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## SAVANNAH DEEP SOUTH REGATTA

Savannah Yacht Club, Savannah, GA, March 13-14, 1999

49 boats, 2 races, no throwout

Official Final Results. There were no races Sunday due to thunderstorms

	Boat #	Skipper/Team/Hometown	Race #1	Race #2	Race #3	Final
1	14926	Andy Horton, Shelburne, VT	2	2		4
2	14787	Morgan Reeser, Miami, FL	6	1		7
3	14655	Dick Hallagan, Newark, NY	4	4		8
4	14927	Tim Healy, Newport, RI	3	6		9
5	14752	Steve Hayden, Casselberry, FL	7	5		12
6	14740	Bill Faude, Chicago, IL	1	14		15
7	14739	Jack Elfman, Surf City, NJ	12	7		19
8	14935	Lenny Krawcheck, Charleston, SC	9	11		20
9	14866	Bill Mauk, Miami, FL	5	18		23
10	14591	Alain Boucher, Montreal, Quebec, CAN	21	3		24
11	14725	*Thomas Starck, Lakewood, OH	8	16		24
12	14932	Tom Allen, Jr., Kenmore, NY	16	9		25
13	14811	Tom Allen, Sr., Buffalo, NY	13	17		30
14	14698	Hans Birkholz, St. Petersburg, FL	20	13		33
15	14612	Ross Bailey, Thunder Bay, Ontario, CAN	26	10		36
16	14640	Don Brush, Charlotte, VT	17	19		36
17	14595	*Paul Gelenitis, Brick, NJ	11	26		37
18	14688	Brian Hayes, Milford, CT	18	20		38
19	13608	Matt Frymier, San Francisco, CA	14	27		41
20	14397	Chad Atkins, Rochester, NY	27	15		42
21	14881	Philip Grotheer, Annapolis, MD	19	24		43
22	13871	Gianni Cuccio, Westport, CT	23	22		45
23	13084	Mitch Hnatt, Brick, NJ	22	23		45
24	14190	Pierce Barden, Raleigh, NC	24	29		53
25	14758	David Gorman, Malone, NY	28	25		53
26	14634	Caroline Hoedemaker, Hopewell, NJ	25	33		58
27	14834	Larry MacDonald, Jr., Carlisle, Ontario, CAN	ocs	8		59
28	14751	Rob Ruhlman, Cleveland, OH	10	dns		60
29	11771	Bill Sloger, Charleston, NC	29	31		60
30	14066	Dominic Marsden, Miami, FL	30	30		60
31	14821	Ched Proctor, Milford, CT	ocs	12		63
32	13859	*Frank Atkinson, Jr., Loxahatchee, FL	15	dnf		65
33	14073	*Joan Hurban, Palisades, NY	33	32		65
34	14701	Jim Harris, Augusta, GA	36	34		70
35	14431	*Leon Fontier, Troupsburg, NY	32	39		71
36	14825	Bob Wardwell, Richmond, VA	ocs	21		72
37	14111	Bob Shapiro, Arlington, MA	37	36		73
38	14748	Frank Kelly, Jr., Brentwood, TN	31	42		73
39	13729	Tom Wynn, Norcross, GA	35	41		76
40	14067	David Smith, Roswell, GA	39	37		76
41	14695	Richard Waldkirch, Wilmington, NC	38	38		76
42	14318	John Sawyer, Wilmington, NC	34	43		77
43	14321	Jack Jones, Adams, NY	dns	28		78
44	14030	Chris Miller, New York, NY	41	40		81
45	14543	Mike Delano, Harrison Twp, MI	dns	35		85
46	14854	Rick Bukowsky, Lake Orion, MI	40	dns		90
47	14680	Bill Killebrew, Nashville, TN	dns	dns		100
48	14174	David Sprague, Toronto, Ontario, CAN	dns	dns		100
49	14098	John Ward, Tampa, FL	dns	dnf		100

