## August 11-14 NORTH AMERICAN JUPsIORS' CHAMPIONSHIP BUFFALO CANOE CLUB, RIDGEWAY ONTARIO, CANADA 13 BOATS, 6 RACES, I THROWOUT



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|  | TEAM/Skipper's Hometown |
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| 1 | George Fisher, Tom Emch, Greg Shea/Hilliard, OH |
| 2 | Bruce Goldsmith, Sherry Goldsmith. Ric Larson/Midland, MI |
| 3 | Fisk Hayden, Steve Hayden, Jed Dodge/Fern Park, FL |
| 4 | Dick Hallagan, Nancy Bargar, Alan McReynolds/Newark, NY |
| 5 | Jack Elfman, Cindy Lister, Laura Milne/Surf City, NJ |
| 6 | Stuart Anderson, Jody Swanson, Ian Jones/Stuart, FL |
| 7 | Jim Dressel, Bonnie Shore, John Humphrey/Columbus, OH |
| 8 | Jim Davis, Christine Davis, Les Lashaway/Toledo. OH |
| 9 | Bill Shore, Betsy Altman, Roberto Laignelet/Newport. RI |
| 10 | Ed Roseberry Jr., Doug Heussler, Barb Heussler/Buffalo, NY |
| 11 | Carl Eichenlaub, Jean Eichenlaub, Bill Neal/San Diego, CA |
| 12 | Hank Hodgson, James Cameron, Elissa Wyatt/Manitou Beach, MI |
| 13 | Thomas Allen, Sr, Bob Chambers, Amy Tiflou/Buffalo, NY |
| 14 | David K. Bull, Federico Meira, Mark Lesinsky/Cazenovia, NY |
| 15 | Gary Hurban, Bill Mitchell, J. Patrick Hylant/Palisades, NY |
| 16 | Jack Jones, John Atkins, John Steiner/Adams, NY |
| 17 | David Gorman, Andy Horton, Marcy Milton/Malone, NY |
| 18 | Don Sherburne, Bill Hofmeister, John Rogers/St. Petersburg, FL. |
| 19 | David Ruiter, Garold Thompson, James Heacock/Freehold, NJ |
| 20 | Jim Carson, Lal Burridge, Joe Buczkowski/Brick, NJ |
| 21 | John Esser, Bob Franke, Amy Simonsen/Milwaukee, WI |
| 22 | Bob Mathers, Bob Shaw, Tom Crosby/Livonia, MI |
| 23 | Cal Schmiege, Larissa Higgins, Larry MacDonald/Lewiston, NY |
| 24 | Bob Starck, Brian Starck, James Eagan/Buffalo, NY |
| 25 | Bob Cotton, Anne Cotton, Bruce Campbell/Nashville, TN |
| 26 | Larry Koster, Scott Kinerk, Toby Kinerk/Lansing, MI |


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| 14655 | 7 | 6 | 8 | 21 |
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| 14834 | 1 | 18 | 7 | 26 |
| 14880 | 4 | 3 | 20 | 27 |
| 14779 | 11 | 5 | 14 | 30 |
| 14787 | 3 | 22 | 6 | 31 |
| 14261 | 8 | 8 | 15 | 31 |
| 6983 | 10 | 19 | 4 | 33 |
| 14507 | 16 | 7 | 13 | 36 |
| 14811 | 21 | 12 | 5 | 38 |
| 14369 | 12 | 11 | 16 | 39 |
| 14073 | 19 | 17 | 10 | 46 |
| 14321 | 15 | 24 | 9 | 48 |
| 14758 | 9 | 21 | 18 | 48 |
| 14588 | 25 | 13 | 11 | 49 |
| 11894 | 13 | 25 | 12 | 50 |
| 14595 | 14 | 16 | 24 | 54 |
| 14400 | 24 | 10 | 22 | 56 |
| 14870 | 26 | 14 | 19 | 59 |
| 14580 | 17 | 20 | 23 | 60 |
| 14371 | 20 | 15 | 27 | 62 |
| 14645 | 22 | 23 | 21 | 66 |
| 14267 | 23 | 26 | 27 | 76 |

## North American Masters Championship -GEORGE FISHER

When we go to the Buffalo Canoe Club for a regatta, we know that we can anticipate great hospitality, a well organized regatta from top to bottom, an outstanding race committee, fine meals and a southwest breeze that has been blowing for days from Toledo.
Well, everything went as expected, great club, great hospitality, well organized regatta, great race committee - but no southwest breezes - I mean no southwest breeze.
The first day we sailed in a north wind, the second day an east wind and the last day, a very tired and irascible south-southwest wind. There were shifts, holes and major increases and decreases in velocity all three days and especially the third day. It just wasn't the usual BCC weather we've come to know and love - let's blame it on El Niño - whatever.
The hospitality, as usual, was outstanding. One night, for example, all three fleets, women, juniors and masters had a nice dinner at Swansons, followed by a very competitive tug of war on the beach in front. (The west side group was victorious 1 might add, in spite of Elfman having his legs three feet in the ground.)


The Race Committee work headed by Dick Ferrick was very impressive, especially considering the conditions. We had excellent lines and courses throughout the series.
When you read the list of competitors it looks like the old Yankees murderers row. This was the 16th North American Masters Championship and it's interesting to note that all of the previous winners were racing, including the first champion, Stu Anderson, who was sailing with the newly named "dream team", Jody Swanson and lan Jones. They won the first race by what I would believe the biggest lead in the history of the regatta. It was so bad that I didn't think they were in the race, that some one was just spectating.
I've never tried to put a percentage on good luck, being fortunate, being at the right place at the right time, whatever you want to call it, when comparing one race to another, but these races required their share, that's for sure. I'm not apologizing for winning or putting out some stupid modesty but l've sailed long enough to know when things break right for you and when they don't and for no particular reason. And we sure had our share this regatta.

Masters by George continued


I sure don't want to take anything away from the work that Tom Emch and Greg Shea did-they were superb. They were never down and always giving $110 \%$. Fortunately, they talked me into tacking to the last weather mark of the last race that really made the series for us. This is Greg's second year and we've done a lot of sailing in those two years, and Tom and I have sailed together eighteen years together. I mean agewise we qualify easy!
Several of the teams had two good races but then a disastrous third one. Jack Elfman and Jim Dressel were first and second going into the last race but both, on the first weather leg, went just a little left and fell into an unbelievable hole from which neither could recover. Fisk Hayden had a first and second the last two races but had to count an eighteen in the first race. In the last race it looked that Dick Hallagan was going to win the series after the first time around. Whatever, this series was never boring!
1 guess I'll never get so old that it won't always be a thrill to be on the same starting line with so many of the greatest Lightning sailors in the history of the class, and there were a bunch of them. We know who they are - I'm sure I do - I sailed against them in their prime - and they're still great great - sailors, great sportsman and great members of the class, and we're very lucky to have them.
I have to say how proud I am of my son Matt, Dan Moriarty, and Rick Bernstein for winning the North Americans. And oh please forgive me, Greg was second last year.
I can't say enough to encourage all of the members of the class who are eligible to come sail with us. Believe me, it's an experience that you will cherish.
See you at Lake Carlyle!

