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On highland lakes, like the one almost two miles above sea level where Fleet 73 sails, gusts are fierce and treacherous. This one resulted in the outstanding picture on our cover and for which we are indebted to Club Nautico Del Muna of Colombia and its secretary Gunter Schwochau. Perhaps even more, this action symbolizes the amazing growth of the Lightning Class throughout the world.

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DEDICATION

It has often been said that there are two kinds of people in the world: sailors and all the rest. It is to the sailors that this 1967 edition of the International Lightning Class Association yearbook is unabashedly dedicated with a special tip of our sailing cap to all those who make sailing more than just the greatest sport in the world but almost a way of life. Our salute then, to those who've preceded us to show us the way and to those young-timers now in training; to regatta participants and to those who make regattas possible through their selfless efforts; to the wives and children who help man the boats and to good friends who spread the gospel of sailing; to the champions and the tail-enders; to the innovators, the experimenters, the dreamers and the doers. In short, to the whole wonderful world of sail.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The preceding 28 years of the International Lightning Class have brought recognition and distinction to our Class through the untiring efforts of our dedicated Class Officers and Membership.

The continued popularity of our Boat has helped us achieve and surpass the 10,500th Lightning and fosters our development and respect throughout the world. We are members of a unique organization held together by our love of sailing. Our native lands and languages may be different; our affluence and our social customs may be divergent but our Boat is the same on every continent.

It is through International organizations such as ours, where the common interest of sailing surmounts all obstacles, that we may be instrumental in aiding understanding and promoting world peace.

Wilson R. Scott

President, International Lightning Association

PRESIDENT—Wilson R. Scott, M.D.

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Scotty purchased his first Lightning in August of 1959, No. 5228. He now sails 9066, War Path. In the period prior to No. 5228 he became interested in Lightnings by crewing. Hobbies other than sailing are woodworking, electronics and photography. He has always enjoyed building and in 1955 built his first boat and has been sailing ever since. Organized and founded the first sailing club in Southern Illinois, then served as Commodore of the Crab Orchard Sailing Club for two years. Lightning activities consist of securing a Charter for Fleet 330, serving as Fleet Captain and Secretary, and Commodore of the Mississippi Valley District

1964-1966. Scott was a member of the International Race Committee in 1963-1964. Filled a vacancy on the Measurement Committee in 1964 and later was elected to Assistant Measurer, and then to Chief Measurer and the Executive Committee of the I.L.C.A. in 1965. In the winter time besides thinking "Lightning", Scott sails a DN60 ice boat and Y-Flyer.

He is President of the Executive Committee of a group of medical specialists in the Carbondale Clinic Association. Professional activities in the medical group are Cancer specialist and Radiologist.

Scott is married and has two girls, Ann, 12 years, and Jan, 8 years of age, who with his wife, "Mac", are enthusiastic Lightning sailors and regatta followers.

SECRETARY—Stanley Brander, Jr.

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Started racing at summer camp in 1942. Bought first Lightning in 1959; has had five more since that time, and now has a new boat on order. Served as Commodore, Tulsa Sailing Club, in 1960 and 1961. Served as Fleet Captain of same in 1962 and 1964. Served as Commodore of the Central States District in 1963 and again in 1966. Appointed to the International Race Committee in 1964, and served as its Chairman in 1965 and 1966. Now serving as Secretary of Class. Now President of Pioneer Corporation, an independent oil producer with interests in varied investments.

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Dave became associated with the L.C.A. in 1939 with Lightning #137. Since that time he has owned numbers 6567, 8240, 9110, and presently 9711. Dave admits the law of averages on his side, having sailed in 14 District Championships, 8 North American Championships, and 1 World Championship.

Between vacations and weekends, Dave keeps busy as Vice President of the Ingham Hill Corp. and Lifetime Homes, Inc. in the home building industry. His past "work load" activities of the Class include Secretary and Vice Commodore positions in the Conn.-Rhode Island District of which he is presently serving as Commodore.

Officers of the International Lightning Class Association

CHIEF MEASURER & VICE-PRESIDENT—

Jon R. Ruhlman

1388 Blackmore Road, Cleveland Heights, Ohio



Jon built his first sailboat as a diversion while obtaining his masters degree in aeronautical engineering in 1950, and his second while serving as an engineering project officer in the Air Force in 1952. Having developed an avid interest in sailing competition, he relinquished his other hobbies of flying and skiing and purchased his first Lightning, #6013 "Ruler I" in 1955. Since that time he has actively campaigned numbers 7320, 8520, and is now sailing "Ruler IV", #9420. Well known for the superlative spinnaker work of his comely crew, Barbara and Wendy Hawn, he is rapidly developing sons Robby, 11, and Randy, 9, against the

day when his shapely twosome will be spirited away.

Currently Champion of the Ohio-Indiana District and Pymatuning Fleet 36, Jon was previously Fleet Champion and Captain of Northeast Fleet 207, Commodore of the Ohio-Indiana District in 1964 and 1965, and Commodore of Pymatuning Yacht Club from 1963 to 1965. In between time spent as Chief Measurer and a member of the three-man ILCA Executive Committee, Jon is President of Preformed Line Products Company, internationally based manufacturer of specialized cable and conductor fittings.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY—Helen E. Limbaugh

Edgecliff Drive, Worthington, Ohio



Helen, or "Mort" as Jay calls her, is better known as Jay Limbaugh's wife. It was because of Jay's long association with I.L.C.A. official activities that Helen learned the ins and outs of the Class documents and administrative policies and procedures. It was because of Jays "allowing" her to crew for him on his Lightnings, SPIRIT II, MORT and MORTS, that Helen learned the ups and downs of Lightning sailing. Lightnings and or Lightning activities have been a part of the Limbaughs' lives since 1956.