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## MIAMI MIDWINTER REGATTA

Coral Reef Yacht Club, Miami, FL, March 16-17, 1999

48 boats, 5 races, 1 throwout

Boat#	Skipper/Team/Hometown	Race #1	Race #2	Race #3	Race #4	Race #5	total	Final with throw
1 14927	Tim Healy, Newport, RI/ Bill Healy, Andy Kotoun	1	2	18	8	5	34	16
2 14821	Ched Proctor, Southport, CT/ Dave Peck, Jay Lurie	10	1	3	11	6	31	20
3 14725	*David Starck, Kenmore, NY/Tom Starck, Maria White	4	4	6	13	9	36	23
4 14787	Morgan Reeser,Ft.Lauderdale, FL/L. Reeser, B. Shore	24	6	5	19	1	55	31
5 14740	Bill Faude, Chicago, IL/Jared Drake, Dierk Polzin	12	3	dsq	3	14	81	32
6 14932	Tom Allen, Jr., Kenmore, NY/ J. Humphrey, S. Bush	9	5	15	25	4	58	33
7 14688	Brian Hayes, Milford, CT/Nick Mercier, Adams	23	10	2	6	18	59	36
8 14752	Steve Hayden, Casselberry, FL/Barr Batzer, Dave Hood	6	14	7	9	16	52	36
9 14926	Andy Horton, Shelburne, VT/B. Fastiggi, H. Rowe	15	9	8	10	12	54	39
10 14825	Bob Wardwell, Richmond, VA/L. Frymier, R. Edwards	8	15	16	1	31	71	40
11 14881	Philip Grotheer, Annapolis, MD/A. Stevens, J. Reidle	13	21	1	7	dnf	91	42
12 14739	Jack Elfman, Surf City, NJ/Cindy Lister, Mike Holly	11	12	19	22	3	67	45
13 14834	Larry MacDonald, Carlisle, Ont./T. Born, J. MacDonald	3	23	13	15	15	69	46
14 14655	Dick Hallagan, Newark, NY/Jeff Brault, Cunningham	7	16	20	4	28	75	47
15 14809	Eamonn deLisser, Miami, FL/Stuart deLisser, Kolish	25	8	11	5	26	75	49
16 14591	Alain Boucher, Montreal, Quebec/T. Line, C. Leger	2	18	dsq	12	23	104	55
17 14768	Peter Hall, Westmount, Quebec/J. Deakin, J.Allen	18	28	dsq	2	8	105	56
18 14640	Don Brush, Charlotte, VT/Paul Gutwin, Tim Ambrose	5	17	14	34	21	91	57
19 14698	Hans Birkholz, St. Petersburg, FL/R. Shore, J. Jones	22	20	12	21	11	86	64
20 14780	Matt Bryant,St. Petersburg, FL/ C. Park, M. Thomas	27	22	9	32	7	97	65
21 14866	Bill Mauk, Miami, FL/Cam Carlin, Deborah Cooper	19	11	10	ocs	27	116	67
22 13871	Gianni Cuccio, Westport, CT/B.Lucarelli,G.Wiederman	21	13	21	20	13	88	67
23 14751	Rob Ruhlman, Cleveland, OH/ A. Ruhlman, K. Hamblet	36	24	4	23	20	107	71
24 13927	JF Simard, Pte Claire, Quebec/M. Robin, K. Tremblay	34	7	22	18	25	106	72
25 14833	Matt Reiser, North Brunswick, NJ/R. Bradley, P. Kinzel	16	48	25	24	10	123	75
26 14811	Tom Allen, Sr., Buffalo, NY/Jane Allen, Tim Banks	38	34	31	14	17	134	96
27 14066	Dominic Marsden, Miami, FL/Karol Burch, Scott Cowe	29	37	17	27	24	134	97
28 14397	Chad Atkins, Rochester, NY/G. Richardson, T. Heisler	14	19	dsq	ocs	19	150	101
29 13859	*Bruce Atkinson, Rutland, VT/F Atkinson, M L'Heurux	ocs	25	33	26	22	155	106
30 14748	Frank Kelly, Jr., Brentwood, TN/T. Eustis, M. Stanley	17	33	26	37	33	146	109
31 14190	Pierce Barden, Raleigh, NC/Josh Crosby, Jim Mick	26	31	24	29	37	147	110
32 14740	David Gorman, Malone, NY/R. Villamil, V. Tardif	28	26	30	28	39	151	112
33 13084	Mitch Hnatt, Brick, NJ/Michael Hnatt, Ginger Cutaio	44	27	23	36	29	159	115
34 14595	*Greg Kinzel, Caldwell, NJ/Jim Carson, Paul Gelenitis	ocs	32	dsq	33	2	167	116
35 14634	Caroline Hoedemaker, NJ/B. Hoedemaker, M. Folwell	20	36	32	31	34	153	117
36 14098	John Ward, Tampa, FL/Dan Borrer, Nate Vilardebo	40	38	28	17	36	159	119
37 14612	Ross Bailey, Thunder Bay, Ont/M. Couture, C. Burns	41	40	34	16	32	163	122
38 14680	Bill Killebrew, Nashville, TN/B.Hofmeister, M.Osborne	32	30	29	35	43	169	126
39 13861	Randy Clee, Miami, FL/Jane Snedaker, Dave Holland	31	39	27	38	40	175	135
40 14543	Mike Delano, Harrison Twp, MI/J.Zohn, M. Gualdoni	37	35	35	30	41	178	137
41 14321	Jack Jones, Adams, NY/John Atkins, Eric Schnetler	35	29	40	39	35	178	138
42 14679	Bruce Hendry, Cutchogue, NY/C. Weicks, R. Crist	33	44	38	41	30	186	142
43 14073	*Joan Hurban, Palisades, NY/ G.Hurban, P. Wenzler	30	42	dsq	40	38	199	150
44 14854	Rick Bukowsky, Lake Orion, MI/T Bukowsky,MThompson	39	46	37	42	42	206	160
45 14111	Bob Shapiro, Arlington, MA/Jeff Baker, Abbi Seward	42	41	36	dns	dnf	217	168
46 14030	Chris Miller, New York, NY/Ward, Kolkmeier	43	45	39	44	45	216	171
47 14431	*Leon Fontier, Troupsburg, NY/B. Gillette, E.Loh-Fontier	46	47	42	43	44	222	175
48 14850	David Kunz, Feasterville, PA/R.Hathaway, E.Hathaway	45	43	41	dns	dns	227	178

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## ST. PETERSBURG WINTER CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA

