

XXX SOUTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

by Michael A. Norris

Once again Brazil was honoured to hold the Lightning South American Championship.

We had representatives from Argentina, Chile and Peru.

After sail and boat measuring we had a tune-up race on Wednesday which was won by Soares followed by Vila and Barreda Moller.

On Thursday we set off early for the first and second race. The first one started at 11:00 with south winds of 10 mph. We had a good start and moved to the left side of the course, allowing us a comfortable lead at the windward buoy. Soares was in second closely followed by Robert and Fantuzzi. Through the rest of the race, the fight among boats continued, however, the final positions remained the same. The second race was started immediately after, however this time we had trouble at the start, and rounded the first buoy in third closely followed by Robert and Fantuzzi, with Soares in first and Abinzano in second. During the second windward leg, we managed to pass Abinzano and close the gap on Soares. The third windward leg was decisive with Soares and us fighting the lead buoy to buoy, with the wind increasing to 15 mph our speed in relation to Soares increased allowing us a lead at the end of the leg. Meanwhile, Fantuzzi gained third place passing Roberto and Abinzano. At the finish Soares came in second with Fantuzzi in third and Abinzano in fourth. However, Fantuzzi was disqualified for lack of obligatory equipment.

On Friday, the third race started with a northwest wind of 2 mph. Dietmar lead the way, followed by Abinzano, Fantuzzi and us. On the spinnaker leg Abinzano passed Dietmar and we passed Fantuzzi. During the second windward leg Dietmar and us managed to pass Abinzano. On the run Robert came out of nowhere with a private gust and worked up to second place. On the third windward leg Abinzano decided to ride on Robert's gust, however found out it was

no longer there. Bets were running high when Dietmar, Robert, Fantuzzi and us rounded the last leg together. We went down the middle while the rest decided for one side or the other of the course. We were very pleased to find out that Robert's gust decided to come back, and guess where? Down the middle! We managed to get the lead with Dietmar finishing in second and Robert in third.

The fourth race started a couple of hours later with a south wind of 15 mph. Once again we managed to get a good start and lead the way to the windward buoy with Robert, Soares, Per Olov and Abinzano changing places at every moment. However, they came to an agreement and Robert finished second with Soares in third.

The fifth race was sailed on Saturday. The wind was around 8 mph. We got a good lead around the first mark, Robert and Per Olov were also in a very comfortable position in second and third. With positions already guaranteed there were no changes until the finish. Abinzano was disqualified as he was early over the line and failed to return.

With the championship already guaranteed, we decided not to take part in the race and watch Robert, Soares and Abinzano fight for second, third and fourth. Right from the start Abinzano got the lead followed by Robert and Soares who were sailing against each other. On the third windward leg Robert managed to clear Soares and catch up with Abinzano. The last leg was thrilling with Abinzano and Robert fighting for every inch of the leg. The competition among the two was so nervous that Abinzano misjudged the line and allowed Robert to finish first with Soares finishing in third.

The XXX South American Championship was a success. I'm sure everyone enjoyed the sailing, barbecues, parties etc. We are hoping to see everyone again in Peru next year.

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Final Pos.	Boat #	Country	Skipper & Crew	Race Finishes						Pts.
				1	2	3	4	5	6	
1	12812	Brazil	Mario Buckup, Michael Norris, Joaquim Feneberg	1	1	1	1	1	DNS	5
2	11708	Brazil	Robert Buckup, Martin Buckup, Roger Michaelis	3	4	3	2	2	1	11
3	11721	Brazil	Walmor Soares, Valerio Soares, Edson Pereira	2	2	7	3	6	3	16
4	11041	Argentina	Mario Abinzano, Rolando Turrado, Roberto Ricoveri	5	3	6	5	PMS	2	21
5	12513	Chile	Angel Fantuzzi, Felipe Cubillo, Javier de Vicente	4	DSQ	4	6	4	4	22
6	11710	Brazil	Dietmar Heydenreich, Peter Zacher, Eduardo Manias	6	7	2	8	5	5	25
7	8795	Brazil	Per Olov Hornell, Ingrid Raedler, Ronaldo Gessy	9	6	8	4	3	8	29
8	13682	Argentina	Angel Vila, Valeria Vila, Eduardo Clark	8	5	5	9	7	6	32
9	12519	Peru	Jose Barreda Moller, Fernando B. Zegarra, Jorge B. Zegarra	7	9	DSQ	7	9	DNS	44
10	12524	Brazil	Karin Arruda Sampaio, Horst Thielemann, Luiz R. Arruda Sampaio	10	10	9	10	8	7	44
11	11011	Argentina	Heraldo Tramaglia, Guillermo de Oro, Guillermo E. Monroy	11	8	DSQ	11	10	9	49

