

The 18th WOMEN'S LIGHTNING NORTH AMERICANS

Mallets Bay Boat Club, Colchester, New Hampshire, August 8-11, 1995

5 Boats, 6 Races, 1 Throwout

			Race: 1	2	3	4	5	6	Points
1	14371	Sue Rogers, Anne Marie Shewfelt, Helene Michaud, Toronto, ON	3	(5)	1	4	1	1	10.00
2	14714	Kathryn Connell, Mandy Hofmeister, Mary Beth Moltzen, South Nyack, NY	1	1	3	3	(4)	3	11.00
3	14698	JoAnne Jones, Kim Browne, Anne Sterling Bush, Adams, NY	(5)	3	4	1	2	2	12.00
4	14482	Joan Hurban, Kim Hurban, Denise Hurban, Palisades, NY	2	4	2	(5)	3	5	16.00
5	14174	Judith Walker, Terra Dourlain, Tiffany Krihwan, Snyder, NY	4	2	(5)	2	5	4	17.00



The 22nd JUNIOR'S LIGHTNING NORTH AMERICANS

Mallets Bay Boat Club, Colchester, New Hampshire, August 8-11, 1995

16 Boats, 6 Races, 1 Throwout

			Race: 1	2	3	4	5	6	Points
1	11011	John Dane, Oliver Penegue, Rush Galloway, Pass Christian, MS	4	2	(7)	3	1	1	11.00
2	14485	Charlie Wardwell, Addison Thompson, Chris Hamilton, Richmond, VA	1	3	3	1	(7)	7	15.00
3	14595	Ryan Dunn, Emily Ruitter Ryan Bradley, Brick NJ	(13)	1	1	5	4	4	15.00
4	14640	Sean Carroll, Katie Duitton, Joseph Dayton, Jericho, VT	2	6	2	(7)	5	2	17.00
5	14370	Gaston Vedani, Mauricio Burbano, Justus Klemperer, Guayquil, Ecuador	(10)	4	5	2	3	6	20.00
6	14397	Chad Atkins, Jim Barnash, Sarah Giambra, Rochester, NY	7	5	8	(8)	2	3	25.00
7	14631	Andy Paullin, Christie Nickels, Tracie Nickels, Adrian, MI	5	8	4	4	10	(DNF)	31.00
8	14417	J. R. Fowler, Evan Barrett, Jim Condon, West Hartford, CT	3	9	12	(13)	9	5	38.00
9	14658	Mark Breen, Dana Jones, Nick Nash, Modesto CA	6	(11)	6	10	8	9	39.00
10	13719	David Young, Doug Young, Mark Kastner, Cincinnati, OH	(11)	7	9	9	6	8	39.00
11	14266	Bryan Short, Jack Hewitt, Timothy Ernst, Snyder, NY	8	10	(14)	6	11	10	45.00
12	14502	Matt Ward, Chris Bone, Steve Mathias, Buffalo, NY	9	(16)	10	11	13	12	55.00
13	14624	Craig Stryker, Joshua White, Robert Sodon, Atlantic Highlands, NJ	14	12	11	(15)	12	11	60.00
14	11885	Nicholas Mercier, Sean Gingras, Beth Kane, Manchester, NH	12	13	13	14	16	(DNF)	68.00
15	12505	Batton Kennon, Chris Rice, Jack Shelton, Memphis, TN	15	14	(DNF)	12	15	14	70.00
16	14438	Jeff Schwartz, Kim Wolfgang, Rob Mackey, Essex Junction, VT	16	15	(DNF)	16	14	13	74.00



Photos: Audrey Matteson

MISSISSIPPIANS WIN the JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

By Karen Johnson

Congratulations to Pass Christian, MS natives, skipper John Dane III, Oliver Penegue and Rush Galloway who took first in the Lightning North American Junior Championships at Malletts Bay Boat Club in Colchester, Vermont, August 8-11, 1995. It was only the second time John had sailed Lightnings (the first time was in the Sears Cup in Hilton Head). However, it was Dane's crews' first time. He has now sailed in three Lightning regattas with a first in the Sears Cup semis, a first in the Junior North American Championship and a second in the Sears Cup finals.