St. Petersburg Yacht Club, St. Petersburg, FL, March 19-21, 1999

71 boats, 5 races, no throwout

Boat#	Skipper/Team/Hometown	Race #1	Race #2	Race #3	Race #4	Race #5	Total
1 14688	Brian Hayes, Milford, CT/Nick Mercier, Laura Jeffers	1	17	14	4	2	38
2 14725	*David Starck, Kenmore, NY/Tom Starck, Maria White	4	2	5	24	5	40
3 14834	Larry MacDonald, Jr., Carlisle, Ontario, CAN/Jody Swanson, Ian Jones	2	27	9	3	3	44
4 14926	Andy Horton, Shelburne, VT/ Bill Fastiggi, Heather Rowe	26	3	7	2	7	45
5 14752	Steve Hayden, Casselberry, FL/Barr Batzer, Dave Hood	14	7	6	7	12	46
6 14825	Bob Wardwell, Richmond, VA/Lesley Frymier, Rob Wardwell	12	8	12	10	19	61
7 14730	Jeff Linton, Tampa, FL/Amy Smith Linton, Mark Taylor	6	28	2	15	13	64
8 14927	Tim Healy, Niantic, CT/ Bill Healy, Heidi Thoma	10	20	10	20	9	69
9 14821	Ched Proctor, Southport, CT/ Dave Peck, Jay Lurie	22	34	3	14	1	74
10 14817	Paul Foerster, Garland, TX/Scott Anderson, Robert Merrick	13	11	31	23	8	86
11 14229	Matt Burridge, St. Louis, MO/Dan Moriarty, Jim Sears	15	26	25	1	21	88
12 14739	Jack Elfman, Surf City, NJ/Cindy Lister, Mike Holly	18	33	1	30	11	93
13 14881	Philip Grotheer, Annapolis, MD/Alison Stevens, Jeff Reidle	33	1	11	41	10	96
14 14880	Dan Dressel, Burke, VA/Amy Dunlea, Will Petersilge	9	32	35	11	15	102
15 14811	Tom Allen, Sr., Buffalo, NY/Jane Allen, Lisa Brauer	28	35	17	19	4	103
16 14655	Dick Hallagan, Newark, NY/Jeff Brault, Craig Thayer	17	14	53	6	20	110
17 14345	George Fisher, Hilliard, OH/Greg Shea, Tom Emch	20	38	16	8	33	115
18 14935	Lenny Krawcheck, Charleston, SC/Oliver Humphries, Jamie Ewing	29	15	23	35	16	118
19 4787	Sean Fidler, Troy, MI/Rick Rothenbuhler, Craig Koschalk	44	10	18	33	17	122
20 14768	Peter Hall, Westmount, Quebec, CAN/Jay Deakin, Jamie Allan	45	29	19	26	6	125
21 14866	Bill Mauk, Miami, FL/Cameron Carlin, Debbie Cooper	47	18	33	12	18	128
22 14842	Charlie Hess, Bloomfield Hills, MI/Norm Walters, John Mathers	7	5	30	21	bfd	135
23 14740	Bill Faude, Chicago, IL/Jared Drake, Dierk Polzin	11	24	15	13	bfd	135
24 14932	Tom Allen, Jr., Kenmore, NY/ John Humphrey, Bill Pictor	3	16	20	25	bfd	136
25 14701	Jim Harris, Augusta, GA/Connie Harris, Chris Wingard	30	36	8	28	36	138
26 14780	Colin Park, St. Petersburg, FL/Matt Bryant, Karen Park	21	23	24	48	27	143
27 14779	Jim Davis, Toledo, OH/Christine Anne Davis, Les Lashaway	41	6	37	39	28	151
28 14589	Brian Taboada, Island Heights, NJ/Wil Jeffers, Larry Colantuono	27	45	4	5	dnf	153
29 14698	Hans Birkholz, St. Petersburg, FL/Randy Shore, JoAnn Jones	43	9	34	44	24	154
30 14640	Don Brush, Charlotte, VT/Paul Gutwin, Tim Ambrose	23	21	36	9	bfd	161
31 14787	Morgan Reeser, Fort Lauderdale, FL/Louise Reeser, Bill Shore	5	39	29	27	bfd	172
32 14595	*Jim Carson, Brick, NJ/Paul Gelenitis, Greg Kinzel	37	30	47	40	23	177
33 14751	Rob Ruhlman, Cleveland, OH/ Abby Ruhlman, Ryan Ruhlman	8	31	22	45	dnc	178
34 13084	Mitch Hnatt, Brick, NJ/Michael Hnatt, Ginger Cutatio	19	56	27	60	22	184
35 14073	*Gary Hurban, Palisades, NY/Joan Hurban, Peter Wenzler	34	12	45	63	38	192
36 14758	David Gorman, Malone, NY/Rick Villamil, Valerie Tardif	25	41	32	55	42	195
37 14654	Robert Bush, Plymouth Meeting, PA/A. Sterling Bush, Dave Hess	24	53	43	52	29	201
38 14175	Ted Duffy, Red Bank, NJ/Jill Carman, David Watts	39	55	38	47	25	204
39 14833	Matt Reiser, North Brunswick, NJ/Ryan Bradley, Phil Kinzel	53	43	40	29	39	204
40 14851	Joel Humphrey, Keego Harbor, MI/Mark Allen, Ryan Flack	68	46	39	22	31	206
41 14591	Alain Boucher, Montreal, Quebec, CAN/Terry Line, Chantal Leger	48	25	ocs	50	14	209
42 13871	Gianni Cuccio, Westport, CT/Ben Lucarelli, George Wiederman	50	13	41	34	dnc	211
43 14321	Jack Jones, Adams, NY/John Atkins, Canaan Leonard	31	51	50	38	43	213
44 14634	Caroline Hoedemaker, Hopewell, NJ/Bob Hoedemaker, Mary Grace Folwell	38	60	46	37	34	215
45 13608	Matt Frymier, San Francisco, CA/Derek Gauger, Greg Maras	51	37	13	43	dnf	216
46 55	Chris Vann, Waterford, CT/Franz Edson, Norm Peck	35	19	dnf	dnc	26	224
47 14699	Allan Crew, Palmyra, NJ/Hugh Hutchison, Marc Venables	46	59	49	36	41	231
48 14649	Hank Hodgson, Manitou Beach, MI/Elissa Wyatt, Bruce Goldsmith	64	4	61	31	dnf	232
49 14066	Dominic Marsden, Miami, FL/Karol Burch, Tim Banks	60	61	21	18	dnf	232
50 14930	Jim Alman, Clearwater, FL/Roy MacPhail, Susan Wallace	52	22	ocs	16	bfd	234
51 13859	*Bruce Atkinson, Rutland, VT/Frank Atkinson, Moe L'Heureux	42	62	42	17	dnf	235
52 14397	Chad Atkins, Rochester, NY/Gunnar Richardson, Tobi Heisler	32	40	44	49	dnf	237
53 13970	Rod Koch, St. Petersburg, FL/Andrew Hayward, Dave Marsicano	16	58	51	42	bfd	239
54 14040	Roger Hicks, Beaverton, OR/Julie Hicks, Tom Holloway	36	44	55	58	47	240
55 14854	Mike Delano, Harrison Twp, MI/Justin Zohn, Michael Gualdoni	65	52	48	53	32	250
56 14679	Bruce Hendry, Cutchogue, NY/Chris Weicks, Stacy Mayer	63	50	65	46	30	254
57 14870	John Garrison, Commerce, MI/James Garrison, Bob Mathers	61	65	28	32	dnf	258
58 14713	Ed Seyerlein, Ithaca, NY/Karen O'Brien, Byrne O'Brien	49	47	60	66	37	259
59 14098	John Ward, Tampa, FL/Dan Borrer, Nate Vilardebo	57	42	56	ocs	35	262
60 14190	Pierce Barden, Raleigh, NC/Josh Crosby, Jim Mick	62	49	26	56	dnf	265
61 14800	Jon Bennett, Royal Oak, MI/Dave Novak, Russ Miller	55	57	54	57	45	268
62 14854	Rick Bukowsky, Lake Orion, MI/Traci Bukowsky, Mark Thompson	40	68	57	67	46	278
63 14111	Bob Shapiro, Arlington, MA/Jeff Baker, Abbi Seward	58	64	62	54	44	282
64 14748	Frank Kelly, Jr., Brentwood, TN/Tom Eustis, Mark Stanley	56	54	52	51	dnc	286
65 14431	*Leon Fontier, Troupsburg, NY/Brent Gillette, Eileen Loh-Fontier	69	67	59	59	48	302
66 14006	Bill Meyer, Tampa, FL/Chris Gittens, Christine Ferguson	59	66	63	65	49	302
67 14030	Chris Miller, New York, NY/Trip Kolkmeier, Chris Howard	66	69	64	64	40	303
68 14890	Pete Denton, Cherry Hill, NJ/Kevin Smith, Jamie Perkins	54	48	ocs	62	dnf	308
69 14588	Don Sherburne, St. Petersburg, FL/Dixon Duffett, Kevin Sherburne	67	63	58	61	dnf	321
70 2274	Ken See, Lakeland, FL/Ron Wulff, Tom Olsen	70	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnf	358
71 14539	Alfred C. Morton, Sea Girt, NJ/John C. Morton,	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	360