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YOUTH WORLDS '84

By Jody's crew
(Joe Donovan and Joe Starck)

The Fourth Youth World Championship was held September 27-30 on Barnegat Bay at the Metedeconk River Yacht Club, Brick, New Jersey. Thirteen of the top skippers and crew from six countries turned out for what was a most competitive regatta. The grueling four day battle went something close to this:

Thursday: After a stormy, windy morning the weather calmed enough for the race committee to let the regatta get under way. After a quick practice race, everyone was ready to go.

The race was started in shifty, moderate winds out of the north. We arrived at the windward mark first with Tony Fink, the Italian, Paolo Cain, and Augusto Navarro from Peru following. We led around the triangle, but Navarro caught a big shift on the inside of the second beat which put him into the lead, with Fink and Born following. We were now back to fourth. At the second windward mark, a jibe set to the left side of the dead downwind leg allowed us to regain the lead. The third beat was just as bad as our second. We simply could not get things together upwind. We dropped back to fifth. The top four were Navarro, Fink, Born and Cain respectively. Downwind we remained in much the same positions. During the last leg we finally got our act in gear and gained instead of losing boats upwind. We finished second to Navarro with Cain, Fink and Born completing the top five.

Friday: Again we had to wait until the weather subsided a bit to get the racing started. The first race was started in twenty knot winds from the north. A crazy start with five boats over, caused a slow beginning for us. We were buried by the boats that were over and could not clear our air. Tony Fink led the whole race, but was over at the start and did not return. Paolo Cain sailed a superb race and finished first. It was a battle for second, third and fourth. At the finish Born was second, Swanson third and Kurkkainen of Finland, fourth. Vitaggio of Italy was fifth.

Friday's second race was started in the same conditions. Jim Allen's excellent first leg put him well ahead at the mark. Trevor Born was second, Swanson and Fink following closely. We stayed high and popped the spinnaker. We rounded the leeward mark first and covered Fink who was not far behind. About two-thirds up the second windward leg the race was shortened; we were to finish at the next mark. We were to the extreme left and Fink was at the favored end, but we were both just as close to the finish line. We caught a puff which gave us the six inches we needed to cross ahead of him. Trevor finished third, followed by Cain and Vitaggio.

The standings after three races were close:

	Total Best 2	
Swanson	6	3
Fink	21	6
Cain	8	4
Born	10	5
Vitaggio	21	10

Saturday: The same strong north winds brought excellent, cold racing. We got one of our best starts, but found our-

selves in fourth at the first mark. We held our position around the triangle. The second windward leg proved to be our most productive. We got out into first and were able to stay there the rest of the race. Tony finished second, followed by Trevor, John Oldham and Paolo.

The second race Saturday saw Paolo Cain off the line fast and long gone at the first mark. As usual, we were slow off the start and again found ourselves having to work our way up through the fleet, but this time we weren't as fortunate. The top five were Cain, Fink, Oldham, Swanson and Kurkkainen. After all but the final race the standings were to our favor.

	Total Best 4	
Swanson	11	7
Fink	25	10
Cain	14	9
Born	23	13
Vitaggio	34	23

Only Jody or Paolo could win. Jody needed either a first or second or have Cain finish no better than third to win.