## Ranking Lightning Sailing Events by Degree of Competitiveness

LARRY KOSTER

These are the observations of a "small pond" sailor from Michigan sailing ar the 1997 and 1998 North American Masters Championships. At North Cape Yacht Club on the western end of Lake Erie in 1997 and at the end of Lake Erie in 1998 in 1998 at the Buffalo Canoe Club.
Using a scale of 1 to 10 , the ranking of a 10 would be highly competitive.
1 Small pond (552 acres) sailors at Lansing Sailing Club, with $8-10$ boats at Sunday starting lines. Recent additions of new blood will raise level of competition.
4 Pontiac Yacht Club, fleet of $60-70$ boats, the largest Lightning fleet in the world, sometimes 25 boats at Wednesday Night starting lines.
5 The Michigan "Districts," a collection of some 30-40 very competitive skippers.
6 The Michigan Fall Circuit, especially the White Cap Regatta ( 45 boats in 1997) the weekend after Labor Day at Pontiac Yacht Club and Devils Lake Annual Regatta the following weekend. Out-of-state skippers raise the level of competitiveness.
7 The Canadian Open, 44 boats in 1997, lots of talent from the US and Canada.
8 The Southern Circuit, 54 boats at Savannah and Miami, 72 boats at St. Petersburg in 1997 according to the 1998 Yearbook. Truly amazing!
9 The North Americans, usually some 100 boats that are divided into 3 fleets, including a number of South American skippers.
10 The MASTERS of the North Americans, several top notch skippers of yesteryear and the Legends: Tom Allen, Carl Eichenlaub, Bruce Goldsmith, and Bill Shore. A highly competitive, a very talented and a very aggressive group of skippers. As Bill Allen of Wawasee Yacht Club, Fleet 154, says in the 1998 ILCA Yearbook, "Bill knows why they call it the MASTERS. It doesn't have anything to do with age it is the outstanding skill of the skippers."


# Women's North American Championship or Butt Naked in Buffalo -KATHRYN CONNELL, MANDY HOFMEISTER, JILL CARMEN 

Mandy and $I$ argued all winter about who was going to steer this in this year's Women's. She had gone and won it last year without me, and I (and both of our husbands) contended that it was her responsibility to defend her title. Mandy just kept saying it was my turn. So finally somewhere in early July, I bowed to her insistence (I really wanted to drive all along anyhow) and started to get my act together to bring our boat. My spring series crew wasn't quite ready for a national regatta, so I asked Jill; who comes from a Lightning family at our club. She was
 have split sides. We ended up going right for pressure (this ended up being our philosophy of the week: go right for pressure) with my crew screaming at me for a late start. Sterling scooted out inside us in the middle, then tacked right, into more air. We then went further right for pressure, and she got a lift inside and beat us to the first mark of an "O" course. We had a new chute, and passed her the first reach and pulled away. We continued to cover and play the shifts. The second beat, we went right again, and Judy headed way left into shore and found something. Mandy says we have to tack and already planning on crewing at the regular NAs, so with a little arm bending, and a dog sitter, she decided to come up early and sail with us.
So here we are at the infamous Buffalo Canoe Club. Though Id rather not sail in 8 -ft waves, I'd kinda like a shot at a few 4 -ft ones. (Joan thought she'd like that too, till the next week). BCC is a gorgeous boat club, with a fantastic beach, clubhouse and grounds. Paul and I thought it was one of the best clubs we'd ever regattaed at. Now we needed some time to practice and work together. So we went out and I did what 1 always do whenever Mandy and 1 crew together after a long absence.... 1 capsized the boat. Well, it was a quick capsize, and I figured it got THAT out of my system! Jill said that was her first capsize in a Lightning ever, and "that was easy!" Then I proceeded to spend the next three days practicing every conceivable way known to woman to tangle the tiller extension. Well, now I hopefully got that out of my system too!
We went out and practice raced on Monday with some great Juniors: Kat \& Jim Ward from Mandy's club, and Sam Septembre, who ended up finishing second in the Juniors. We seemed to have good boat speed and pointing with them, and I felt pretty good about our boat handling by the first day of racing. It turns out our boatspeed was fantastic the whole regatta, thanks to Paul who spent the week before talking to Tim Healy and Bill Fastiggi about forestay lengths. Then he spent most of Saturday afternoon (after 8 hours in the car with two kids), on a day when it was hot enough to get even me swimming, tuning the boat. He did a great job! So, Wednesday morning on the way to the club, Jill wants to know what our "goals" are. She's a management consultant, and can't help but analyze these things. The first part was easy: to have fun. Jill kept saying "and...". And sail smart, and keep working the whole race, and do well; even if Mandy has left us a hard act to follow! So we go out and get headings, and watch the Juniors start. The RC has the mark at 25 deg . We have the wind at 45 deg . The juniors seem to
check in with her, Joan and Sterling are safely back, but Judy's looking dangerous. Boy did that tack hurt. It seemed like I was steering 100 deg away from the mark, and right down to Judy, but Mandy was right, it had to be done. We got on her line, tacked back, and lead to the finish.
The second race 1 thought my start was better, but I'm still sagging according to the crew. Judy had a good start and so did Sterling. Just go fast! Sterling tacked right and we did too. Pressure seemed better in the middle. Mandy and Jill are always working very hard to look around the course and analyze conditions, and feed me info. Judy goes left again, and loses the breeze. Joan and I are dueling up the middle. Sterling goes right and also loses pressure. We were on Joan's right and got lifted into the mark and rounded first. On the first run we worked low for breeze, then were in just the right spot for a perfect autojibe with a shift. Put on some distance, and just kept working. On the second leeward leg, as Jill says "the wind dies at 3 ." We heated it up to keep the boat moving, and passed a bunch of juniors down low. Then the wind dies, and gets squirrelly, trying to go SW. We beat the last few lengths to the leeward gate, popped the chute again and headed for the finish. The competing breezes made it tricky to figure out which way to go, and we ended up sailing through the southerly, back into the northerly, and having to beat the last couple of yards to the finish, with Juniors milling about, and Joan STEAMING up our backs on the filling southerly. Two flags in the bag!
Thursday I am feeling very nervous. I have been here before in Burlington, and it was all down hill after the first day. Mandy was there then too, and we joke about it, and she calms me down some. The first race is a windward/leeward in a light southeasterly. The crew is still complaining about my starts. Joan beats us to the weather mark after a tight duel upwind. We played the downwind shifts with Mandy really calling the jibes well and teaching me a lot about the tactical side of downwind. We got inside at the gate and lead up the next leg. Kept following the ol' right side pressure, and covered Joan to stay first.