John and his crew had an interesting journey up to Vermont. They towed a Star boat to Zenda, Wisconsin, then drove to Toronto, picked up their Lightning, then drove to Burlington. When they entered Canada for the second time, they were stopped by the border patrol for a couple of hours due to a mix-up on the boat papers. Ah, the excitement of racing, on the road!

Dane, Penegue, and Galloway commented on how well the races were run and are looking forward to Lightnings in their future. Said Dane, "They're so much more fun than a Scot. With the winds ranging from drifting to 20 knots - we had a workout. We did particularly well in the heavy air races. I think all of us are excited about racing in our own backyard next August." Dane expressed appreciation for all the cooperation along the way.

Special thanks to Chad Atkins who was particularly helpful to the crew, it was great to see him the next weekend at the Sears Finals.



Third



Third



Fourth



Fifth

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The 13th MASTER'S LIGHTNING NORTH AMERICANS

Mallets Bay Boat Club, Colchester, New Hampshire, August 8-11, 1995

27 Boats, 3 Races, No Throwout

			Race: 1	2	3	Points
1	14655	Dick Hallagan, Nancy Bargar, Len Tiedemann, Newark, NY	1	2	6	9.00
2	14580	Cal Schmiede, Larissa Higgins, Larry MacDonald, Sr. Lewiston, NY	3	1	8	12.00
3	14703	Joe Dissette, John McCree, Jim Schofield, Midland, MI	2	4	7	13.00
4	14701	Georges Peter, Anne Allen, Brian Hayes, Barrington, RI	5	5	5	15.00
5	14588	Don Sherburne, Bill Hofmeister, John Rogers, Brandon, VT	19	3	4	26.00
6	14711	Tom Allen, Sr., John Humphrey, Bob Chambers, Buffalo, NY	8	18	1	27.00
7	14275	John Hughes, Brian Hughes, Shan Campbell, Salem, NH	14	12	3	29.00
8	14705	Leonard Pratt, Bonnie Shore, Randy Shore, Greenfield, MA	4	8	19	31.00
9	14692	Sandy Huntsman, Jack Huntsman, Bill Clausen, Red Bank, NJ	7	24	2	33.00
10	14727	Ralph Wilson, George Nickels, Kristen Loughrey, Holmdel, NJ	18	6	11	35.00
11	14400	John Esser, Amy Simonsen, Bob Franke, Milwaukee, WI	11	9	17	37.00
12	14690	Bob Mathers, Bob Shaw, Norm Walters, Livonia, MI	17	11	12	40.00
13	11212	Don Brush, Sr., Ann Brush, Kate Brush, Brandon, VT	6	7	DNF	41.00
14	14301	Jack Tibbs, Beth Tibbs, Marinus Van Ooyen, Manitou Beach, MI	9	10	23	42.00
15	14273	Norm Deyett, George Deyett, James Mann, Windham, NH	15	15	13	43.00
16	14240	Dave Browne, Audrey Matteson, Felix Rebolledo, Pointe Claire, QU	12	16	16	44.00
17	14338	Frank Kelly, Clark Higgs, Paul Connell, Brentwood, TN	16	20	9	45.00
18	14520	Ken Irwin, Tammi Jamison, Dan Pope, Cincinnati, OH	10	14	21	45.00
19	14229	Lal Burrige, Jim Carson, Joe Buczkowski, St. Louis, MO	13	21	14	48.00
20	14645	Bob Cotton, Anne Cotton, Bruce Campbell, Nashville, TN	26	13	10	49.00
21	14480	Dick Fastiggi, Marcia Milton, Mark Naud, Burlington, VT	24	17	15	56.00
22	14297	Ed Ziemer, William Gannon, Peter Southwick, Essex Junction, VT	23	19	18	60.00
23	14369	David Bull, David Bull, Jr., John Atkins, Cazenovia, NY	20	22	20	62.00
24	14443	John Sauter, Bob Fugler, Rod Hayes, Montreal, QU	21	25	25	71.00
25	13082	Neal Smith, Eva Smith, Andy Smith, Rochester, NY	22	23	DNS	73.00
26	14486	Janice Lange, Suzanne Hebel, Gary Coryer, Essex Junction, VT	27	26	22	75.00
27	11401	Ron Adams, Michael Adams, Marcel Mercier, Manchester, NH	25	27	24	76.00

