

Officers of Lightning Class Association

CHIEF MEASURER—James G. Carson

5344 Magnolia St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Jim has been sailing all his life starting in 1933 when he was six years old in a 17' Atlantic City Cat. He sailed dinghies in college and has owned three Lightnings, #1004, #3284 and his present boat #6884. He also owns and sails a Penguin in which he won the Penguin National Championship in 1957, and missed winning the 1959 event by one-tenth of a point. He is a past Commodore of the Metedeconk River Y. C., has served the Central Atlantic District as Treasurer, Secretary, Vice-Commodore and Commodore. His sailing accomplishments are many having been Fleet Champion many times, District Champion in 1954 and 1959 in the Internationals in 1954, 1956, 1958 and 1959 and in the President's Cup three years taking a 3rd, a 2nd and a 4th. Jim is Design Engineer with E. I. duPont de Nemours Engineering Department.



ASST. MEASURER & VICE-PRESIDENT—

Herman Henschen

1816 Hillenwood Rd., Baltimore 14, Md.

Herm began sailing in 1948 in his homebuilt "Kibitzer", #3140. He has served as fleet captain of Fleet 128, and secretary, vice-commodore and commodore of the Dixie District. In between these jobs, he has been chairman of two Dixie District Championship Regattas and Chairman of the Atlantic Coast Championship Regatta. He was fleet Champion of Fleet 128 for 5 years and Chesapeake Bay Champ for 3 years. He currently owns #7015, "Sugar 'n Spice".

Herm is a Chemical Engineer for the Bethlehem Steel Co. at Sparrows Point, Md.



TREASURER—Martin O'Meara, Jr.

653 Connecticut Blvd., E. Hartford, Conn.

Marty has been a member of the L.C.A. since 1943, his first Lightning being BABY I, #2248. He now owns two—#6500 BABY II and #7170 BABY MAKE III. He has served as Captain of the Niantic Bay Fleet 85 from 1950 to the present, has served as Connecticut District Secretary and is currently that District's Commodore.

Marty is very well qualified to serve as L.C.A.'s Treasurer, having served in that capacity at Maxwell Studebaker, Federal National Corp. Finance Co., Budget Plan-Finance Co. and O'Meara Motors. He is a partner in Martin Motors and also serves as manager of Martin Motors Export Co.



PRESIDENT—Burrows Morley

#1 Center Woods, Saginaw, Mich.

Buzz skippers #6400, the successor to #4686 and #2939. Has served as Secretary of the L.C.A. in '54, Treasurer in '55, Advertising Manager of the Year Book in '56, Assistant Manager and Vice-President in '57 and Chief Measurer in '58. Past Commodore and Secretary of the Michigan District. Past Commodore of the Higgins Lake Boat Club and served as Captain of Fleet 110. Hobbies include skiing, knot tying, scotch guzzling and beating skins in the famed Michigan District Barefooted Philharmonic.

Keeps wolf from the door at Morley Brothers, Hardware Distributors.



SECRETARY—John M. McIntosh

2 Pinewood Ave., Parkersburg, Savannah, Ga.

John has been sailing since 1930, formerly sailing Scows before switching to Lightnings in 1950. He is a member and former Secretary and Captain of Savannah Fleet 127. He has also served as Commodore of the South Atlantic Y.R.A., Treasurer of L. C. A. in 1958-59 and is a member of the Executive Committee for 1959-1960.

With his Lightning #6612, SCALA-WAG V, he won the 1958 S.E.D. Championship. His wife Barbara crews for him and with his six children, he isn't apt to run out of crewmen for quite a while. He is General Manager of a wholesale building materials firm.



CHAPLAIN—Rev. John F. Steve

633 Main St., West Seneca 24, N.Y.

Sailing has been Rev. Steve's No. 1 hobby for the past 12 years but he never owned or raced a Lightning until the summer of 1956. A chance visit to the Niagara Sailing Club plus the philosophy of Karl Smith quoted in a news article: "The dollars spent on sailing make the most profit in pleasure, family unity and character building of any investment in the world" gave him the needed push to buy his Lightning sloop, "Steal Away", #5676.

Rev. Steve is pastor of Ebenezer United Church of Christ in West Seneca, N. Y., a suburb of Buffalo. His family consists of wife, Marjorie, and daughters Gail, Mary and Margie.