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## ST. PETERSBURG WINTER MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIP

St. Petersburg Yacht Club, St. Petersburg, FL, March 19-21, 1999

14 boats, 3 races, no throwout

Boat#	Skipper/Team/Hometown	Race #1	Race #2	Race #3	Final
1	14739 Jack Elfman, Surf City, NJ/ Cindy Lister, Mike Holly	2	1	2	5
2	14811 Tom Allen, Sr., Buffalo, NY/Jane Allen, Lisa Brauer	5	3	1	9
3	14345 George Fisher, Hilliard, OH/Greg Shea, Tom Emch	3	2	7	12
4	14640 Colin Park, Midland, MI/Matt Bryant, Karen Park	4	4	5	13
5	14655 Dick Hallagan, Newark, NY/Jeff Brault, Craig Thayer	1	11	3	15
6	14595 Jim Carson, Brick, NJ/Paul Gelenitis, Greg Kinzel	8	7	4	19
7	14779 Jim Davis, Toledo, OH/Christine Anne Davis, Les Lashaway	9	5	6	20
8	14073 Gary Hurban, Palisades, NY/Joan Hurban, Peter Wenzler	7	6	8	21
9	14321 Jack Jones, Adams, NY/John Atkins, Canaan Leonard	6	9	10	25
10	14699 Allan Crew, Palmyra, NJ/Hugh Hutchison, Marc Venables	10	8	9	27
11	14748 Frank Kelly, Jr., Brentwood, TN/Tom Eustis, Mark Stanley	11	10	dnc	36
12	14588 Don Sherburne, St. Petersburg, FL/D. Duffett, K. Sherburne	13	12	dnf	40
13	14649 Hank Hodgson, Manitou Beach, MI/E. Wyatt, B. Goldsmith	12	13	dnf	40
14	14539 Alfred C. Morton, Sea Girt, NJ/John C. Morton,	dnc	dnc	dnc	45

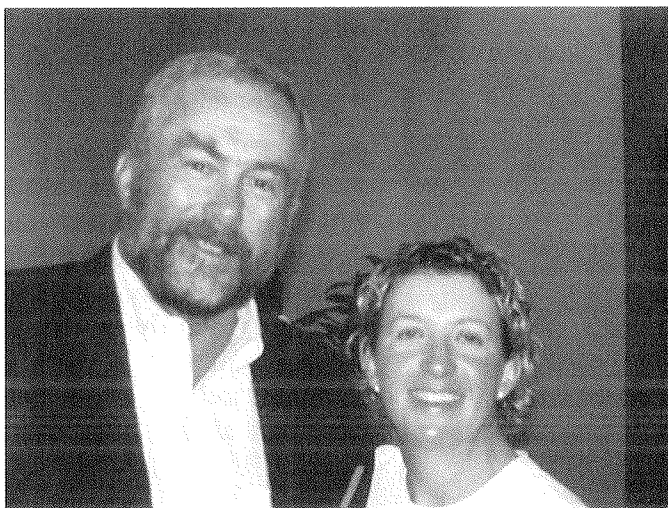
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## ST. PETERSBURG WINTER WOODIES CHAMPIONSHIP

