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Dedication

All of us have our memories of "Doc's" devotion to us as individuals and that is why his death is not without its sting. We labor under the loss of our friend. But victory is not for death, rather it is for us who overcome our grief and adopt within our own lives the virtues of the life we mourn. Whatever it is that made us love him, his hopes, his noble intentions, his guiding hand — we ought to make real for others. Our highest tribute to him is that we will stand ready to continue his mission. This is the honor we would do him, this is the living perpetual trophy in his honor.

A fair wind and a following sea on your homeward run, Old Salt, we salute you as you pass.

*(An excerpt from "Remarks in Memory of James B. "Doc" Gilbert",
Delivered by Jim Dillard, April 30, 1992)*

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President's Message

'92 was a good year for racing Lightnings. At Kuopio, Finland; Salinas, Ecuador and Point Abino, Ontario we had excellent championships. The Chilean District capped off the year with the Youth Worlds for 19 teams. My congratulations to all those who worked so hard to host these events as well as the hundreds of other Lightning regattas that fill our "leisure time" so well.

Your president subjected himself and the Class to a second term. Two years on the job has given me a chance to get to know everyone a little better and to meditate on our Class. Our numbers are growing in only a few districts. In those districts I can point to a handful of members who have inspired others to take up our sport. Where there are no such "sparkplugs" our numbers slowly dwindle.

The concept of one-design sailing does not sell itself anymore. Our office coordinates our efforts to provide the best in small boat sailing but our Association is not geared up to market this experience. Brochures mailed from Worthington aren't the same as a face-to-face sailing selling effort.

I have learned that Lightning sailors volunteer their time willingly. The help I've received from so many sources has been the most gratifying aspect of being president. It will be up to my successors to get even more of us involved. We need to act locally and internationally to insure that 10 to 20 years from now the Lightning will stand for great people who enjoy keen competition.



This young lady pictured above is our own Donna Foote. She has given the ILCA twenty-five years of enthusiastic and professional work. Thank you, Donna.

Mike Huffman

Mike Huffman, President
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Association

Officers of the International Lightning Class Association



PRESIDENT — Michael Huffman

Mike began sailing at the Buffalo Canoe Club in 1965. His folks raced Lightnings; he and brother Bill sailed an Albacore until Tom Fallon requisitioned Mike to complete a Lightning crew. Soon his Dad was sharing the helm on the family's boat. Mike skippered his first N.A.'s in 1974.

Mike moved to Chicago in 1982 and joined Fleet 5. He and his wife Meg enjoy sailing at home on Lake Michigan as well as travelling around the Midwest.

Mike claims it is his responsibilities with the I.L.C.A. and not his job as a stock options trader that explains the increasing amounts of white hair.



TREASURER — Robert Harkrider, Jr.

Bob's sailing career began in 1978 (under the tutelage of his then wife Jody). He purchased his first Lightning in 1983. Seven Lightnings, a new wife Sharon, and many regattas later, they are currently residing in Augusta, Georgia. He is a past Commodore of the Augusta Sailing Club and Southeastern Lightning District. He also has served as Class Vice President. Bob is a CPA and manages his own accounting firm.



CHIEF MEASURER —

Christopher "Kip" Hamblet

Kip first started sailing Lightnings in 1959, crewing with his father on number 280. From this beginning on Spofford Lake, Fleet 145, the Hamblet family has sailed all over the U.S. and attended the World Championship in Helsinki, Finland in 1971.

The Lightning Class has been his most consistent activity in a life full of change. While stationed in Savannah, Georgia as a U.S. Army Helicopter Pilot he had the privilege of being a member of the Savannah Fleet 127. He has served as New England District Commodore, on the International Race Committee, as Assistant Measurer and as Chief Measurer.

Kip has recently purchased a business in the Orlando, Florida area and hopes to become active in the Florida District.



SECRETARY — Tony McBride

Tony began sailing in a small punt his father built for him when he was only four. He graduated to Flying Juniors and then sailed in a number of classes, both as skipper and crew. He purchased his first Lightning in 1986.

With more than a little luck, Tony qualified for the 1986 North American's at Kingston and has been bitten by the travel bug ever since. He has been involved in promoting the Lightning Class as a past Captain of Fleet 499 and the current Commodore of the Saint Lawrence Valley District.

Tony and his wife Cathy live in Montreal, and sail from Pointe Claire Yacht Club, on Lake St. Louis. He is President of his own advertising agency, a responsibility he tries not to let interfere with his sailing.



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Introduction

Your Lightning Yearbook is a little different this year. The next twenty pages were assembled to offer “something for everyone”. We think that a newcomer will be able to get a feel for the Lightning — the boat and the people. The accomplished racers will also find a few ideas to make their season more rewarding. There’s some new material and we’ve gone back to find older articles to make up this section.

We are proud of our work, but we hope it’s just a start. The Lightning Class has many talented people who may in the future contribute to a more comprehensive effort. Our members have a great appetite for these articles. Whatever form the next compilation takes — a special book, video or a monthly column in *Flashes*, perhaps this will provide inspiration.

Championship reports follow. Many thanks to the authors, reporters and photographers who helped. Thanks also to Sailing World magazine in whose pages a few of these articles first appeared.

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