Biscayne Bay Fleet (No. 226) Miami, Florida. Was Fleet Secretary and Captain of Fleet 226. Bought a new Lightning in 1953 and moved to Darien, Conn. Was elected Fleet Captain of Fleet No. 134 in 1954. Made a fourth in the Internationals in 1953 and a second place in the St. Pete Winter Regatta during the past season. He is a Captain with Pan American World Airways flying on the South American run.



VICE PRESIDENT—Cy Gillette,
510 N. Kalaheo, Lanikai, Hawaii

Cy, our boy from Hawaii started his sailing career at the tender age of ten on the Detroit River. Served in Naval Aviation for seven years in the last War and landed in Hawaii where he organized Fleet No. 143 at Kaneohe Bay. He served as Fleet Commodore and also as Hawaiian District Commodore. He is the proud owner of "Nubbin," No. 3124. Sailed a borrowed boat in the 1954 Internationals at Detroit and turned in a very good record. Cy served as Vice President during 1954 of the L.C.A. and during that time made a trip to Europe where he spent some time studying Lightning conditions. He is in the Real Estate business in Honolulu.



VICE PRESIDENT—Abe Jacobs,
7750 Phillips Ave., Chicago, Illinois

Abe has been in the Lightning Class since 1940. He is an original member of the group that organized Fleet No. 56 and is still very active in Fleet affairs. He is Past Commodore of Burnham Park Yacht Club and present Commodore. Abe has been very active in the Chicago Power Squadron, having served as President for two years. Along with his Lightnings activities he runs an Insurance Agency.



VICE PRESIDENT—W. E. JOCELYN,
109 Rebecca St., Hamilton, Ontario

Ted started sailing after many years spent in other sports in Canada. He participated in 7 fast ball World Championship Tournaments in U.S.A., also played professional ball, along with football, hockey etc. He has a brand new Lightning which he trailed all the way from the far North to the St. Pete Regatta. Ted is the owner of the W. E. JOCELYN Roofing and Sheet Metal Company.



VICE PRESIDENT—Oscar Weber,
Schoorengasse 4, Kilchberg (ZH) Switzerland

Oscar is another sailor who has been sailing for a number of years. In 1945 he built Lightning No. 3811 "Schufti." (The number was asked for later because there was no opportunity to have correspondence with the L.C.A. There was no active fleet in Switzerland and there was no knowledge of the activity of the Association. Oscar organized the Lightning Fleet "Zurichsee" and was a promoter of the reorganization of Fleet No. 169 "Flotte des trois lacs" and the fleet "Sempachersee." As a result of this growing-up of the class, the "Swiss District" was founded. His greatest job was to obtain the recognition of the Lightning Class as a racing class by the Swiss National Authority of sailing. Oscar is an actuary in a Swiss Life Insurance Co.



VICE PRESIDENT—Cal Yaudas,
3404 Wyckcliffe Prwy., Toledo, Ohio

Cal bought the now famous "Zig Zag" in 1944. Many a song and story has been composed about old No. 163. He is now on his third Lightning, "The Teaser," No. 5345 and doing fairly well even though he sails in about the toughest Fleet in the country. He is a past Fleet Captain of Fleet 42, Past Commander of the Toledo Power Squadron and present Commodore of the Ohio Indiana District. The lucky stiff crewed for Walt Swindeman in Buenos Aires. Cal has sailed on every type of craft from Bob McClarens Pram to a sixty-foot schooner. He tries to eke out a living as a salesman for the Stelhorn Co., Industrial Distributors of Mill and Factory Supplies.



VICE PRESIDENT—Pat Young,
1550 W. 25th St., Cleveland, Ohio

Pat has had a great deal of experience in sports in the National fields. Pat has emerged victor in several national sports during his sports career but admits to finding it much more difficult to win in Lightning competition. He is a Past Fleet Captain and Secretary of Edgewater Y.C., Fleet No. 43. He is Past Commodore of the Ohio-Indiana District. He was advertising manager for the 1954 Year Book. Pat is sailing his third Lightning which he took to Hawaii in 1953 to compete in the Hawaiian Regatta. He is President of PAT YOUNG Service, Inc., Wholesale Auto Parts Distributors.



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