# August 11-14 NORTH AMERICAN WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP <br> BUFFALO CANOE CLUB, RIDGEWAY ONTARIO, CANADA 4 BOATS, 6 RACES, I THROWOUT 

TEAM/Skipper's Hometown<br>1 Kathryn Connell, Mandy Hofmeister, Jill Carmen/Blauvelt, NY<br>2 Joan Hurban, Dawn Sager, Chantal Leger/Palisades, NY<br>3 A. Sterling Bush, Sue Bauer, Janice Lange/Plymouth Meeting, PA<br>4 Judy Walker, Christina Hedrick, Brittani Lashaway/Buffalo, NY

| SAlL $=$ | R1 | R2 | R3 | R4 | R5 | R6 | Final |
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| 14482 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 11 |
| 14654 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 14 |
| 14291 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 17 |

## Butt Naked continued

For the fourth race I am determined to be more aggressive on the start. I have a line sight, and I get in under Joan to try to get her over early. I take her up and then dive back down at about 15 seconds to go. I hear the gun, then from the RC "all clear." Rats! I thought sure I had Joan over, Oh well. 10 seconds later we hear a horn and "14714, 14482 OVER!" WHAT?? (That'll teach the crew to complain about our starts.) We are pretty positive we were not over. But I go back to restart, thinking here we go this is the beginning of the end. I get back first and take off on port, then Joan gets inside me on starboard and I have to tack under her. Judy and Sterling are gone, up off on the right side in wind. Joan tacks away for that side, and we keep going left, knowing that following won't get us anywhere, and boatspeed, and a little luck on the left, will. First mark dead last. Sterling is enjoying her head start, and we get down to business down wind and start picking off boats. We play the shifts down wind, go low and heat it up to the mark, passing Judy who is a boat behind Joan and both are inside us at the mark. This is the rounding that was up for much discussion later with Coach Kelly and various masters. We decided that instead of trying to stick it up inside Joan, and maybe giving her a lee bow position, then having to tack away to the bad left side; we would foot off a little, and shoot through her to leeward, use boatspeed and keep out in the velocity on the right. So we did. Though I probably did give her too much room at the mark. We passed her on the last leg and were eating up Sterling. Awesome crew work by Mandy and Jill as we chased 'em up and down. Right at the finish we decided to cover Joan, rather than attack Sterling, and finished second to much yippee-ky-yeahing on the other boat. Way to go Sterling!
Friday. The wind looks good from shore, but lightens as we get out. Hof says the only way I can tank now is to hit another boat at the start, turn around and sink. So I am "conservative" at the start. No-one seems to want to come over and aggressively control me, so we all get off the line
clean and go our own way. With a safe lead, we feel more like sailing our own race, rather that covering from the start, so we do. We still end up going right for pressure in a light westerly. Sterling sees something up the middle and wins the first leg. We go high back to the right on the run for velocity, and beat her to the gate. After that we pretty much parade up the right side, with Joan catching Sterling on the leeward leg when Sterling doesn't cover. The wind died way down and we finished first at the leeward mark.
Having the regatta in the bag, we are all feeling a little giddy. The Juniors are all rafted up and swimming just off the finish line. Jill jumps in for a swim since it's hot and becalmed. We mill about with our sails down drinking water (wishing it were champagne) and watching a gold flash finish first in the Master's fleet. Jill gets back in the boat and a discussion ensues about whether or not to stay out for the last race. Mandy and I want to stay out. Jill doesn't. She says she doesn't want to sail in no wind and wet shorts. We tell her to take her shorts off. So she does. Then Mandy takes off her hiking shorts. Then Jill wonders what Canada's rules are on sailing naked. Well we're in an all women's fleet aren't we? We decide we'll go in if the wind doesn't fill, and sail butt naked if it does, cause we really can relax now. Of course the wind comes back, the RC sets another course, and we really didn't sail naked - or the masters might have stayed out too! I'd like to extend my gratitude to my husband, Paul. He gives me the moral and technical support anyone needs to get together to spend a week sailing. He stayed on shore with the kids, even though he really wanted to be out there with us all. You're the best Paul! And of course my crew: Mandy and Jill did as much or more than I to get us up front every race. We had a fantastic week. Buffalo Canoe Club was great, the people were great and the regatta ran really smoothly, with great events for all. My only regret is that Jody Swanson and Betsy Alison sailed with the master's instead of us. This is a really fun regatta with really high caliber sailing, and even greater camaraderie. We need to get more women out there sailing! Come and try it, it's fun!


President Bill Faude and Regatta Chairman Anne Allen at the Awards Ceremony. CHAMPIONS RICK BERNSTEIN, DAN MORIARTY AND SKIPPER MATT FISHER with their hardware and hatwear. Runners-Up Rodrigo Zuazola, German Schacht and skipper Tito Gonzalez from Chile. 2nd Runner-Up Mike Breault, skipper Tim Healy and Matt

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 ane Allen. 10th place Cory Sert Nelson Joe Starck 7th place skipper Reynolds, 4th place Kathryn Josenhans, ski
Ficker and Eduardo Melchert from Brazil.

6th place skipper Mark Sertl, B Ian Jones and Trevor Born



# North American Championship <br> -MATT FISHER 

The outstanding hosts of the 1998 North Americans were the members of the Buffalo Canoe Club. Contestants were treated to a very well run regatta and a wide range of sailing conditions. The regatta organizers and what seemed like everyone involved at the Canoe Club went out of their way to put on a top notch, fun event. They enjoy hosting the regatta, and it was obvious the participants liked being there.
I was fortunate enough to sail with Dan Moriarty and Rick Bernstein. They actually called me in April and asked if the three of us could sail together for the summer and for the Worlds in Ecuador. I haven't had very many people ask me that and we ended up being a pretty good team in the boat. They have sailed with Matt Burridge for years, and our mechanics were great.
The qualifying series had one light day (Sunday) and one beautiful/medium day (Monday). There seemed to be more surprises than usual with who didn't make the cut for the blue.