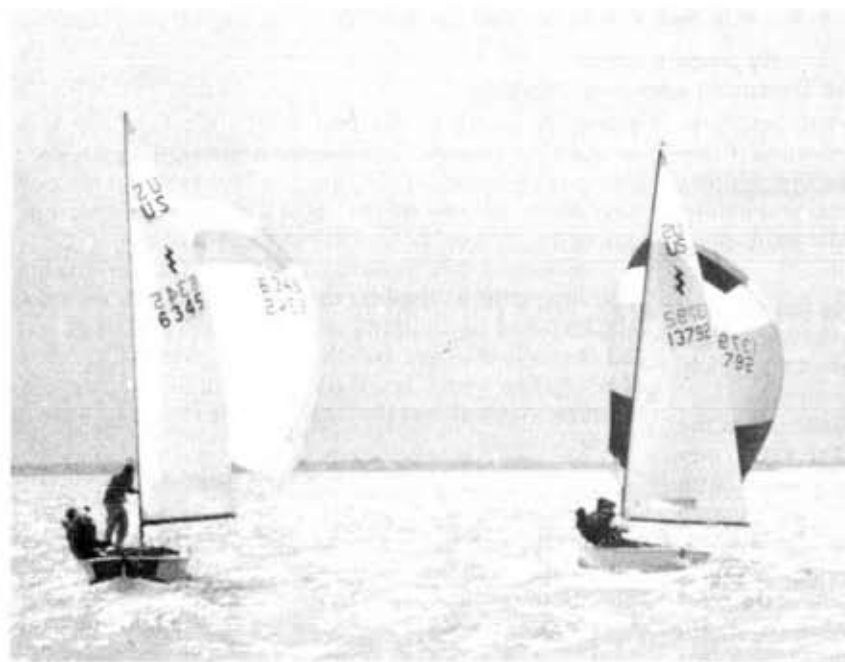
Sunday: Sunday morning supplied a little warmer air, a ton of wind, and a "tension stomach". Off the starting line we were in a pack and could not break away. But neither could Cain, who was right along side of us. Tony Fink got out in front and led the whole race. Vitaggio was in second at the first mark, followed by Born, Cain and Steve Hayden. We were in sixth. Paolo took his spinnaker down at the jibe which allowed us to come within one boat. At the leeward mark all five boats were close and all we had to do was hold our position on Cain. Instead....we dropped our main, left our spinnaker flying, and let seven or so boats pass. After a 10 minute struggle to get the boat back to a beating sailset, we began to cheer on Tony and Augusto, praying they wouldn't make a mistake like we had. We felt so out of the race we actually had thoughts of playing baseball (yes, baseball). We continued around the triangle and did not pass a single boat (except for Trevor Born who had capsized at the jibe). Turning up the last weather leg we decided the baseball was not the best idea and switched on the after burners. Utilizing all of our clear air and playing the shifts, we ended up fifth, only boatlengths behind Cain. We had won the Youth Worlds. The final point totals were:

	Total Best 5	
Swanson	16	11
Fink	26	11
Cain	18	13
Born	34	23
Vitaggio	36	25

The tie between Jody and Tony was broken on the basis of most firsts.

We, the whole crew, would like to thank Jim Carson and the Metedeconk River Yacht Club for doing a most fantastic job. Also, we would like to thank all the Lutz' for housing us during the regatta. They made us feel like one of the family, and we very much appreciate it.

Once again, we thank everyone. This regatta is something we will not soon forget.



Youths '84



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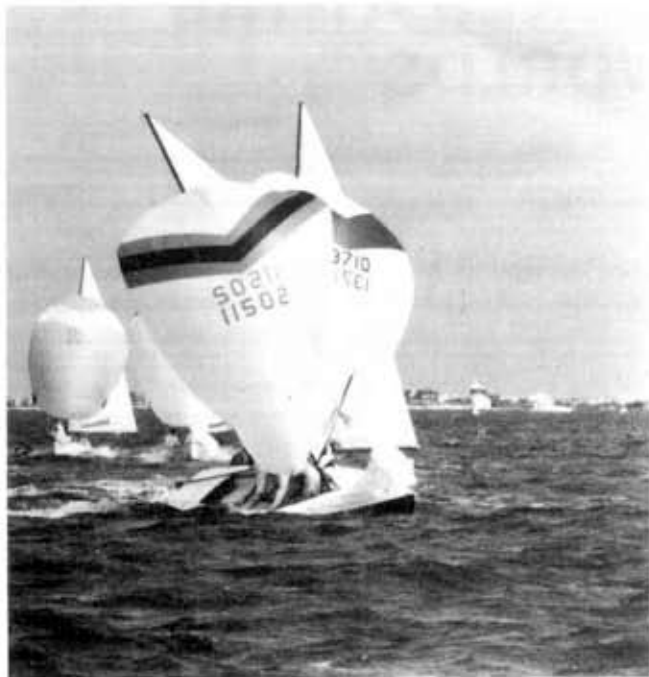


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BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE YOUTH WORLDS

by Richard D. Thomas

The concept of holding the Lightning Youth Worlds at Metedeconk River Yacht Club began with an idea of Jim Carson, longtime supporter of both the Lightning Class and the Metedeconk River Yacht Club. The endeavor of putting this Regatta into action wasn't one for the idle. In the final analysis, months of thorough work by many club and class members made the 1984 Youth Worlds an enriching experience which picked up the spirits on all who were involved.