Don Sherburne (r), 1994 Champion, presenting the trophy to Dick Hallagan.



Second



Third



Fourth



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WJM Gallery



Photos: Sally Atkins, Bonnie Shore, Audrey Matteson

MALLETTS BAY MASTER'S BONANZA

By Dick Hallagan
Fleet 77, Newport Yacht Club
Central New York District

Canadian Open Champion,
1975, '76, '81, 'and '95
Master's Champion,
1986, '87, '89, 'and '90



There was no endless daylight in Burlington, VT, but being only 40 miles from the Canadian border, one might think this would be Finland revisited (sailing in ski hats and practice races at midnight). Some of us just returned from Europe wish to say hello to all our friends we met in Kuopio and Helsinki, "We had a great time and miss the sailors from Lapland to Marsala to Santiago." My blood did not switch back quickly enough to the hot summer of 1995 in the northeast part of the USA. At Malletts Bay, I quickly got a sunburn and an overdose of UV rays as Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday the temperatures hit 90°F. Lake Champlain is a 100-mile stretch of fresh water, positioned in a geological down fault between the Green Mountains of Vermont and the Adirondack Mountains of New York. There are beautiful mountain views both east and west from Malletts Bay. The outer bay is so perfectly round - approximately 4 miles across in any direction - it could have been the result of a meteorite impact 200,000 years ago. The Malletts Bay area was perfectly suited to host the WJM regatta which precedes the Lightning NAs. Both the inner bay and the outer bay were equally suited to sailing the Lightning. The Boat Club scheduled a social event every night. Burlington city was just 5 miles away. And we found a pool table or two in Winooski, "Dave Bull missed this." Dr. Peter learned that 'scratching' can be good and bad, but the little black ball is what counts.

We must tell other people that the 1995 Masters' had 27 entries from 13 states and provinces of the USA and Canada: VT, NH, MA, RI, Ontario, Quebec, NJ, NY, OH, MI, MO, WI, TN. It was an impressive sight to see all those boats on the starting line. A far cry from the first year of 1983 and just five boats. It was a 3000 mile round trip drive for the three boats from Tennessee. The effort deserves a big "thank you." Also, I wish to point out the boats with three generations: #14701-Len Pratt, Bonnie Shore, Randy Shore; #11212 - Don Brush, Sr., Ann Brush, Kate Brush. This puts the Masters' at a new level of family sailing. And the ILCA should consider a Grand Master award for those over 70 years. The 1995 year was the year of the new boat, 33% of the fleet: 14645, 14655, 14690, 14692, 14701, 14703, 14705, 14711, 14727. The old boys wanted to ride in style.

The racing was light, medium and heavy; the race winners were Hallagan, Schmiede, and Allen in that sequence. In each race the winner led the entire way, creating dullsville. The regatta was won or lost in the second race, up and down winds, and the juniors' and masters' mixing together. On #14655, we sailed in 6th or 7th place for two legs, moved up to third on the second buck, then had an exciting finish to get second over Sherburne by about ten feet, and Dissette by less than one boat length, and Peter by another boat length. My crew, Nancy and Len, were a key part of a great boat race. In the third race, we had Schmiede at the first crossing and from then on it was a covering game in a really heavy breeze, maybe 20 mph. Lots of planes, hiking, sore muscles, and exhaustion; a workout the Masters handle with mastery.