## 1st Race

Monday night a cold front went through at about 12:35. 1 know this because I was sleeping on the porch of the house we rented from Bob Robinson. Jack Elfman and his team and our group shared a wonderful spot with all of the conveniences of home other than heat on the porch. During the morning it rained harder and got colder while the races were postponed about 2 hours. We left for the race course at about 11:30. It was blowing from the northeast at about 18 with puffs to 25 . The course was WLWLW. At the risk of sounding like a whiner or a wimp, the class should reconsider whether this course should be used when it's blowing 25. I'm not complaining, but it doesn't "even out the fleet".
The line was well set with maybe a slight leeward favor. Brian Taboada had a great start about $1 / 3$ from the pin and held out to the left for about $1 / 4$ of the way up the beat and lead at the first mark. He was followed by Dave Starck, Tito Gonzalez, our boat, then Ched. Dead downwind was pretty crazy (for us) and Tito and his team of Rodrigo and German sailed like it was blowing 12. It was shifty upwind and we tacked about 8 times, so realistically we should do the same downwind to stay in phase. But, honestly, our plan was to jibe as little as possible and do so in the lulls. Tito sailed the shifts and led at the drop mark. Brian still appeared fast upwind and Ched climbed to 3rd on the sec-


Rick Bernstein, Dan Moriarty and Matt Fisher 1998 North American Champions. 1998 North American Chan
ond beat. At the finish it was Tito 1st, Brian 2nd, Ched 3rd, David Starck 4 th, our boat 5 th, Tim Healy 6th, Larry MacDonald 7th, and the ex-Pres Bill Faude 8th.
The Race Committee made what turned out to be a great decision by holding the fleet out to assess the carnage and see/hope for the wind to drop. It did drop a little and we raced the 2nd race and probably gained a day on the entire regatta schedule by doing so. I'm sure it's moments like these ( $20 \mathrm{mph}+$, maybe 55-60 degrees) that make people check the vacation meter, but it is nice to get a jump on the schedule and to be assured that the regatta will have 2 very heavy air races.

## 2nd Race

I'm a little cloudy on the second race other than noting that Mark Sertl sailed a great race for 3rd. Eight of the top ten from the first race were in the top ten for the second race. Tito won both races and looked invincible on heavy air paper; but he really got most of his distance from outstanding downwind boathandling. There were several out us the same speed upwind, but downwind Tito put $50-100$ yards on the fleet. We actually were pleased to have two 5 ths on this day and saw ourselves as only 8 points out of first.

## 3rd Race

Wednesday was the same direction (northeast) but the 3rd race was about 8-15 and very shifty. We lead at the first mark after coming out of the left side with a 20 degree shift $2 / 3$ of the way up the beat. Larry was second and David Starck was 3 rd with a relatively big gap to 4 th. It seemed like the old days with the 3 of us up there, except they both passed us within 1 minute of the wing mark. We were all close up the second beat until halfway up Larry and our boat pulled away by a couple of minutes. The wind had shifted way back to the right, and the RC moved the mark about 200 yards that way. We were also tangled up with the Presidents fleet once we put the chutes up. Larry still led at the drop mark, but we passed his team halfway up the last beat in a big time dying breeze. Jody Swanson was 3rd, Tito a strong 4th, David 5th, Steve Hayden with another 6th.

## 4th Race

The RC smartly waited for about an hour for the breeze to settle, as the NE colder wind was fighting with the thermal (SW). The NE finally came in again at 10 mph and the RC chose the perfect time to start blowing guns. The fourth

## North American Champion continued

race had lots of position changes. We had a little tangle at the start and tacked to clear with things looking very bleak. We dipped $6-8$ boats but then found ourselves in very clear air and on a 15-20 degree port tack lift. Several minutes later, the wind came back to the right allowing us to tack and to get back into the top five. Tim Healy sailed a great race that had lots of ups and downs. The top five were Tim, yada yada yada and Larry then us. Larry later learned that he was over carly. This race was key to the series. Tito, Biekarck, Sertl, Larry, David Starck, and really Ched all sailed races that would prevent them from winning the regatta. We were very fortunate to end up in fifth. There were times that we were at least bad as 15 th, but we had a couple of right hand shifts that seemed to bail us out.
I would be remiss if 1 failed to mention the regatta-long trivia contest that culminated after the races Wednesday. After each day of sailing some of the local trivia talent would hand out sheets with ten questions about various Lightning topics. It was a fun way to spend the beer blast time and it seemed like a lot of people were participating. The top ten trivia contestants faced off in front of the crowd with new questions being posed by the ex-class President. After several grueling rounds, Mike Huffman and 1 smoked the local talent. Mike and I then faced off for 3 final questions. I have to admit I was a little concerned and doubted that 100 people on their 5 th beer would really want to stay tuned to this show - but they seemed to be having fun hearing the answer to questions like who has won the 2nd place trophy for the NAs the most (nice try). It finally came down to exPresident Faude requesting a question from the audience. Jay Mueller walked up and whispered the question to Bill. I wrote down Papa John Mueller on the top of my page and Mueller Boat Co. on the bottom anticipating the likely question to be asked. Huff exerted too many Dartmouth and Chicago Trading brain cells and wrote down what he thought was the right answer. I was crowned the Trivia King, and it was a huge psychological advantage for Thursday. Seriously, it was a fun event to carry out and I think everyone had a good time.
The scores were getting interesting. Tito actually had us by five points going into the last two races. We were obviously going to get a throw out with two days left to get in two races.
all 4 best 3

| Matt Fisher | 16 | 11 |
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| Tito Gonzalez | 23 | 6 |
| Tim Healy | 25 | 14 |
| Ched Proctor | 32 | 20 |
| Steve Hayden | 30 | 18 |
| Dave Starck | 42 | 22 |
| Brian Taboada | 42 | 24 |
| Larry MacDonald | 47 | 11 |
| Claudio Biekarck | 63 | 27 |
| Mark Sertl | 39 | 25 |

Thursday morning at the Canoe Club was a typical Canoe Club day. It was

blowing 10 out of the SSW, maybe a little to the left of the thermal but with clear skies, and we're 5 points out of first.

## 5th Race

We left early to get to the course with what turned out to be a dying breeze. The RC graciously postponed the start to wait for either the wind to make up its mind or for the rest of boats to come out. The race started at about 10:45 with the wind out of the SSW at about 7 mph . The right came in big $2 / 3$ of the way up the beat, and we were stuck more left than we should have been. These really were the only races of the series where the wind was out of the SW and it always pays to go very hard right. You can always tell SW races at the Canoe Club by noting Jimmy Allen's finishes. We came back from about 15-20 at the first mark to finish 8th. Jim Allen won with Jeff Linton 2nd, Ched 3rd, Claudio 4 th and Tito 5 th. This was still a very good race for us, although Tito beat us, and we basically sailed our throwout, but a lot of the other folks were putting themselves out of contention. To win the regatta, Ched had to win the last race and have our boat 7 th or worse, Larry could win if he finished in the top 3 and beat us by 5 points. Tito obviously still had us by five.