Metedeconk has always been a hotbed of Lightning sailing. We have held many championship events here, with special interest to junior regattas. The 1977 Junior North Americans were held here. Race management was to be no problem. Jim Carson has always done an admirable job as race committee chairman and the club always has all possible sailing situations thought out with numerous boats on hand during the racing. The sailing was to be held on Barnegat Bay which usually makes for excellent conditions. The races themselves were no problem. We expected to have fine and fair racing and we did.

Holding a World Championship has many other contingent factors. Traveling, housing, meals, entertainment, all had to be dealt with. As this end, Club Commodore Bill Rodenberg did more than his share. Members gave up their time and homes for this regatta. Many of these members don't sail Lightnings and had never seen a world sailing event. They just felt that this was a happening which they wanted to be a part of, and that the club could take pride in.

After months of planning, September 19th and the sailors arrived. Van shuttles to the airport brought the competitors to that international hotspot, Brick, New Jersey. On a gorgeous Wednesday night, the opening cocktail party was held at the home of Dr. Alberto and Jean Taboada, overlooking

the Metedeconk River. The opening ceremonies and introduction of the crews followed at the Yacht Club with dinner.

The next four racing days would bring a Northeastern front to Barnegat Bay with winds up in the 20's, few glimpses of the sun, in other words, it was cold. The unfavorable condition didn't detract from the races, a tribute to the talent of the competitors. We were ready on our end. A "pit crew" was formed to handle any breakdowns or problems with the boats. Crew chief Dave Ruiter did an exhaustive job with aid from Jack Elfman and Alan Ruiter. Jody Lutz was the Regatta "Tuner", and had the responsibility of keeping the boats at top speed.

The sailors were kept busy at night as well. Dinners were planned, a DJ came in and the foreigners saw break dancing up close. Lightning NA champion Mark Bryant come down and gave a seminar with the aid of a videotape of first race. In play by play fashion, he gave some ideas to the competitors. Vivian Dooren was in charge of nightly entertainment and did a fine job.

Sunday's races and the trophy ceremonies marked the end of the event. Jody Swanson's remarkable effort will take the headlines and rightly so. Behind the scenes, the Metedeconk River Yacht Club was also an important story. A group of dedicated people from a small town put together a World Championship effort. It was made easier by the special flavor the competitors added to this Regatta. An overwhelming image of this event was the international sailors and people gathered together exchanging addresses and good wishes. Many thanks to the Lightning Class for letting us hold the Youth Worlds. We will carry these memories for a long time.

LIGHTNING WORLD YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP 1984

Fin. Pos.	Sail #	Skipper & Crew	Country	Race Finishes						Pts.
				1	2	3	4	5	6	
1	6345	Jody Swanson, Joe Donovan, Joe Folds	United States	2	3	1	1	4	(5)	11
2	13792	Anthony Fink, Larry Colatruano, Dave Kuhl	United States	4	(15)	2	2	2	1	11
3	13715	Paolo Cian, Marco LoSardo, Mario Sassi	Italy	3	1	4	(5)	1	4	13
4	671	Trevor Born, David Sawyer, Sean Torsney	Canada	5	2	3	3	10	(14)	23
5	13706	Pasquale Vitaggio, Alessandro Messina, Francesco Sorrentino	Italy	(11)	5	5	7	6	2	25
6	13681	John Oldham, III, Scott Shea, Alison Burns	United States	(8)	8	6	4	3	8	29
7	11502	Augusto Navarro, Wilfredo Fano, Lucciano Gardella	Peru	1	6	(12)	9	11	6	33
8	11379	Steve Hayden, Len Dooren, Brian Taboada	United States	7	7	(13)	10	7	3	34
9	12258	Jussi Karkkainen, Mikko Jaatinen, Heikki Nurmi	Finland	(12)	4	9	6	5	11	35
10	13811	Jim Allen, Bill Golden, Maureen Connolly	United States	6	12	7	(13)	8	9	42
11	13926	Ian Eskritt, Andy Moss, Tony Daicar	Canada	10	10	8	(12)	9	7	44
12	13282	German Novion, Tomas Engell, Alberto Pulido	Chile	9	11	11	8	(12)	10	49
13	13659	Geoff Jarvis, Bill Buddle, Michele Langford	Canada	(13)	9	10	11	13	12	55

