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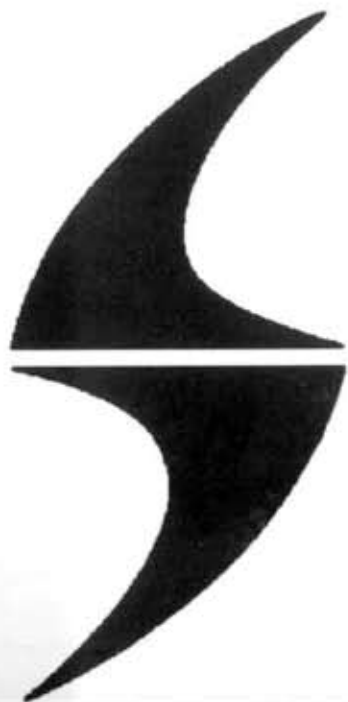
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## Dedication

This Yearbook is dedicated to every Fleet that has been born or reborn during the past year. **The Fleet.** It's where shiny new boats are bought and where favorite old boats change hands and win again. Where seasoned sailors pass down what they know. It's where grandmothers work registration desks at weekend regattas and grandfathers explain what jumpers were for. It's where new members take first sails and get hooked. In these days where it seems like time for the Fleet is harder and harder to come by, Lightning sailors keep making the time. The Fleet is the most important single element in all of Lightning sailing. This year from Asia, to Africa, from South America to Virginia in the USA, we welcome the new and welcome back the renewed. The Fleet. It's the backbone of Lightning sailing everywhere. Let's nourish it.



*Whether your christening a new  
fleet or a new boat, this yearbook  
is dedicated to you!*

## President's Message *William G. Faude*

1997 was a significant and memorable one in the history of our Class. Larry MacDonld, Jody Swanson and Ian Jones won the World Championship hosted jointly by the Royal St. Lawrence and the Point Claire Yacht Clubs in Montreal, Canada. Tim Healy, Adam Walsh and Mike Breault won the North American Championships held by the Creasent Sail Yacht Club in Detroit, Michigan, USA. Manuel Gonzalez Mas, Juan Francisco Novion, Guillermo Arriagada won the South American Championships held by Club de Yates de Antofagasta in Antofagasta, Chile. Theodore Tsoulfas, Leonidas Tzakos and Nick Damianos won the European Championship hosted by the Yacht Club of Greece and the Yacht Racing Club of Athens.

As always, there was great racing being done at the National and International Levels but I'll remember 1997 for advancements we made for ILCA members who don't often make it to their National Championships---and those who live outside North America. 1997 was the first year we accepted VISA cards for dues payments. That makes paying Association dues much easier for members who had previously been forced to pay as much in currency conversion and postage as the cost of membership. The result has been many more members paying dues--and paying them on time. We made Association membership good for a full calendar year, rather than from the date of payment to the following January. This guarantees a full compliment of Flashes, the yearbook and all the other privileges of membership. Then, we did something completely unique in all of One Design sailing: We hired our first ILCA Coach, John Singsen. John spent last Summer touring Fleets in North America to help build the skills of ILCA members young and old--those who travel to regattas, but especially those who simply love to sail at the local Fleet level. The Association developed this program as a way to add value to ILCA membership; to improve our sailors' skills and to help destroy the 'pecking order' that gets established within Fleets and breeds frustration. Suddenly, more people were banging off better roll tacks, executing gybe spinnaker sets and getting better starts. Our priority is to expand this program world-wide as soon as we can fund it. We're very proud of our coach program. It's something only the Lightning Class has done--maybe something only the Lightning Class could do.

One more quick impression of 1997. At the opening Banquet for the World Championships, I was seated next to Paul Henderson, President of ISAF. We were having a spirited conversation relating to the fee the ILCA pays to ISAF for every boat we build. I was attempting to keep that fee at a somewhat reasonable level. He was indicating that our International status was a valuable designation, one that ISAF has the right to bestow... About here, Paul indicated that "You American Classes..." were the most difficult from which to secure a fee increase. I indicated that the Lightning Class was a great deal more than simply an American Class. I'm not sure he really believed me. That was, at least until I sent him the results of the World Championship itself-- where no American won and no American even won any single race. I hope he agrees now with what we've known all along. Our Class is truly International and the more we can get together to sail, the stronger we are.

Thanks,

Bill

## The ILCA Fund

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 I.L.C.A. can be deducted from income in computing your taxes. You can make a gift and the I.L.C.A., of course, gets the full value of your gift to use for many worthy projects.

The I.L.C.A. Fund was formed in 1982 to give some direction and impetus to the solicitation of charitable gifts. The I.L.C.A. Fund is directed by a committee of five I.L.C.A. members who serve staggered three year terms. Each year members send gifts along with their I.L.C.A. 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. Other uses of the Fund have been the newest computer and printer, the FAX machine, the copying machine and several Junior events. Income from the I.L.C.A. farm is earmarked for use in promotion of Lightning sailing.