> All 5(Best 4)

| Tito Gonzalez | $(28) 11$ |
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| Matt Fisher | $(24) 16$ |
| Ched Proctor | $(35) 23$ |
| Tim Healy | $(52) 26$ |
| Larry MacDonald | $(58) 21$ |

## Last Race

I don't remember personally being in this position, where there is a 5 point gap (fairly high) from 1st to 2 nd and having a nothing-to-lose-we-want-to-keep-Karl-Smither-hold-ing-onto-the-second-place-trivia-answer. To make matters better, the conditions, in our opinion, were favorable to us, with the wind 10-12 out of the SW. Also, the line was very leeward favored.
The leeward end part is key, since when you have one end favored, huge gains can be made right out of the box. We consciously said we would be very aggressive since the objective was to win, and in this case the risk of being over early was worth it. Even though it was heavy leeward favored, the right was going to be the place to be. So you could have a great start by being middle or middle left end of the line. Fortunately, Ched was setting up in the middle of the line with obvious plans of a very good start also. We set up under Ched knowing that he knew he had to win the race and he wasn't going to screw around. We stayed away from each other by a boatlength or two, and there really were no other boats within 3-4 boatlengths. It was great. The move was to tack at the gun and get away from the lee-

## North American Champion contimued

ward mess. It worked - both Ched and we were trimmed in and moving on starboard at 25 seconds to go to the gun. We both tacked at the gun onto port and were basically long gone. We were nearly bow ahead of the boats who had tacked at the committee boat and the boats at the leeward end were tangled up. Although we weren't looking very hard, we didn't see Tito - but it was still nice not to see him. $2 / 3$ s of the way up the beat, we were looking very good compared to both sides. Ched was pulling out a little, but with him being a squeczer and me being a true driver but trying to convert to pointing, we were happy. We were starting to think too much and at least $3 / 4$ of the fleet was to our left since we had been on port burning it out to the right for 10 minutes. So, we did what in hindsight was very stupid, and tacked to starboard away from Ched. We were on starboard for maybe a minute (had, I think, everyone from the left) and then came back to port with what we thought were covering moves with minimal shifts. After being away from him for 1 maybe 2 minutes Ched pulled away by 100 yards - I'm not exaggerating. To make matters worse we lost all 8 or 9 other boats on the right. It felt really stupid. Ched was in first and remember, and if he won and we were 8 th, he won. Still didn't know where Tito was.
We were approaching the weather mark in now probably 10 th or 12 th. Then we noticed Ched luffing up to try to make the mark. Ched's boat was close to head to wind for a long time. It was a long luff and we were on starboard way behind him on the right (trying to learn). Finally Ched hit the weather mark. It took a long time for him to do it but I have to admit it was very motivating on our boat to see this, because Ched and his team are very capable of winning the race and we were very capable of getting 8 th. Now after circling, Ched is 2 boats in front of us, and Tito and Larry are both way back.
But after one lap things were the same. At the second weather mark we were 10th, Ched was 9 th, and Tito was about 17 th. If Tito catches 3 boats and we stay put, they
win. Going dead downwind we got in phase and gained no boats but lots of distance on the 5 boats in front of us at the last leeward mark. We were also very tangled up with the Governor's fleet. (we were in about 20th in the Governor's fleet). We announced that we needed to gain five boats to win the regatta. We actually played to left side of the fleet and felt ourselves gaining on the immediate boats around us(Ched). Also, the top boats were caught in the middle of the yellow fleet and they never bailed out to the right hard enough. Out of the SW on this day, and most SW days in Buffalo, you have to go right, but to make it work you had to go all the way right. If you went $2 / 3$ of the way to the right, it sometime doesn't work. The top guys in this race didn't go all the way over and we could tell we were picking up big distance. I know I'm being over dramatic here, but what was funny is while we were on port coming back from the left side we still didn't know what place we were in the blue fleet. The finish line was about 100 yards to weather of the weather mark for the Governor's Cup fleet. All these boats that we thought we blue fleeters kept pealing off to put up their chutes and we were saying "hey we're in sixth" We caught Ched at the finish line for fifth and weren't $100 \%$ sure we won, but had an idea.
Rick and Dan were outstanding to sail with. I wasn't kinder and gentler this time, but we got along great and they are outstanding teammates. Tito, German, and Rodrigo sailed great, as did Tim Healy and his team. It was a crazy series, but it seems that all of the major regattas have their share of crazy races. There were big ups and downs, but we had a variety of conditions and the race committee work was outstanding. They set great lines and perfect courses, and sailed when they should and held back when they needed to. They didn't seem to be in a hurry, and got the regatta done a day early. It was impressive. Our team definitely had a very good time after the banquet, but you're supposed to. I obviously really like the Canoe Club and am placing my unsolicited vote for the Worlds to be held there in 2003 . I don't know if they want it but, I will help David and Kevin draft the letter.


Ched Proctor


Claudio Biekarck


Jody Suanson

# 1998 I.L.C.A. NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP <br> FINAL RESULTS-QUALIFIERS 

## BUFFALO CANOE CLUB, August 15-16, 1998, 107 Boats, 4 Races, I Throwout

David Sprague, Daniel Sprague, Patti Pohlig/Toronto, Ontario
Paul Gelenitis, Chris Arner, Emily Ruiter/Brick, NJ
Hector Longarela, Hugo Longarela, Alejandro Closs/Buenos Aires

David Starck, Maria White, Kevin Robinson/Kenmore, NY
Ched Proctor, Kathryn Josenhans, Ned Roseberry/Southport, CT
Bill Mauk, Cameron Carlin, Jason Timmons/Miami, Fl.
Robert Ruhlman, Abby Ruhlman, Ryan Ruhiman/Cleveland, OH Gianni Cuccio, Jim Starck, Ellen Starck/Westport, CT
Eric R. Larson, Eric E. Larson, Amy Lundeen/Sheboygan, WI
Ed Roseberry Jr., Steve Roseberry, Sascha Greatrex/Buffalo, NY
Andrew Horton, Andrew Buttner. JoAnn Jones/Shelburne, VT
Steve Hayden, Barr Batzer, David Hood/Gassleberry, FL
Jody Lutz, Kip Hamblet, Ben Wagner/Trumbull, CT
Mark Sertl, Joe Starck, Becky Nelson/Rochester, NY
Brian Taboada, Larry Colantuomo, Roger Marino/Island Heights, NJ
Manfred Kaufmann, Claudio Kunze, Jeff Maludy/Sao Paulo, Brazil Jeff Linton, Amy Smith Linton, Mark Taylor/Tampa, FL.
Richard Hallagan, Alister Thomson, Rick TenEyck/Newark, NY Michael Huffman, Meg Huffman, Matt Ward/Burlington, VT David Stix, Robert Alexander, Karl Erickson/Chicago, IL
Colin Park, Karen Park, Bill Thomas/Midland, MI
Jon Schwartz. Mike Healy, Paul Krzensky/Lincroft, NJ
Theresa Colantuono, Laura Jeffers, Matt Bryant/Portsmouth, RI Tom Allen Sr., Sam Septembre, Danielle Septembre/Buffalo, NY Donald Barrett, Gary Mayer, George Wiedermann/West Granby, CT Len Krawcheck, Oliver Humphries, Joe Pitcavage/Charleston, SC Paul Wurtzebach, Doug Nickel, Ben Wallace/Woodridge, II. Sean Carroll, Kate Sheahan, Dave Adams/Essex Junction, VT
Claudio Biekarck, Gunnar Ficker, Eduardo Melchert/Sao Paulo, Brazil Tim Healy, Matt Reynolds, Mike Breault/Newport, RI Iim Allen, Jane Allen, John Morley/Walled Lake, MI Matt Fisher, Dan Moriarty, Rick Bernstein/Westerville, OH
Tom Allen Jr., Bill Pictor, John Humphrey/Kenmore, NY
Larry MacDonald Jr, Ian Jones, Trevor Born/Carlisle, ONT
Phil Grotheer, Lesley Frymier, Jeff Riedle/Severn Park, MD Tito Gonzalez, Rodrigo Zuazola, German Schacht/Santiago, Chile Jack Elfman, Cindy Lister, Mike Lucas/Surf City, NJ
Jody Swanson, Cory Sertl, Kurt Taulbee/Eggertsville, NY
Bill Faude, Jared Drake, Ben Altman/Chicago, IL
Sean Fidler, Bill Shore, Betsy Altman/Troy, MI