Thanks go to the committees at MBBC: Regatta Chair, Dick Fastiggi; RC Chair, Bill Fastiggi; Measurement, Don Brush, Jr; Trophies, Ann Brush; Social, Janice Lange; Registration, Heather Rowe; Housing, Fritz Horton.

Thanks go to Len Tiedemann, North Rose, NY, my crew in 1987, '88, '89, '90, '91, '92, '93, '94 and '95; and Nancy Bargar, Lakewood, NY, my crew in 1992, '93, '94, '95; not pros, Larry, but people who love this sport. Thanks again, MBBC! Let us see a big turnout in New Orleans - 1996; and cooler weather, ha ha?



Photos: Sally Atkins

SEARS CUP

By Mike Huffman
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Midwest District

ILCA President, 1992 and '93

With excerpts from a Sears Cup
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"Six young sailors joined the ranks of national sailing champions, winning the 1995 US Sailing/Rolex Junior Championships, organized annually by US Sailing and hosted this year by Chicago Yacht Club at its Belmont Station. The event's sixty contestants, all between the ages of 13 and 18, hailed from 16 states and are Area Champions, a hard won title that earned them the right to compete at the 1995 national regatta.

Competitors dealt with a variety of conditions throughout the three day regatta. Paramount among them was a series of line squalls that served up heavy rainfall, lightning, and 30-knot gusts on Lake Michigan. At some point each day, race officials were forced to shorten courses and send the boats to the safety of shore. Racers were thoroughly briefed about Lake Michigan's flashes of fury and were well prepared to handle the severe conditions.

A one-day Rolex Clinic was held just prior to competition, with instructors Gary Brodie (Virginia), Cappy Capper (Excelsior, MN) and Randy Lake (San Diego, CA) staying throughout the regatta to provide valuable on-going coaching between races and following each day of competition.

Sunny skies and steady 15 to 20-knot southwesterly breezes characterized day one of the competition. The Lightnings got in three perfect races before the squall hit. Day two turned out to be an exercise in frustration. Each fleet started in the light, shifty 4 to 6-knot breezes, but, before they reached the weather mark, dark clouds loomed ominously to the west. With severe weather guaranteed to sweep over the race area, officials shortened each course to two legs and signaled a message to head for shore. A three hour rain delay and no wind thwarted all attempts to gear up again. The last day of competition served up 4 to 8-knot breezes, again uncharacteristically light for the "windy city." One final race for the Lightnings was squeezed between the morning's postponement due to lack of wind and a mid-afternoon squall that dashed all hopes for further racing. At series' end, the Lightnings, which were donated by members of Chicago's Corinthian Yacht Club Lightning Fleet 5, got in five of the regatta's scheduled ten races. Three races would have constituted a series.

Allan Terhune (Beechwood, NJ) with crew Coury Yetman (Island Heights, NJ) and Ronald Vignone (Toms River, NJ) won the venerable Sears Cup, junior sailing's oldest trophy that has been contended for every year since 1921. The team from Mississippi, last year's bronze medalist, skipper John Dane, IV, sailing with Oliver Peneguy (both of Pass Christian, MS) and Rush Galloway (Gulfport, MS), went home with the silver medal this year. The number three spot was determined by a tie-breaking system that favored the team with the most firsts, seconds, etc. Skipper Jake Scott, sailing with Jay Martin and Chris Breland (all from Rockwall, TX) aboard, won the contest and the division's bronze medal.

The event's award ceremonies capped a week of outstanding competition coupled with great camaraderie and sportsmanship among participants. **Recognized particularly was Chad Atkins (Rochester, NY), who was presented the F. Gardner Cox Sportsmanship Award for exhibiting the highest standards of sportsmanship during the championships.** Receiving the event's Shipshape Awards in their respective fleets for best care of the borrowed boats were singlehander Luke Shingledecker (Dayton, OH); doublehanders Mike Kaim (Willoughby, OH) and Stuart Lipp (Mentor, OH); and triplehanders John Edenbach, Michael Brady (both of Middletown, RI) and Peter Bates (Little Compton, RI).