13 Boats, DNF-14 Points, DNS-15 Points, () Throw-out Race

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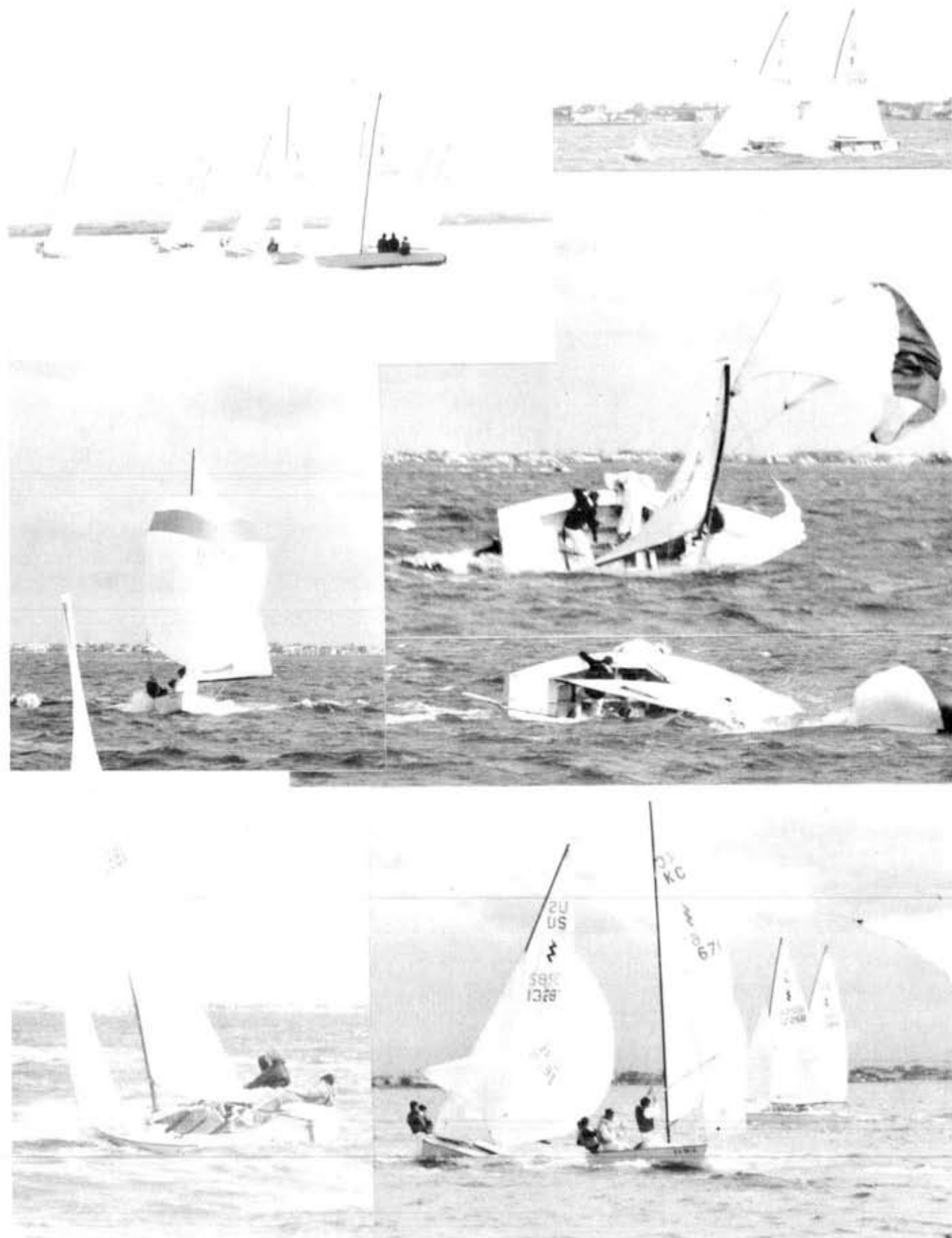
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'84 Youth World Championship

At Metedeconk Yacht Club



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THE HERMANOS NAVARRO— IRVINE TROPHY

A short history.