St. Petersburg Yacht Club, St. Petersburg, FL, March 19-21, 1999

1 boat, 3 races, no throwout

Boat#	Skipper/Team/Hometown	Race #1	Race #2	Race #3	Final
2274	Ken See, Lakeland, FL/Ron Wulff, Tom Olsen	1	dnc	dnf	5



*Masters Champion  
Jack Elfman convincing  
Lesley Frymier that -yes  
she really does need more  
raffle tickets !*

*photo by Mary Huntsman*

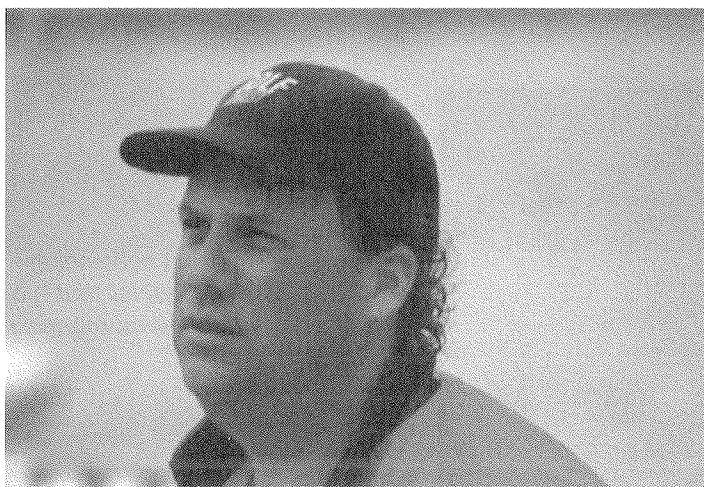
## 1999 Lightning Winter Championship

Brian Hayes

### St. Petersburg, FL, March 19-21

The first two legs of the Lightning Southern were a lot of fun for the crew of *Mouette*, our soon to be beloved borrowed boat, owned by Dr. Georges Peter. I was fortunate to have secured the crewing services of Nick Mercier, the 1998 Jr. NA Champion, for the entire circuit and had pieced together Dr. Charlie Usher to crew in Savannah, Dave Adams, to crew in Miami and my friend Laura Jeffers for St. Pete. Savannah didn't go very well for us as I found that a 6-month layoff between races is a bit to long against some of the world's best sailors. Miami was not going well either until we were t-boned by a port tackler before the start of race #2. With a gaping hole in the racing yacht *Mouette* we found, begged and borrowed duct tape and patched her up. The collision must have begun to knock some sense into me and although not a thing of beauty the temporary repair held throughout the regatta and we managed a far more respectable 7th overall. So as Nick, his dad Marcel and I drove across Alligator Alley on Wednesday night our spirits were high. We began to feel that we were sailing well together and with Laura joining the team in St. Petersburg we were hopeful for a good finish. I have sailed the Winter Championships for the better part of the last 12 years or so and, never having had a finish in the top 10, our goal was to try and break into that group.

The first day of sailing was on Friday. The Race Committee attempted a morning race but the possibilities looked bleak. A dying northerly breeze tempted all 71 boats out to the course and we managed to get 1.5 legs in before there was no wind at all. The race was abandoned and we were towed in for lunch. Now the real trouble began. Laura had to be at work at 5pm. Things didn't look good. Around 1pm the seabreeze began to come in and all 71 boats headed out again.



Our happy winning skipper-Brian Hayes

photo by Mary Huntsman

### Race #1

This race was certainly a sign of good things to come. Make no mistake about it. We were very lucky!! The RC set a 4 leg W/L course and set the mark at 220. We were still getting organized when the 6-5-1 sequence started. The breeze was light, around 4- 6mph and kind of hinting right. We got to the line a little late near the committee boat and were buried at the start. A quick tack to port to clear our air was met by our not being able to cross the committee boat. We tacked again and waved 5 or 6 port tackers across, including Jack Elfman and Morgan Reeser. As soon as these boats crossed we had a clear lane and read the compass- 215. Hmm! What is that orange thing on our bow? Looks like the weather mark.. After that we just put the pedal to the metal and went fast. It took 3-4 minutes to work over everyone to leeward of us and Nick kept an eye out to weather to see when the group we ducked was going to look for the mark!! Half way up the beat we were very far ahead and our only concern was would we have to tack again. Just as I was about to tack to get in line we got lifted another 5 and I was able to pinch around the mark. We set right away and gybed at the offset and sailed what was now a fairly tight reach to the leeward mark. At this point Larry MacDonald, David Starck, Morgan Reeser and Tom Allen Jr. were all fighting it out for the top 5. The RC moved the weather mark to 260 for the next windward leg, but right was still the way to go. We drag raced out on port until Larry tacked and then loose covered him and the group to the mark. Another set and quick gybe at the offset and the parade to the finish was on. We were 1st, followed by Larry, Tommy, David and Morgan.

Our joy was a bit diminished by the fact that the RC was going to race another and it was 3:30. Laura had to be at work in 1-1/2 hours. The RC was going with a 5 leg W/L. We sailed over to a powerboater watching the races and asked if he was staying until the end. He said he would and as soon as we finished he would blast over and pick Laura up and bring her in. This was a huge thing. As it turns out she was only an hour or so late and she didn't get in trouble! Another break was going our way!