The six young gold medalists, as well as the sportsmanship award winner, have all been named the 1995 US Sailing/Rolex Junior Team. There are an elite 17 young champions or sportsmanship award winners who have qualified for the team this year at either the US Sailing Youth Championships or the US Sailing/Rolex Junior Championships for the Leiter Trophy (junior women only), Sears Cup, and Bemis and Smythe Trophies. Each member has been presented a custom-embroidered jacket and has earned an automatic invitation to attend the third annual Rolex Team weekend scheduled for December 8-10 in Southern California. The US Sailing Center and Alamitos Bay Yacht Club co-hosted a clinic in Olympic-class boats, led by Olympic coaches and former and current US Sailing Team members.

The next running of the US Sailing/Rolex Junior Championships will be hosted by Hyannis Yacht Club, Hyannis, MA, in August 1996."

The 1995 Sears demonstrated that it is exactly what the Lightning Class needs: an effective way to involve junior sailors and their sailing clubs across the U.S. with the Lightning.



Photo: G. Fleckenstein/Sally Atkins

Chad Atkins, Fleet 77, Newport Yacht Club, Rochester, NY, with the F. Gardner Cox Sportsmanship Award at the 1995 US Sailing/Rolex Junior Championships.

Participation at all levels of the eliminations was strong and up from previous years. Teams must triumph at two or three elimination regattas in order to earn a trip to the finals. The finals were last held in the Lightning in 1977; perhaps not so coincidentally, that was the last year a team of young Lightning sailors won it all (they were Will Petersilge, Dan Dressel and Dan Robinson of Fleet 43, Buckeye Lake Yacht Club, Ohio District).

Similar qualifying events are held for the Bemis (team of 2) in 420's and the Smythe (single-handed) in Lasers. At the finals level both of these boats are supplied by the manufacturers. Sears boats must be borrowed; in this case members of Fleet 5 at Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club provided the eleven boats required. The owners of the eleven boats, most only a year or two old, received the thanks of the organizers and the competitors:

14137 Bill Gibson; 14337 Peter Sherman; 14338 David Stix; 14452 Derek Ettie, Bob Kirby; 14466 Bob Smither; 14527 Jeanne Ehrenberg; 14610 Wagner, Lowery, Considine; 14613 Doug Nickel; 14621 Kindra, Considine, James; 14644 Mike Huffman; and 13686 John Walter (spare boat)

Mains and jibs were provided by North Sails and have been sold. Greg Fisher of North assisted fleet members Carey Long and Bob Patterson in preparing the boats. Spinnakers were loaned by members of the Midwest District:

Sheboygan Fleet 187: H. & C. Graf; M. Braun

Milwaukee Fleet 69: W. Faude (2)

Davenport Fleet 167: D. Johnson

Chicago Fleet 5: D. Stix; D. Ettie (2); P. Wurtzebach; C. Long; S. McBurney; M. Huffman; P. Sherman; A. Irving (2)

Bill Faude and Mike Huffman served as maintenance men during the competition. Huffman estimates he spent over 50 hours working on the Sears without ever going out on the water. Bruce Thompson helped run the races. While it is agreed that the Sears is a great place for the Lightning to be, it remains to be seen how the Class can make the necessary commitment of 10 or 11 boats for the finals. Can a fleet of comparable, but not necessarily new, boats be assembled for a finals where there is no active fleet in the vicinity? And who will take care of the boats

before, during and after the races? Will the finals always be scheduled for the same week as the NAs? Perhaps most importantly, will the Class membership continue to support the Sears on the local and regional level on a regular (every other year?) basis? These questions need to be addressed if our Class is to develop a beneficial and productive relationship with the Sears Cup. The future of the Sears Cup was to have been considered at the October 1995 meeting of US Sailing at Orlando, FL. Any proposal from the Lightning Class needed to be on the table by that time. Comments were directed to the ILCA office.