## First Cut - President's Cup

TEAM/Skipper's Hometown
Georges Peter, Allison Peter, CH Ritt/Barrington, RI
Bob Wardwell, Regan Edwards, Ron Buchanan/Richmond, VA
William Hofmeister, Mandy Hofmeister, Jerry Fertig/Nashville, TN
George Fisher, Tom Emch, Greg Shea/Hilliard, OH
James Crane, Larry Bone, Peter Bone/Darien, CT
Robert Bush, Jeff Brault, Sterling Bush/Plymouth Meeting, PA
Bill Fastiggi, Tim Ambrose, Heather Rowe/Burlington, VT
George Francis, Don Brennan, Andy Brennan//Brick, NJ
Carlos Lecaro, Jimmy Pazmino, Sebastian Meira/Guayaquil, Ecuador

David Sprague, Daniel Sprague, Patti Pohlig/Toronto, Ontario
Hector Longarela, Hugo Longarela, Alejandro Closs/Buenos Aires

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| USA | 11754 | 8 |
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| USA | 14825 | 9 | 14 | 19 | 8 | 31 |
| USA | 14706 | 19 | 6 | 14 | 12 | 32 |
| USA | 14345 | 3 | 34 | 17 | 14 | 34 |
| USA | 14900 | 16 | 27 | 13 | 5 | 34 |
| USA | 14654 | 1 | 19 | 15 | 22 | 35 |
| USA | 14878 | 10 | 15 | 11 | 16 | 36 |
| USA | 14692 | 5 | 14 | 28 | 18 | 37 |
| ECU | 14676 | 23 | 13 | 16 | 10 | 39 |
| USA | 14483 | 22 | 27 | 12 | 6 | 40 |
| USA | 14175 | 7 | 26 | 17 | 19 | 43 |
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| USA | 14572 | 27 | 5 | 36 | 13 | 45 |
| USA | 14499 | 20 | 5 | 24 | 20 | 45 |
| CAN | 14174 | 11 | 10 | 29 | 24 | 45 |
| USA | 14684 | 12 | 23 | 30 | 12 | 47 |
| ARG | 11649 | 14 | 12 | 23 | 21 | 47 |