The long term objective of the Fund is to build an endowment equal to two hundred percent of the I.L.C.A.'s annual budget to stand as the guarantee that the Class will remain solvent so long as boats float on water and to ensure future sailors the opportunity to enjoy the excitement and fellowship of sailing Lightning Class sailboats.

Most sailors who have been members of the I.L.C.A. for several years come to realize that the value they receive from participation in the sport of racing and sailing Lightning Class yachts is much greater than the \$45.00 annual dues. Gifts to the Fund provide a means, with help of the tax deduction, to pay the I.L.C.A. back.

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

The following members contributed to the ILCA Fund in 1997. We want to thank them publicly for their generous support.

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# Officers



President - William G. Faude

Bill began sailing in 1969 and bought his first Lightning in 1987, that was over 10 years ago, what anniversary is that, Dacron? Bill is currently sailing his third Lightning "Poodles By Verna (all small breeds accepted)," the latest rocket ship in the tradition of the unforgettable "Coyote Ugly" and "Psychological Scar Tissue/Former Panamanian Strongman". Prior to his present position, Bill was Midwest District Commodore. He became an ILCA Vice President in 1990.

Along with his really cool cats, Byrde and Traine, Bill lives in Chicago, where he's a member of Fleet 5 and 69 in his hometown of Milwaukee.

He's employed as a copywriter at LOIS/EJL Advertising. He steers across his body.



Secretary - Matt Burrige

Matt Burrige was practically born on a Lightning and has sailed our hard-chined speed machines in hundreds of local, national and international events. His home water is Lake Carlyle—just down the road from one of the greatest bars in all of yacht racing, the Pink Flamingo. Matt can be seen hiking hard off the side of his classic "Missing Link" unless someone gets smart and buys it from him. He's been an ILCA member since 1971. He lives in St. Louis with his wife Chris and their new son Patrick.

Matt is the Business Director of Westec.



Treasurer - Frank Mergenthaler

Frank has been sailing Lightnings since 1978, purchasing his own boat in 1986. He is a member of Fleet 70, sailing out of Monmouth Boat Club on the Navesink River in Red Bank, New Jersey. He wife Brenda, and their two children, Christopher and Lauren.

Frank is a CPA and works for Joseph E. Seagrams & Sons in New York City. He resides in Colts Neck, New Jersey.



Measurer - Calvin H. Schmieg

Cal began sailing as a boy - in class E skeeter ice boats on lakes Monona and Mendota in Madison, WI. He started sailing Lightnings in 1952, and bought his first one, #7604, in 1960. As a member of the Niagara Sailing Club, his home club's waters are the mighty Niagara River, seven miles above Niagara Falls. This is where his daughter (and permanent crew member) Larissa Higgins joined her dad in a love of sailing. They presently sail in Cal's sixth Lightning, #13580. His other daughter and two sons have also sailed with him in various regattas, including North Americans and World Championships. He thanks his "land-lubber" wife, Judy, for her encouragement, patience, and secretarial assistance.

He was editor of the 25th Anniversary Yearbook in 1964, and was an Assistant Measurer in the Class from 1977 to 1982, and again from 1991 to 1995. He is a self-employed chemical engineer consultant with a sideline of computerized personal income-tax preparation.



Honorary Commodore—Paul Gelenitis

Paul began sailing Lightnings on Barnegat Bay under the tutelage of Jim Carson in 1975. He bought his first Lightning 13084 in 1981 and has campaigned in numerous NAs and Worlds until he relented and bought a new boat in 1995.

Paul is a member of Fleet 34 on the Metedeconk River and has been Commodore of the Central Atlantic District, a class Vice President since 1989, serving on measurement, budget and site-selection committees.

Paul lives in Kearny, New Jersey. He is a partner in the law firm of Gelenitis & McGuire with his wife Terri. They have a son, Ryan, and a daughter, Kristen. He is not, nor has he ever been, Betsy's dad.



Executive Secretary - Karen Johnson

Karen's Dad bought his first Lightning 'way back when' at Delta Sailing Association in Memphis. She sailed with Dad on Lake Arkabutla most of the time before she left for college. After getting a degree in psychology, she settled in Chicago, where she sailed with some of the top Lightning sailors, became a sailmaker and then a computer specialist. She now lives in Worthington with her son, Evan Kirkpatrick Johnson.

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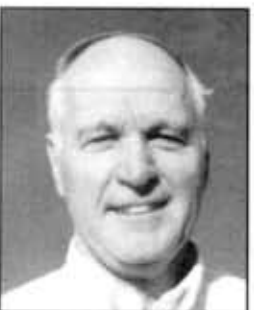
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1996	Paul Gelenitis	Calvin H. Schmiede	William Faude	Frank Mergenthaler	Atkinson, Ruhlman & Schmitt
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