### Race #2

The seabreeze was in and had almost settled at 260-270. The breeze built all race up to 14mph or so. My thoughts were that since the breeze had settled, playing the shifts was important so we started somewhat near the pin. Good theory but 20 minutes too early. The breeze continued to work all the way to 270 before stopping and the boats that went right, once again, were well ahead. The leaders included Phil Grotheer, Charlie Hess, Andy Horton, David Starck and Hank

Hodgson. We managed to round between 45-50th. But we were in good company with Larry and Ched Proctor and a few other hotshots. We managed to get by a few on the first run and really gained by working the shifts on the left the 2nd beat to get back in the high 20's. By this time, Phil had the race well in hand for his 2nd race win during the circuit. David Starck was the envy of the world with a 2nd to go along with his first race 4th. Andy Horton picked up after a bad first race to finish 3rd. Hank Hodgson followed in 4th with Charlie Hess, sailing very well, in 5th. We managed to continue to grind and caught a few just before the finish for a respectable 17th.

By the end of racing Friday everyone seemed cured. It was a very long day and had been a long circuit for many. Laura had darted out to work and Nick and I were tired. Marcel, Nick and I went to a Mexican Seafood Restaurant for dinner and called it a night.

Saturday morning brought fog and NO wind. The RC postponed at the dock and told everyone to be back at 1pm. Many sailors took off and headed for the beach and a few started a game of Ultimate Frisbee. After lunch at the club the RC got reports of the seabreeze building and we all started sailing out for race #3.

### Race #3

With the breeze building a little later than yesterday it began to settle right much earlier. Everyone knew right was the way to go but we settled for a middle to leeward end start for the 4 leg W/L course. As predicted, right was the way to go and Jack Elfman and Jeff Linton got to the right first and they were gone. We worked the middle right fairly well and got to the top mark around 12th. We were not able to get in the passing lane up high on the run and lost a few boats by the leeward mark. At this point the wind had filled to 270 and the course became much squarer. We worked the right hard on the next beat only to lose a few from the left. We got 1 or 2 back for a 14th while Jack held off Jeff for the win. Ched Proctor was beginning to get loosened up and was 3rd followed by Brian Taboada and "Super" Dave Starck.

At this point of the regatta everyone has had a bad race except David. Steve Hayden has stayed consistent and is in 2nd while our team is in the mix with a very fast Bob Wardwell, Andy Horton, Tom Allen Jr., Larry MacDonald and Jeff Linton. After 3 races these are the only teams that have under 40pts!!!!

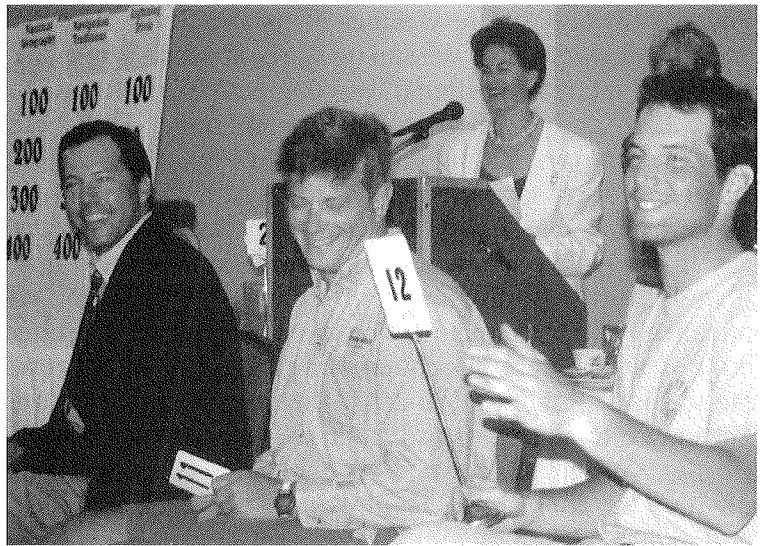
### Race #4

Just like race #2, but the wind is truly settled at 270. No surprises in this race as new names once again dot the leader board. Matt Burrige finally managed to shake the Lake Carlyle effect snow off and jumped out to a lead that

(as he told me) try as he might he could not lose. Andy Horton passed us 3 times this race (we only passed him twice) to finish 2nd. Larry was very fast up the last beat to take 3rd and we nipped Brian Taboada, as he was doing a 720 on the finish line for 4th. Brian got straightened out in time to beat Dick Hallagan for 5th. Steve Hayden continued his consistency with a 7th. We looked for David after we finished. Being buried at the start and missing a few shifts put the Starck/Starck/White team back in the mid 20's. All of this led up to what was to be an exciting last race at St. Pete that would not only determine the Winter Champion but the Overall Circuit crown.

Going into Sunday's final race a lot is up for grabs. David's 24th in race 4 brought a large group of boats into contention for the Bishop Trophy. Steve Hayden is leading after 3 races with David 1 point behind him and our team 1 point behind David's. Any of the top 6 can reasonably win the regatta with only an 8-point difference between 1st and 6th. Also, Andy now has a 1-point lead on David for the circuit crown and he holds the tiebreaker. Very exciting stuff.

The banquet was held on Saturday night and, as usual, the food was great. Jack Elfman ran a very success full 50/50 raffle for the class and raised over \$900. The regatta organizing committee also ran a game of "Lightning Jeopardy", complete with a "Pat Sajak" and several "Vanna's". Everyone had a great time.