Rev. Steve belongs to the Niagara Sailing Club, Fleet #59, never won a race. His most exciting experience during the 1959 season was tipping over trying an intentional jibe in a 25 mile wind. Still loves to race Lightnings and enjoys the fellowship and friendship of Lightning sailors.



HONORARY COMMODORE—H. J. Cawthra
454 McKinley Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, Mich.

Hank started racing in 1927. He raced Scows, 17 sq. meter, 22 sq. meter, 210's and other classes before acquiring Lightning #4924, "Broom", in 1951. In 1955 he obtained his present boat #6066, "XL". He has competed in 7 Internationals, as well as many other major regattas. Past Commodore of Crescent Sail Yacht Club, he can be found when not sailing at the Chevrolet Motor Division of General Motors Corp.



VICE-PRESIDENT—John W. Swanson
761 W. Delavan Ave., Buffalo, N.Y.

Jack is a 38 year old, Irish bachelor who ten years ago gave up the frustrations of playing golf for the "relaxation" of a sailboat. He is now the most frustrated ex-golfing sailor in existence! Jack and John Palmer sail the THREE WINDS #749 which they acquired as a total insurance loss and rejuvenated with confident hopes of overthrowing Allen, Fallon and Smither. They claim they are still trying to catch this threesome and with such grim determination, they will. Jack is Commodore of the Lake Erie District for this year and when he isn't chasing Allen, Fallon and Smither, he earns a living running his own business as a manufacturer's agent covering Heating, ventilating and air conditioning equipment as well as component parts for original equipment manufacturers.



VICE-PRESIDENT—Philip Joannides
5 Herodou Atticou, Athens, Greece

Philip took his first boat trip across the Aegean Sea at the age of one month. He's been sailing ever since. Primarily a blue water sailor, he started racing in 1938 and raced his first Lightning in 1952 taking second place in the Greek National Championship. A flag officer of the Royal Yacht Club of Greece since 1952, he is responsible for all racing activities of the club. He is a member of the appeals committee of the Hellenic YRA (National Authority); organized practically single-handed Fleet #286, the Greek District and the 3rd European Championship Regatta held in Phaleron Bay in 1957. Phil has a wonderful family—a "seasick" wife, three daughters and a 17 year old son who is already winning cups. He is a graduate of Northwestern University Dental School.



**VICE-PRESIDENT IN CHARGE OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS—Carleton J. Allan**
118 Ash Street, Port Clinton, Ohio

Carleton, more commonly known as "Pinky", has been sailing for over twenty-five years. He has been sailing the Lightning for the last seven years and before that sixes, yawls, cutters and assorted types in both shortcourse and long distance races. He is past president of L.C.A., past commodore of Port Clinton Y. C., past commodore of the Ohio-Indiana District, and is vice-commodore of Put-in-Bay Yacht Club. He is now sailing his third Lightning the "Bad News", before that "Mama's Mink" and "Faker". He owns and operates two Ford agencies, one in Port Clinton and the other in Huron Ohio. Pinky will continue to be in charge of L.C.A.'s Foreign Affairs.



VICE-PRESIDENT IN CHARGE OF PUBLICITY—

Thomas D. Fallon
325 Delaware, Buffalo, N. Y.

Tom has been sailing for about 25 years in many classes, from eights to snipes. He has owned boats in Corpus Christi, Tex., Wilmington, Del., Philadelphia, Detroit and Buffalo. He has been sailing Lightnings for the past 12 years, first in "Puff" #523, and since 1952, in "Flare" #5100. He likes "Flare" very much and thinks it's a very fast boat if he sails it right. He is past Commodore of the Lake Erie District and Past Fleet Captain of Buffalo Canoe Club Fleet #12. He has sailed in six International Championship Regattas and six Mid-Winter Championships. He apparently sails better in winter, or maybe the competition is different. His spare time job is Director of Sales Training for National Gypsum Co., Buffalo, N. Y.—one of the largest and finest manufacturers of building materials in the world.



VICE-PRESIDENT—Luther B. Griffith
3255 Old Mooringsport Rd., Shreveport, La.

Luther was born in Mansfield, La. about 15 miles from the nearest lake but it was 1951 before he got around to sailing. However, he sails continuously now, both winter and summer, making a mighty effort to beat his girls, Gaye and Louie. Gaye was runner-up in '56 and '57 and Fleet Champion in '58. She also placed third in the Districts in '59 being beaten only by those "old pros" Gene Walet and Tom Allen. Louie, aged 14, promises to do just as well. Lu feels if he lives for another 30 years and practices every day, he just might be able to beat one of the girls once.