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| 57 | Sjoerd-Jan Vanderhorst, Chris Snyder, Kate Loper/Royal Oak, MI | USA | 14649 | 16 | 9 | 23 | 25 | 18 |
| 58 | Dan Dressel, Amy Dunlea, Kathy Dressel/Dayton, OH | USA | 14880 | 24 | 24 | 14 | 10 | 48 |
| 59 | Jim Carson, Kevin Dunn. Richard Eytel/Brick, NJ | USA | 14595 | 20 | 8 | 22 | DSQ | 50 |
| 60 | Chad Atkins, Adam Burns, Randy Shore/Rochester, NY | USA | 14397 | 23 | 33 | 16 | 11 | 50 |
| 61 | Jim Davis, Christine Davis, Karl Bradley/Toledo, OH | USA | 14779 | 13 | 35 | 23 | 14 | 50 |
| 62 | Stuart Nickerson, Lisa Brauer, Nick Mercier/Milton, MA | USA | 11379 | 19 | 22 | 12 | 20 | 51 |
| 63 | Charlie Hess, Norm Walters, Jim Mick/Bloomfield Hills, MI | USA | $148+2$ | 7 | 29 | 24 | 21 | 52 |
| 64 | George Sipel, Jay Mueller, Pat Poorman/Farmington Hills, MI | USA | 14249 | 14 | 21 | 21 | 17 | 52 |
| 65 | Dan Reichelsdorfer, Michou Braun. Tony Orlebeke/Sheboygan, WI | USA | 13994 | 16 | 25 | 20 | 16 | 52 |
| 66 | Richard Aubrecht, Alison Aubrecht, David Stagney/Orchard Park, NY | USA | 1974 | 29 | 23 | 7 | 25 | 55 |
| 67 | Joan Hurban, Dawn Sager, Rick Buckley/Palisades, NY | USA | 14482 | 13 | 15 | 28 | 29 | 56 |
| 68 | Christopher Sprole, Michael Cullen, Maud Lindsay/Lake Carmel, NY | USA | 14631 | 6 | 31 | 20 | 31 | 57 |
| 69 | David Ruiter, Stephanie Ruiter, Travis Freund/Frechold, NJ | USA | 11894 | 33 | 7 | 31 | 20 | 58 |
| 70 | Bob Sengstacken, John Sengstacken, Jill Carmen/Valley Cottage, NY | USA | 14888 | 15 | 27 | 22 | 22 | 59 |
| 71 | Diana Fernando, Eric Fernando, Jennifer Day/West Bloomfield, MI | USA | 14049 | 17 | 11 | 33 | 32 | 60 |
| 72 | Jim Cameron, Richard Walsh, Janice Cameron/Thunder Bay, Ontario | CAN | 14507 | 33 | 28 | 25 | 9 | 62 |
| 73 | Cully Ward, Jim Ward, Jan Thompson/Nashville, TN | USA | 14116 | 10 | 22 | 32 | 30 | 62 |
| 74 | Michael Vollmer, Peter Eagan, Dan Tironne/Burlington, Ontario | CAN | 14772 | 26 | 21 | 28 | 15 | 62 |
| 75 | Robert Harkrider, Tom Schroeder, Clay Rumble/Augusta, GA | USA | 14889 | 21 | 34 | 18 | 23 | 62 |
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| 77 | Adrian Irving, Darian Irving, Megan McCellan/Chicago, IL. | USA | 14847 | 31 | 6 | 32 | 26 | 63 |
| 78 | Jim Fairman, Monica Fairman, Tim Shambrook/Chicago, IL. | USA | 14065 | 18 | 34 | 15 | 30 | 63 |
| 79 | Jonathan Lange, Matthew Lange, Ryan Anderson/Colombia, MD | USA | 13856 | 21 | 12 | 34 | 32 | 65 |
| 80 | Dick Moyer, Mike Holly, Jamie Perkins/Oaks, PA | USA | 13792 | 34 | 15 | 17 | DSQ | 66 |
| 81 | Roberto Laignelet, Maritza Vargas, Cynthia Lawson/Bogota, Colombia | COL | 14322 | 36 | 16 | 21 | 30 | 67 |
| 82 | Frank Kelly Jr., Joe Cunningham, Kat Ward/Brentwood, TN | USA | 14748 | 27 | 24 | 26 | 21 | 71 |
| 83 | Logan McReynolds, Alan McReynolds, Erin McReynolds/Fairport, NY | USA | 13815 | 28 | 11 | 34 | 33 | 72 |
| 84 | Brian Starck, Bob Starck, Andy TockeJim Eagan Jr.Buffalo, NY | USA | 14371 | 27 | 18 | 33 | 27 | 2 |
| 85 | Matt Reiser, Ryan Bradley, Ryan Stagaard/North Brunswick, NJ | USA | 14833 | 26 | 20 | 27 | 26 | 72 |
| 86 | David P. Gorman, Rick Villamil, Chantal Leger/Malone, NY | USA | 14758 | 35 | 19 | 31 | 23 | 3 |
| 87 | Michael Brewer, Richard Brewer, Matthew Wilcox/San Diego, CA | USA | 14846 | 34 | 26 | 29 | 19 | 74 |
| 88 | Juan Carlos Uzcategui, Jochen Raute, Mauricio Valenzuela/Bogota | COI. | 14704 | 26 | 30 | 21 | 27 | 74 |
|  | Mike Thomas, Steve Thomas, Matt Selan/Bowling Green, OH | USA | 14148 | 33 | 30 | 12 | DNS | 75 |
|  | Scott Finkboner, Fred Chandler, Allison Stevens/San Diego, CA | USA | 14904 | 25 | 32 | 26 | 24 | 75 |
| 91 | David Stephens, Tim Finkle, Ryan Webb/Williamsville, NY | USA | 14411 | 35 | 20 | 31 | 25 | 76 |
| 92 | Kurt Andrews, Zach Austin, Mike Mirachi/Dublin, OH | USA | 14897 | 21 | 28 | 27 | DNF | 6 |
|  | Richard Bukowsky, Traci Bukowsky, Christina Hedrick/Lake Orion, MI | USA | 14854 | 30 | 13 | 36 | 35 | 78 |
|  | Pierce Barden, Josh Crosby, Sam Harris/Raleigh, NC | USA | 14190 | 34 | 30 | 19 | 29 | 78 |
| 95 | Steve Cushman, Martha Cushman, Steve Adamski/Chicago, IL | USA | 14508 | 30 | 21 | 29 | 28 | 78 |
| 96 | Peter Wenzler, Stuart Thompson, Matt Shrilla/Grosse Pointe Farms, MI | USA | 14590 | 25 | 28 | 25 | 34 | 78 |
|  | David Kunz, John Faus, Mac DeTuro/Feasterville, PA | USA | 14850 | 32 | DNF | 20 | 28 | 80 |
|  | Bob Cotton, Clark Higgs, Bruce Campbell/Nashville, TN | USA | 14645 | 22 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 81 |
|  | Gary Hurban, Kevin Murphy, Theresa Kramer/Palisades, NY | USA | 14073 | 28 | 31 | 30 | 23 | 81 |
|  | Bill Killebrew, Mike Osborne, Paul Killebrew/Nashville, TN | USA | 14680 | 25 | 33 | 25 | 33 | 83 |
|  | Tom Vickers, Jennifer Johnson, John Kopko/Grosse Pointe, M1 | USA | 14819 | 31 | 33 | 26 | 27 | 84 |
|  | Scott Warrener, Brad Puskas, Brian Snow/Simcoe, Ontario | CAN | 14134 | 29 | 29 | 32 | 28 | 86 |
|  | Chandler Owen, Amy Wilde, Andy Monahan/Nashville, TN | USA | 11737 | 31 | 26 | 34 | 31 | 88 |
|  | Scott Anderson, Jay Martin, Meg Hamlet/McKinney, TX | USA | 14817 | 30 | 35 | 27 | 32 | 89 |
|  | Timothy Millhiser, Dallas Murphy, David Langhorne/Madison, CT | USA | 14342 | 29 | 32 | 35 | 29 | 90 |
|  | Mary Dobmeier, Eryn Whistler, Rachael Moloney/Buffalo, NY | USA | 14112 | 35 | 25 | DNS | DNS | 97 |
|  | Ian Drullard, Doug Mathias, Matt Rusk/Southington, CT | USA | 10356 | 35 | 35 | 35 | 33 | 103 |

# Long Live the King! <br> -JODY SWANSON 

A corner of our living toom has two comfortable chairs with bookcases behind. On Its shelves are Lightning Yearbooks dating back to 1945. That is a lot of history and a lot of stories; there certainly have been many over the years. Stories of glorious victories and the agony of the missed tacks. This spot became a favorite for several trivia minded friends. The one who got the white chair could sit back, get comfortable, reach for a selected year, pour over the pages and fire away with questions. Who sailed wlth whom, at which regattas, in what year, and how many races did boat number (blank) win, only to place (blank) for the (blank) time? Not only did they question each other, but any one else who would listen. As time went on and their seemiing trivia prowess began to grow, these Lightning sailors began to view themselves as the experts.

1. After enduring an endless stream of questions, what game was born and then played during the 1998 Lightning NAs?
2. Which 3 sailors considered themselves the (self-appointed) Lightning Trivia Kings?
The Lightning Trivia Game was played Sunday, Monday and Tuesday after racing. Each game consisted of six questions with a 2 -point bonus question. The top 10 scores advanced to the final round. The questions were based on all aspects of the Lightning class, its history, people, and lore. To show respect to the "Kings", each was able to submit 10 of their best questions.
3. Who, after winning the first game with a commanding score of 6 (the average was 3 ), considerably enhanced his confidence?
4. After many people posted the perfect score of 8 on the second game, what conclusion can be drawn: this par ticular game was easy or cheating was involved?
5. Who's whole regatte was made when one contestant falsely guessed that he was "Mr. Lightning"?
The three games were corrected and the scores were tallied and posted. The top ten people would have the chance to dethrone the Kings by advancing to the Final Round.

6. Who thought he would cruise to an overall win by winning the preliminary round with a score of 21 ?
7. Who at breakfast on the morning of the final round was seen cheating, pardon . . studying up on his trivia?
The Final Round was played on Wednesday after sailing.
There was great anticipation and a lot of chatter as to who was going to prevail as the official Lightning Trivia King. The ten qualifiers were narrowed to four with the winner advancing.
8. Who was more talented as the MC for the final round than he was on the race course?
9. Due to a tie, which two sailors advanced to the Final Challenge to face the Trivia Kings?
The Final Challenge pitted the best of the "amateurs" against the so called "experts." The big question was, could the experts live up to their billing or were they just tegends in their own minds?
10. Who did Bill Faude, the Alex Trebec of the Final Challenge, get to model the coveted 14 -carat gold, jewel-studded crown?
11. Out of the six questions asked to each King, how many did each answer correctly?
12. When the final 5 -point bonus question submitted by the class president was read, which contestant automatically assumed that he would be crowned King?
13. After neither contestant could answer the bonus question correctly, resulting in a tie, who from the audience submitted the final question?
14. Who is the official Lightning Trivia King?
15. How long will the King's reign be: indefinite, until Huff demands a rematch or until the next Worlds at BCC?