Many members of our Class were actively involved with the Sears by loaning their boats, helping run the regattas or coaching their local junior team. Vice-President Audrey Matteson prepared a "Racing the Lightning" manual for all finals competitors.

Here is a list of the qualifying events and area contacts, most of which are familiar "Lightning" names, for the Sears Cup:

Area A - Malletts Bay BC, Burlington, VT, August 1-3,

Lightnings, Fritz Horton 802/985-8387

Area B - Cedar Point YC, Westport, CT, July 26-28,

Lightnings, Richard Thackaberry 203/259-5295

Area C - Monmouth BC, NJ, July 26-27,

Lightnings, Dennis Farley

Area D - South Carolina YC, Hilton Head, SC, July 7-9,

Lightnings, Debbie Baldrige 803/6814844

Area E - Cowan Lake SA, Cincinnati, OH, July 31-August 2,

Lightnings, Bill Young 513/984-1427

Area F - Rush Creek YC, Dallas, TX, July 15-16,

Lightnings, Zack Troxel 214/771-6414

Area G - NCYSA and Santa Cruz YC, CA, June 10-11,

Moore 24, Patrick Anderson 415/563-6363

Area H - Vancouver Lake SC and Wilmette SC, Vancouver,

WA, May 13-14, Lightnings, Jan Visser 360/754-6506

Area J - King Harbor YC, Redondo Beach, CA, July 22, TBA,

Jerry Frick 714/846-4550, 714/891-8516

Area K - Milwaukee YC, WI, July 24-26,

Lightnings, John Strassman, 414/744-6642, 414/332-7119 or Cappy Capper 612/474-6708

1995 US SAILING/ROLEX SEARS CUP FINALS

Chicago, IL August 14-16, 10 Boats, 5 Races, No Throwout

1. Allan Terhune, Jr., Beechwood, NJ, Coury Yetman, Island Heights, NJ, Ronald Vignone, Toms River, NJ										
Area C Toms River Yacht Club, Toms River, NJ										15.75
2. John Dane, IV, Pass Christian, MS, Oliver Peneguy, Pass Christian, MS, Rush Galloway, Gulfport MC										
Area D Pass Christian Yacht Club, Pass Christian, MS										25
3. Jake Scott, Rockwall, TX, Jay Martin, Rockwall, TX, Chris Breland, Rockwall, TX										
Area F Rush Creek Yacht Club, Rockwall, TX										25.75
4. Matt Cochran, Kaneohe, HI, Lee Laney, Honolulu, HI, Keawe Thurston, Honolulu, HI										
Area H Waikiki Yacht Club, Honolulu, HI										25.75
5. Chad Atkins, Rochester, NY, Matthew Fleckenstein, Fairport, NY, Margery Richardson, Fairport, NY										
Area E Rochester Yacht Club, Rochester, NY										26.75
6. Stephen Kleha, Newport Beach, CA, Jack Hogan, Newport Beach, CA, John Barry, Newport Beach, CA										
Area J Newport Harbor Yacht Club, Newport Beach, CA										26.75
7. Mark Breen, Modesto, CA, Nick Nash, Richmond, CA, Dana Jones, Fairfax, CA										
Area G Richmond Yacht Club, Point Richmond, CA										28
8. Augie Hernandez, Kildeer, IL, Zac Hernandez, Kildeer, IL, Joshua McCaffery, Waukegan, IL										
Area K Waukegan Yacht Club, Waukegan, IL										31
9. John Edenbach, Middletown, RI, Michael Brady, Middletown, RI, Peter Bates, Little Compton, RI										
Area A Newport Yacht Club, Newport, RI										38
10. JR Fowler, West Hartford & Niantic, CT, Evan Barrett, West Granby & Niantic, CT, Jim Condon, East Lyme, CT										
Area B Niantic Yacht Club, Niantic, CT										39