To fill in the time away from sailing, Luther works as a Certified Public Accountant and is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.



VICE-PRESIDENT—Raimo R. Nordstrom
Lovlisa, Finland

Raimo has been active in Lightnings since 1949. Together with two of his brothers, he owned the Lightning #4334, "Pinocchio". His new Lightning #6838 "KATRINA" was built in 1958. He has been Commodore for the Finnish District since 1956 and during the off-sailing season he can be found in the shipowning branch of Messrs. Ab. R. Nordstrom & Co. Oy.



VICE-PRESIDENT—Charles Nicolet
La Cave, La Neuveville, Switzerland

Charles has been sailing LA RAFALE #5839 since 1955. With his friend Theo Moeckli he organized Fleet #268 and now serves as its Captain. He has been the Commodore of the Swiss District for the past three years. With Mr. Moeckli he organized the European Championship held at La Neuveville and has taken part in four of these regattas. Charles has been instrumental in clearing up the measurement troubles in Switzerland. He is a director of a steel and machinery business.



VICE-PRESIDENT—J. R. G. Bleas
33 Standish Ave., Toronto, Ont.

Bob's addiction to sailing began at the tender age of 3 when he fell into the local yacht pond in Scotland. However, it took the sailing bug 30 years to incubate when he started construction of his Lightning #5234. His understanding wife has pronounced him incurable as she once again spends her evenings listening to those "construction sounds".

Interruptions to this project are in the form of the Sailing Committee meetings of the Royal Canadian Yacht Club and visits to the British Trade Centre to occupy the office of the Ontario Manager.

VICE-PRESIDENT—George V. Fisher
3211 Fishinger Road, Columbus, Ohio

George has been sailing Lightnings since his discharge from the Navy in 1946. He owned #721 prior to #4865, three times Ohio-Indiana District Champion. George has served as Secretary and Commodore of the District and as Commodore of the Buckeye Lake Yacht Club, Buckeye Lake, Ohio. He is a general partner in the law firm of Robins, Metcalf & Fisher in Columbus.



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VICE-PRESIDENT—Robert Brown
1625 37th Ave., Seattle, Wash.

Bob, a gay bachelor of 26 years, started sailing in 1952 in a Blanchard Senior Knockabout. He progressed to another one-design fleet in 1953, the 32' P.C. (Pacific Class). He had this boat for four years and then became co-owner of his first Lightning #3316. He was so enthused about Lightnings that he built #7030 in 1959, naming it CHEERIE BYE. Bob was runner-up in the District Championships in 1958 and winner in 1959. He is currently serving the Pacific-Northwest District as Commodore.

Bob owns and operates "Bob's Landing", a sizeable restaurant located on Lake Washington in the heart of Seattle's sailing fleet. In the winter, like most sailors in the North west, he turns to the Northwest's terrific skiing slopes.



Philippines, because they are so perishable, take up most of his time during the summer.

VICE-PRESIDENT—Jose Barreda Moller

Camana 615-602, Lima, Peru

Jose is one of the most active skippers in the Lightning Class, which is by far the most active in Peru. He is the founder of the South American Confederation of Lightning Class Associations under whose auspices the South American Championship is held every year, with an average participation of seven countries. He is a lawyer, listed in the best known American and British Law lists. He is also a member of the Peruvian Congress.



VICE-PRESIDENT—Hamilton Gates Ford

Indian Point Lane, Riverside, Conn.

Ham first stepped into a sailboat eight years ago and has been spending all of his free time since sailing dinghies and Lightnings. For the last three years he has been co-owner and crew of ENCORE II #6648, which, skippered by his Carter, placed 3rd and 9th in the 1957 and 1958 Internationals and won the President's Cup in 1959.

He is a member of the New York and Riverside Yacht Clubs and has been Treasurer and a member of the Board of Governors at Riverside. Currently Ham is Captain of Fleet 7 and Commodore of the Western Long Island Sound District.

Between regattas he can be found at the New York City real estate office of Charles F. Noyes Company, Inc., of which he is a Director and Executive Vice-President.