Dan Dressel, Bill Fastiggi and Rick Villamil in a round of "Lightning Jeopardy".

photo by Mary Huntsman

### Race #5

The breeze is blowing from the SW on Sunday morning but this is a different breeze than the one we have been sailing in for the past 2 days. A cool front is passing over Florida north of Tampa and this is a pure system breeze. We sail out at 8:15 for our 9:30 start and the breeze continues to build. By 9:30 it is a steady 14mph. Once again, luck is on our teams side as all 5 general recalls have us buried at the start. Everyone wants to work right and Nick,





*A bruised,  
battered,  
but wealthier  
Chris Vann  
Winner of 1999  
50/50 raffle at  
St. Petersburg  
Yacht Club*

*photo by Mary Huntsman*

Laura and I discuss our options. I'm not convinced banging right is the thing to do and both Nick and Laura agree that they don't really care which way I drive the boat as long as I get it somewhere NEAR the line when the gun goes off this time!!!! The RC has the "Black Flag" flying for restart #5 and the start goes. The RC got 7 or 8 over earlies and we won't know who until they post the results.

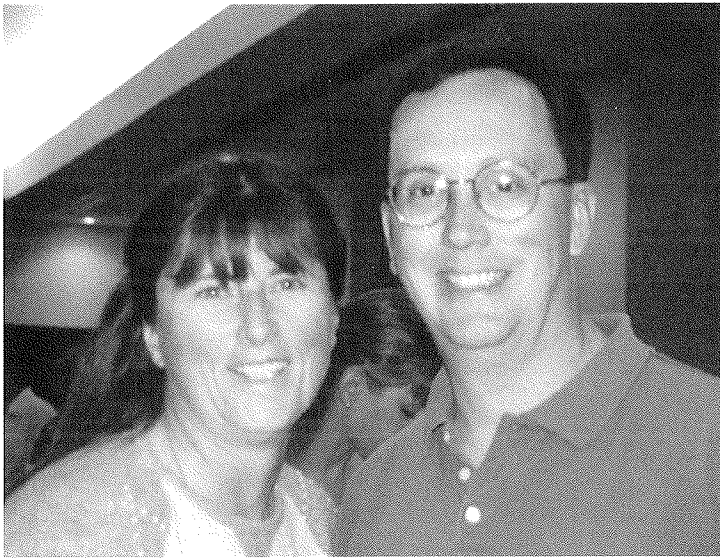
We get a very good start near the pin with Morgan and Bill Faude a bit bow out to weather of us and Tom Allen Sr. going well to leeward. We sail on starboard for a while and Nick tells me we are lifted a few degrees. We continue to work hard and begin to sail out from under Bill and Morgan. Tom is hanging in well off our leeward bow. Bill tacks and Nick says we are now down 5. We can cross Morgan and we tack and he tacks at the same time. We are now lifted 8-10 and it's blowing 18mph and very choppy. It was beautiful! After about 4-5 minutes we have worked out ahead of Morgan and the crowd on the right is coming back at us. We are clearly crossing everyone as we near the starboard layline. We cross David and Andy. As we get closer to the starboard layline Nick says the magic words, "We're back down 5". I'm not sure if he was making it up but we tacked. David was coming back across on port and we tacked on him for the last 100yds of port tack. David tacked again to clear and we planted on him. This forced him to tack back again and we (barely) managed to squeeze around the mark. Having to tack 2 extra times put David clearly behind but still in 2<sup>nd</sup>. Larry, Ched, Tom Jr., Tom Sr., and Brian Taboada were all in the mix. Steve was back in the teens and Andy was just in the top 10. Nick and Laura did a great job with puffs and wind on the run and we opened up a bit on everyone but Ched who rounded the mark and held for longer on starboard than everyone else. This allowed him to gybe outside of everyone and ride the waves at a much better and faster angle towards the lee-

ward mark while the rest of us had to try to work low on every wave and went a fair bit slower. At the drop we were still 1st, Ched had moved to 2nd and Larry was 3rd. This was much better for us. Having Ched and Larry as a buffer is a very good thing.

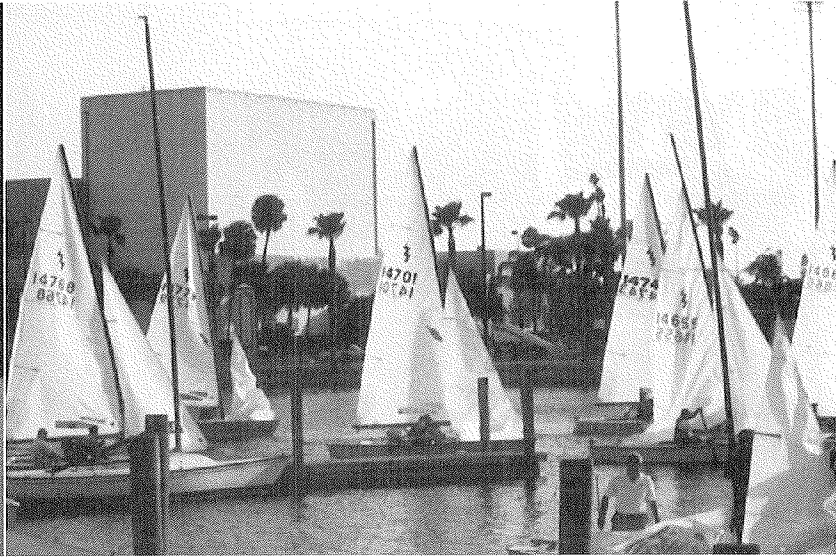
We stayed on port and kept an eye on David. Our strategy was to stay on the same tack as him. Ched was moving very well, as was Larry. 2/3rd of the way up the beat we tacked to port and, although we may have been able to cross, opted to duck Ched. He tacked on our hip and road us out to layline (+ a little). A discussion ensued as to whether Ched was going to tack to the mark that was behind us. We tacked at the same time and rounded overlapped. Ched set first and took off on a wave while we were cautious and followed behind. We were able to surf to the inside and the two of us took off on a plane and left Larry and everyone else 100+ yds behind. At this point the breeze was in the low 20's and Nick, Laura and I had a discussion about being conservative. With Ched 1 boat length to leeward in this wild stuff and nothing to be gained by pressing out of control we bridled in the horses a bit, choked down the spinnaker and made a point of keeping the mast in the boat and the boat right side up. Ched was able to catch a wave to leeward and surf across our bow smiling.