## Any more questions?

Answers on Page 79.


Photos by Cynthia Lawson

## I998 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Buffalo Canoe Club, Ridgeway, Ontario, Canada, August 16-20, 107 Boats, 7 Countries, 3 Fleets

## CHAMPIONSHIP FLEET



Jim Crane, President's Cup Champion

| Countr | ry/Sail $=$ | R*1 | $\mathrm{R}=2$ | R=3 | $\mathrm{R}=4$ | R=5 | R ${ }^{6} 6$ | Final |
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| USA | 11379 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 33 | 1 | 4 | 17 |
| USA | 14878 | 3 | 10 | 1 | 7 | 7 | dnf | 28 |
| USA | 14345 | 10 | 8 | 10 | 5 | 4 | 11 | 37 |
| USA | 14814 | 12 | 14 | 5 | 15 | 3 | 6 | 40 |
| USA | 14880 | 13 | 3 | 36 | 20 | 6 | 1 | 43 |
| CAN | 14507 | dsg | 17 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 22 | 51 |
| USA | 14684 | 5 | 2 | 13 | 23 | 30 | 13 | 56 |
| ECU | 14676 | 15 | 18 | 4 | 19 | 9 | 14 | 60 |
| USA | 14649 | 2 | 11 | 15 | 27 | 31 | 7 | 62 |
| USA | 14595 | 22 | 15 | 11 | 3 | 23 | 12 | 63 |
| USA | 14397 | 17 | 16 | 7 | 22 | 8 | 15 | 63 |
| ARG | 11649 | 8 | 9 | 20 | 9 | 28 | 19 | 65 |
| USA | 14499 | 16 | 7 | 28 | 26 | 13 | 5 | 67 |
| USA | 14572 | 31 | 5 | 22 | 6 | 35 | 8 | 72 |
| USA | 14825 | 11 | 31 | 9 | 14 | 20 | 21 | 75 |
| CAN | 14174 | 26 | dns | 17 | 8 | 17 | 10 | 78 |
| USA | 14483 | 4 | 25 | 8 | 16 | 26 | 33 | 79 |
| USA | 14688 | 14 | 12 | 19 | 10 | 27 | 24 | 79 |
| USA | 14525 | dnf | 27 | 26 | 1 | 14 | 17 | 85 |
| USA | 14706 | dnf | dns | 16 | 11 | 18 | 3 | 87 |
| USA | 14654 | 20 | 20 | 24 | 12 | 24 | 16 | 92 |
| USA | 11894 | dnf | 6 | 32 | 34 | 19 | 2 | 93 |
| USA | 14249 | 9 | 21 | 21 | 17 | 34 | 28 | 96 |
| USA | 14889 | 19 | 13 | 29 | 37 | 10 | 25 | 96 |
| USA | 14779 | 29 | 26 | 14 | 24 | 25 | 9 | 98 |
| USA | 14175 | 7 | 19 | 31 | 31 | 33 | 18 | 106 |
| USA | 13994 | 24 | 23 | 33 | 13 | 16 | 30 | 106 |
| USA | 14842 | 27 | 30 | 34 | 18 | 15 | 27 | 117 |
| USA | 14744 | 28 | 34 | 25 | 32 | 11 | 26 | 122 |
| USA | 14049 | 34 | 32 | 18 | 25 | 22 | 31 | 128 |
| USA | 14631 | 33 | 28 | 23 | 21 | 36 | 23 | 128 |
| USA | 14888 | 21 | 33 | 27 | 38 | 29 | 20 | 130 |
| USA | 14116 | 18 | 24 | 30 | 30 | 32 | 29 | 131 |
| USA | 14692 | 25 | 22 | 12 | 35 | 38 | dnf | 132 |
| USA | 14286 | 23 | 35 | 35 | 29 | 12 | 35 | 134 |
| CAN | 14772 | 30 | 29 | 38 | 36 | 21 | 32 | 148 |
| USA | 14482 | dnf | dns | 37 | 28 | 37 | 34 | 175 |



Stu Nickerson, Runner Up
Photos Susie Fretz

## 1998 <br> GOVERNOR'S CUP

## 32 Boats, 6 Races, 1 Throwout

Skipper/Team<br>1 Juan Carlos Uzcategui, Jochen Raute, Mauricio Valenzuela

Country/Sail = $R=1$ $R=2$ $R=3$ $3 \mathrm{R}=$ R=4 $R=5$ $\mathrm{R}=6$

Final
Mike Thomas, Steve Thomas, Matt Selan
Gary Hurban, Kevin Murphy, Theresa Kramer
Scott Finkboner, Fred Chandler, Allison Stevens
Pierce Barden, Josh Crosby, Sam Harris
Brian Starck, Bob Starck, Andy Tocke, Jim Eagan Jr.
David P, Gorman, Rick Villamil, Chantal Leger
Jim Fairman, Monica Fairman, Tim Shambrook
Roberto Laignelet, Maritza Vargas, Cynthia Lawson
Steve Cushman, Martha Cushman, Steve Adamski
$\frac{2}{3}$ Mike Thomas, Steve Thomas, Matt Selan David Kunz, John Faus, Mac DeTuro Tom Vickers, Jennifer Johnson, John Kopko Chandler Owen, Amy Wilde, Andy Monahan

Scott Warrener, Brad Puskas, Brian Snow

Dick Moyer. Mike Holly, Jamie Perkins
Timothy Millhiser Dallas Murphy, David Langhorne David Stephens, Tim Finkle, Ryan Webb
Matt Reiser, Ryan Bradley, Ryan Stagaard Tom Ward, Kate Ward, Molly Ward

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Mike Thomas after the last race
Photo by Sally Atkins

Cynthia Lawson, Maritza Vargas and Roberto Laignelet
from Bogota Colombia. Photo courtesy Cynthia Lawson

## Answers from page 76

1. Lightning Trivia Game
2. David Starck, Kevin Robinson, and Jody Lutz
3. Mike Huffman
4. Game 2 must have been easy. Lightning sailors never cheat.
5. Jody Lutz
6. Mike Huffman. The team of Lecaro/Schwartz was a close second with 19 points.
7. Georges Peter
8. David Starck
9. Matt Fisher and Mike Huffman
10. Carol Starck.
11. David 1, Kevin 2, Jody 1. Nice job!
12. Mike Huffman
13. Jamic Mueller
14. Matt Fisher
15. Even though Matt's reign as King would be long, the 2002 Worlds at the Buffalo Canoe Club seems like a fitting place to contest his reign. All in favor . .