VICE-PRESIDENT—Alton Berg

3415 N. Hamlin, Chicago 18, Ill.

Al wandered onto Charlie Judd's Lightning for a sail in the fall of 1946 and as a result, built his first ISTAR #2662. He started sailing and racing at Cleveland Yacht Club in 1949.

Since 1952, Al has been a member of the Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club's Fleet #5 currently sailing the third ISTAR, #7370. He has served as Fleet Captain and chairman of District Regattas in Cleveland (Ohio-Indiana District) and Chicago (Mid-West District).

When Al can't sail, he skis. And when he can't do either, he works in the Military Electronics Division at Motorola, Inc. where he is Systems Engineer on an airborne radar.



VICE-PRESIDENT—Cesare Ratti

19 Angiporto Galleria, Naples, Italy

Cesare has served as Captain of the Sorrento Fleet since its organization. Skipper of his own Lightning "SAR-ACO" #4965, he has participated in all Italian and European Championships always finishing well up in the first division. He has competed also in RORC Class regattas held in the Mediterranean Sea and has been a member of "Unione Crocieristi Italiani" since its origin. From 1948 to 1950, he served as President of the U.S.V.I. (Italian Sail Societies Union) Sport Committee. Along with all his sailing activities, Cesare finds time to practice law, for his living.



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Runner-Up—John C. Hirst of Mantoloking, N. J. (Fleet 3) in "Anyhow" 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. Siever of Williamsville, N. Y. (Fleet 59) in "Salt Shaker" No. 1670.
President's Trophy Runner-Up—Leo 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 & BISCAIYNE 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 111) 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 Folit 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. 3082.
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 "Revenge" 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. Smidle 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."

1955—SOUTHERN YACHT CLUB NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Champion—Tom Allen, Buffalo, N. Y., (Fleet 12) in "Atom" No. 4811.
Runner-Up—Robert Adams, Rydal, Penn., (Fleet 3) in "Vagabond" No. 5458.
President's Trophy Winner—Paul Schreck, New Orleans, La., (Fleet 62) in "Major Domo" No. 3737.
President's Trophy Runner-Up—C. J. Prados, Shreveport, La. (Fleet 175) in "Dixie Doodle II" No. 5202.

**1956—BUFFALO CANOE CLUB
POINT ABINO, ONTARIO**

Champion—William Cox, Darien, Conn. (Fleet 134) in "Zig-Zagger" No. 5841
Runner-Up—Gene Walet, New Orleans, La. (Fleet 62) in "Spirit II" No. 5082
President's Trophy Winner—Dick Karslake, Chautauqua, N. Y., (Fleet 198) in "Kitty" No. 6207
President's Trophy Runner-Up—Marge Adams, Rydal, Pa. (Fleet 3) in "Whirlwind" No. 5409

**1957—MILFORD YACHT CLUB
MILFORD, CONN.**

Champion—William Cox, Darien, Conn. (Fleet 134) in "Zig-Zagger" No. 5841
Runner-Up—John Teigland, Jr., Lake Pine, N. J., (Fleet 26) in "Seductress II" No. 5424
President's Trophy Winner—H. J. Cawthra, Grosse Pte. Farms, Mich. (Fleet 51) in "XL" No. 6066
President's Trophy Runner-Up—John McIntosh, Savannah, Ga. (Fleet 127) in "Rabbit" No. 4872

**1958—LITTLE EGG HARBOR YACHT CLUB
BEACH HAVEN, N. J.**

Champion—Henry Cawthra, Grosse Pointe Farms, Mich. (Fleet 51) in "XL", No. 6066.
Runner-Up—William T. Uhl, Syosset, N. Y. (Fleet 141) in "Spark II", No. 6981.
President's Trophy Winner—Tim Nelson, Kitchener, Ont., (Fleet 118) in "Justus", No. 3654.
President's Trophy Runner-Up—Kenneth Ireland, Nichols, Conn., (Fleet 238) in "Ambergris II", No. 7017.

1959—CRESCENT SAIL CLUB, DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Champion—Herman Nickels, Fenton, Mich. (Fleet 53) in No. 7207.
Runner-Up—Thomas Allen, Buffalo, N. Y. (Fleet 12) in "Atom" No. 4811.
President's Trophy Winner—Carter Ford, Riverside, Conn. (Fleet 7) in "Encore II", No. 6654.
President's Trophy Runner-Up—Jack Swanson, Buffalo, N. Y. (Fleet 59) in "Three Winds", No. 749.



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