This perpetual trophy was placed in dispute by me in 1978 during the First Youth World Championship held in Peru with the participation of nine countries, with the hope that it would continue in all future Youth Worlds and stimulate the spirit of competition and fair sailing among young sailors around the world, similar to what we had already experienced in the forty years of Lightning competition. It was offered in memory of four brothers, Carlos, Julio, Felix and Tomas, all of whom during approximately 20 years participated directly or indirectly in Lightning activities in Peru, especially Carlos my father who was a member of my crew for many years. With him we won the National Championship seven consecutive times and the South American Championship in Guayaquil, Ecuador in 1958, and also the runner-up place in the Panamerican Cup of Montevideo, Uruguay in 1957.

In 1977 at the World Championship in Switzerland, Larry MacDonald, Sr. from Canada put forward the idea of the Youth Worlds. He organized a breakfast meeting during which delegates from all countries attending that Championship met to discuss the matter. It was decided Peru would be the first to host it and I took it upon myself not only to run it but decided to make the trophy as well. The first problem was the design. Trying to get someone to do it was going to be a very costly project so eventually I did it myself. The next question was the materials to be used on it.

My wife Elvira came up with the idea that silver was the best and she further suggested it should come from some of my previous trophies, after all as she put it, "that is the only way it will have a soul." After some hesitation on my part to give up some of my hard won trophies of the past I realized that she was right. It was really the only way that the trophy would have true value and a true "racing soul" and so the melting ceremony took place. However the actual craftsmanship of the trophy as presented to Stephen Craig of Dallas, Texas who became the first to win it here in Peru, had to be modified before he was able to keep it until the following regatta. It was too bulky and difficult to transport. Also a case to carry it by hand was needed. Eventually the problems were solved and now the trophy is well established and ready for the 5th Youth Worlds. Currently it is in the hands of Miss Jody Swanson who won it at the last regatta held at Metedeconk River Yacht Club on Barnegat Bay, New Jersey under the able chairmanship of Jim Carson and his group. They did a wonderful job of it and furthermore we have now proven beyond any doubts that there are no sex discriminations in the Lightning Class. Congratulations to Jody for being the first lady sailor to win this trophy. As I see it the trophy could not be in better hands as she is really a very fine sailor and had an excellent crew as well. I do hope this will further stimulate other Junior sailors in future regattas.



World Youth Champion Jody Swanson and Crew with Championship Trophy.

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YOUR FAVORITE CHARITY

by Richard Guinan

Even the United States Government recognizes the virtues of the ILCA. The International Lightning Class Association has been granted status as a 501(C)(3) charity by the Internal Revenue Service. Just like gifts to the United Fund and the Olympic Committee, gifts to the ILCA can be deducted from income in computing your taxes. For ILCA members fortunate enough to be in a high tax bracket, this means a \$100.00 gift to the ILCA costs you \$50.00. The ILCA, of course, gets the full value of your gift to use for several worthy projects.

The ILCA Fund was formed in 1982 to give some direction and impetus to the solicitation of charitable gifts. The ILCA Fund is directed by a committee of five ILCA members who serve staggered three-year terms. Each year members send gifts along with their ILCA dues. Several large gifts have been received, including a 30 acre farm in Mississippi and the funds to purchase the beautiful Masters Trophy awarded each year at the St. Petersburg regatta. The Corinthian Yacht Club of Seattle and the Metedeconk Yacht Club have solicited gifts through the ILCA Fund to help finance the 1984 NA's and the World Youth Cham-

pionship, respectively. Funds raised in August and September of this year, through the raffle of Lightning #14000, are being used to purchase a computer for the ILCA office in Worthington, Ohio. Income from the ILCA farm is earmarked for use in promotion of Lightning sailing.

The long term objective of the ILCA fund is to build an endowment equal to two hundred percent of the ILCA's annual budget to stand as the ILCA's guarantee that the ILCA will remain solvent so long as boats float on water, and to assure future sailors the opportunity to enjoy the excitement and fellowship of sailing Lightning class sailboats.

Most sailors who have been members of ILCA for several years come to realize that the value they received from participation in the sport of racing and sailing Lightning class yachts is much greater than the \$25.00 annual dues. Gifts to the ILCA Fund provide a means, with help of the tax deduction, to pay the ILCA back.