Helen was born and raised in Kentucky, graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University, taught school one year and

worked in the business world for several years. Before she became involved with I.L.C.A. Headquarters she spent her time (other than that taken up with Jay or the Lightning) playing duplicate bridge, swimming (winter and summer), playing tennis, making her own clothes, sailing her Penguin MORTY and occasionally (she says) keeping house.



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OHIO-INDIANA SPRING CIRCUIT

Indiana Open Lightning Championship Regatta		
Indianapolis Sailing Club	Geist Reservoir	May 6-7
Spring Shake Down Regatta	Indian Lake	May 13-14
*Great Lakes Regatta	North Cape	May 20-21
Hoosier Regatta	Lake Wawasee	June 10-11
Ohio Inter-Club Regatta	Indian Lake	June 17-18
*Greater Cleveland Lightning Assn.	Mentor	June 24-25
Independence Day Regatta	Pymatuning	July 1-2
Ohio-Indiana District Championship Regatta	Pymatuning Y.C. Fleet 36 Jamestown, Pa.	July 7-8-9
Sandusky Bay Regatta	Sandusky Sailing Club	July 22-23
C.Y.C. Regatta	Cleveland Yachting Club	July 29-30
Steeplechase	Sandusky to Put In Bay	August 5
Inter Lake Yachting Assn. Regatta	Put In Bay	August 7-8-9
Port Clinton Yacht Club Regatta	Port Clinton	August 12-13
South Shore Regatta	Vermillion	August 12-13
North American Lightning Championship	C.Y.C. Fleet 71 Cleveland, Ohio	August 20-27
Harvest Moon Regatta	Atwood Lake	Sept. 9-10
Sandusky Fall Invitational	Sandusky Sailing Club	Sept. 30-Oct. 1
Snow Flurries	Port Clinton Yacht Club	Oct. 7-8
Snow Ball	Buckeye Lake	Oct. 14-15

*Tentative schedule. Check Flashes and Special Notices.

LIGHTNING SAILOR WINS ADAMS CUP

by Coral and Jerie Clark

Lightning sailing was not on the sailing agenda for Jerie Clark in '66 for two reasons: first because her husband, Don, is in the Marine Corps and, second, because she decided to concentrate on the Adams Cup this year.

In '65 she had won the area eliminations but instead of competing farther in the Adams Cup she chose to crew for her husband at the Lightning North American's in "Magic" (9401), winner of the Governor's Cup.

Jerie's crew in the Adams finals consisted of Mary Ann Easter and 'Red' McVittie, both International 14 sailors.

Four years ago, Jerie sailed in the Adams Cup Regatta in Miami placing an inglorious seventh out of eight. Since then she has been crewing for Don in Lightnings. Sailing on Lake Washington, Seattle, they have won the Fleet #132 Championship twice and the Northwest District Championship three times. They were becoming the unbeatable Lightning in the Pacific Northwest District.

She sincerely feels that the experience derived from sailing in the top caliber competition of the Lightning Class was a deciding factor in winning this year's Adams Cup. Nearly all the competitors were center-board sailors and the Cal 20 handles about as much like a Lightning as any keel boat can.

Jerie's description of the Adams Cup races follows:

We had practiced setting the spinnaker out of the cockpit—much as is done on a Lightning but, unfortunately, few of the boats used had sheets of sufficient length to accomplish this.

On the Sunday before the series we went out to practice in a 30 knot wind. Never having seen a Cal 20 spinnaker, we decided that this was typical San Francisco

Bay weather and put it up. The minute we popped the chute we took off on a plane to rival anything I've ever experienced in a Lightning.

The big difference was that keel boats really aren't supposed to plane and I'm still not certain what would happen if things got out of control because about one minute later we decided it would be best to take it down before it took us down. We spent the rest of the sail home convincing ourselves that it had been "lots of fun."

The first day of racing was in 15-25 knot winds. We were in first place at the end of the day with a 2-2-1 record and a 4 1/4 point lead. The second day found us little more than drifting around two shortened courses in the morning and then waiting for two hours in the rain for a third. The wind finally filled in and we wound up the day with an 11 1/4 point lead after finishing 2-3-4.

We had used all the good boats in the round robin series and were faced with the two "dogs" of the series. We worked harder in the seventh race than all the others put together but could not get it to go to windward.

A last place made us a pretty unhappy crew until we learned that due to the poor finishes of other boats, all we had to do was finish the last race to win the series. With the pressure off we managed to avoid hitting any marks, other boats or tugs and barges steaming through the course and finished a respectable third.

Thus we became the first West Coast team to win the North American Women's Sailing Championship. The California team made it a clean sweep for the West Coast by taking 2nd place. It was an exciting and extremely well-run Regatta and we learned a great deal.

I feel fortunate to have raced on a Lightning for three years because it is undoubtedly one of the best "training" boats for any type of other major sailing competition. The Class provides keen competition, good sportsmanship and promotes top caliber sailing.

WESTERN LONG ISLAND SOUND DISTRICT MAJOR REGATTAS

Setauket Invitational—At Port Jefferson—
June 17-18

Larchmont Race Week—July 15-22

District Championship—American Yacht
Club—Aug. 5-6

Long Island Sound Championship—
Aug. 12-13

Manhasset Bay Race Week—Aug. 23-27

Northport Invitational—Sept. 9-10