When you pay your membership dues, include something extra as a gift to the ILCA Fund.

HAS YOUR FLEET OR DISTRICT CONTRIBUTED TO THE FUND?

32ND EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP 1984

Final Pos.	Boat #	Country	Skipper & Crew	Race Finishes						Pts.
				1	2	3	4	5	6	
1	11459	Greece	G. Andreadis, C. Lymberakis, S. Zougianellis	3	2	()	3	1	1	10
2	13790	Switzerland	U. Wyler, M. Stauffer, B. Gasser	4	()	1	1	4	4	14
3	13505	Finland	L. Hammar, H. Hammar, S. Koski	()	1	7	6	5	3	22
4	13706	Italy	P. Vitaggio, A. Nizza, A. Messina	1	11	2	()	7	2	23
5	13161	Switzerland	U. Schar, E. Schar, S. Schar	()	4	6	4	3	7	24
6	12914	Finland	K. Maenpaa, E. Maenpaa, O. Wikman	6	3	4	5	()	8	26
7	12951	Switzerland	J. Perret, R. Bossart, S. Scharer	5	()	3	7	6	6	27
8	13481	Italy	A. Attina, M. Attina, A. Rallo	2	()	17	2	2	5	28
9	13802	Greece	C. Tsantilis, P. Schilizzi, C. Damigos	7	9	8	9	8	()	41
10	13734	Finland	I. Lilja, J. Keranen, K. Rihto	10	8	11	8	12	()	49
11	13561	Finland	H. Nisonen, P. Puupera, A. Uitto	9	5	12	()	16	9	51
12	13074	Switzerland	J. Weilermann, H. Kunz, P. Graf	15	17	10	11	10	()	63
13	13705	Switzerland	E. Beyer, M. K. Tschudi, J. Vecko	13	7	15	12	20	()	67
14	12258	Finland	J. Karkkainen, M. Jaatinen, K. Puupera	11	24	9	()	11	15	70
15	13559	Finland	H. Hurskainen, P. Hurskainen, J. Hurtt	18	10	18	10	15	()	71
16	13130	Finland	T. Aromaa, K. Aromaa, M. Aromaa	12	13	()	16	14	16	71
17	13357	Finland	S. Lahdemaki, T. Tarkkanen, H. Lope	()	15	14	13	19	12	73
18	13134	Finland	H. Ulen, E. Puupera, P. Haggstrom	()	22	21	15	13	10	81
19	12918	Finland	M. Paloma, I. Hassinen, J. Kangas	17	14	13	20	()	20	84
20	12995	Finland	A. Naykki, H. Raikamo, S. Nyberg	16	20	19	17	()	13	85
21	12907	Finland	L. Korhonen, A. Korhonen, A. Autio	20	16	()	14	17	22	89
22	13135	Finland	O. Savola, A. Kiiski, S. Suurnakki	24	()	20	21	22	17	104
23	13435	Finland	P. Sayra, S. Myllyla, J. Salmi	22	()	24	18	18	25	107
24	13436	Finland	T. Kauhanen, P. Wikman, J. Vesterinen	()	18	26	19	27	21	111
25	12913	Finland	K. Antilla, M. Pekkala, H. Jylha	26	19	()	22	25	19	111
26	12992	Finland	A. Jokiniemi, T. Jokiniemi, H. Tayranen	21	25	()	23	23	23	115
27	12757	Finland	P. Laitinen, S. Laitinen, A. Matteson	28	27	23	26	24	()	128
28	12479	Finland	A. Westerlund, H. Ojanen, J. Aromaa	23	26	25	()	29	28	131
29	13763	Finland	E. Honkonen, S. Sipponen, T. Porrassalmi	()	28	27	25	28	26	134
30	7181	Finland	K. Nurmi, J. Nurmi, H. Nurmi	()	29	31	24	26	27	137
31	12751	Finland	T. Kuusisto, K. Lehto, A. Siniketo	()	30	33	27	30	24	144
32	12996	Finland	S. Salminen, K. Tulamaki, T. Kotimaki	25	23	29	()	34	34	145
33	9438	Finland	P. Siitonen, E. Salmi, J. Nieminen	()	33	32	28	31	29	153

() Throw-Out Race