At the leeward mark we dropped early and were able to stay high and hold a tiny lane just above Ched's hip. We all held on port to nearly the layline as storm clouds were building over St. Pete and we wanted to sail towards them. Ched tacked and Larry and our team followed suit. Now it was just a matter of keeping upright and watch the battle between David and Andy. David was ahead of Andy and covering him tightly. David needed one boat between him and Andy to win the circuit and felt fairly comfortable as he had Peter Hall, Bill Faude and Morgan Reeser between them going into the finish. As they approached the finish line David was neck and neck with Peter. Both boats shot the line and David beat Peter by 6". These 6" were critical for when Bill and Morgan crossed they didn't get horns. Both had been OCS at the start. So after 9 days, 12 races, 3 regattas and nearly 3000 miles the Southern Circuit was decided by 6". It was fun to watch. In the end we held our 2nd place in the race to win St. Pete by 2 points over David.

I have to thank my teammates Laura Jeffers and Nick Mercier. They were great all weekend and a lot of fun to have on the boat. I also need to thank Dr. Georges Peter for the use of the rocketship "Mouette" and Tom Allen Jr. for fixing the hole in "Mouette". The St. Petersburg Yacht Club did their usual outstanding job hosting this event.



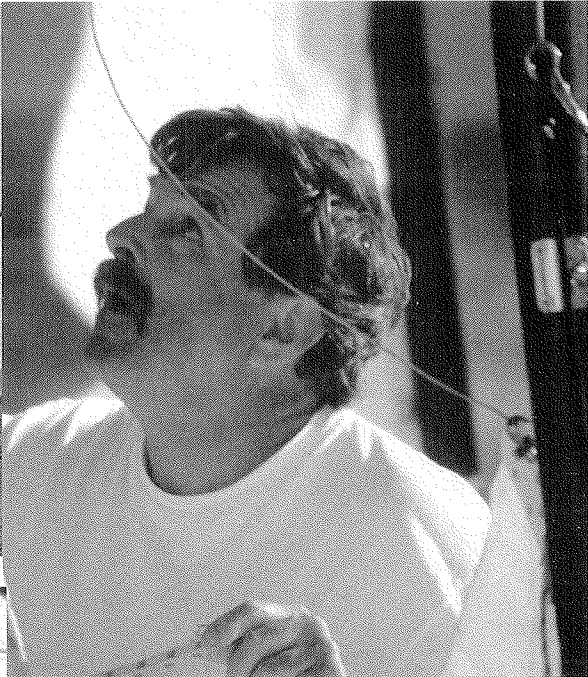
Bob and Sterling Bush enjoying the banquet



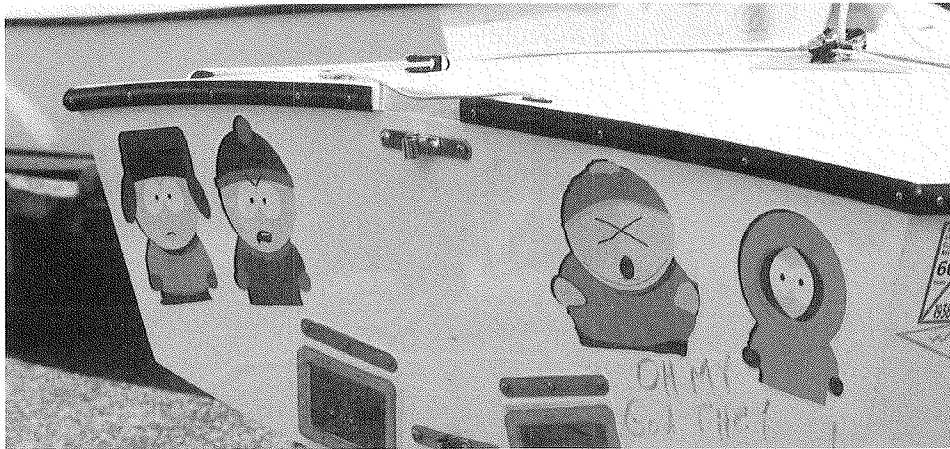
The end of a long day on the water



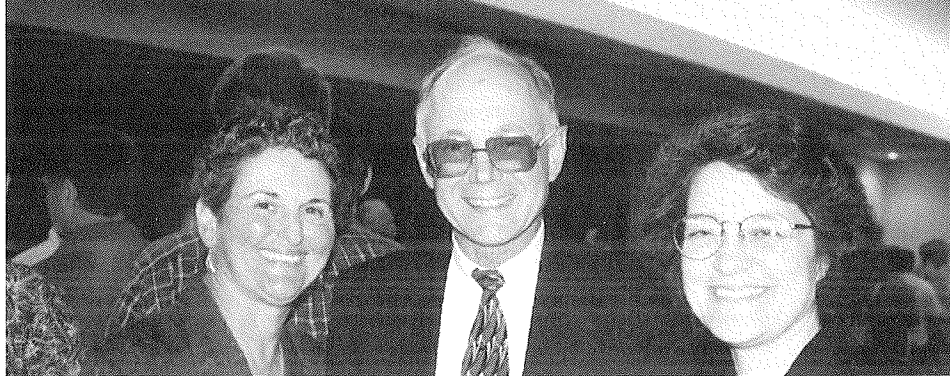
St. Pete starting line- photo by Char Doyle



JimDavis readying for lift out



Ched Proctor supervising the washing of his boat



left- Joan and Gary Hurban with Karen Johnson

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**HAPPY HOUR!!**

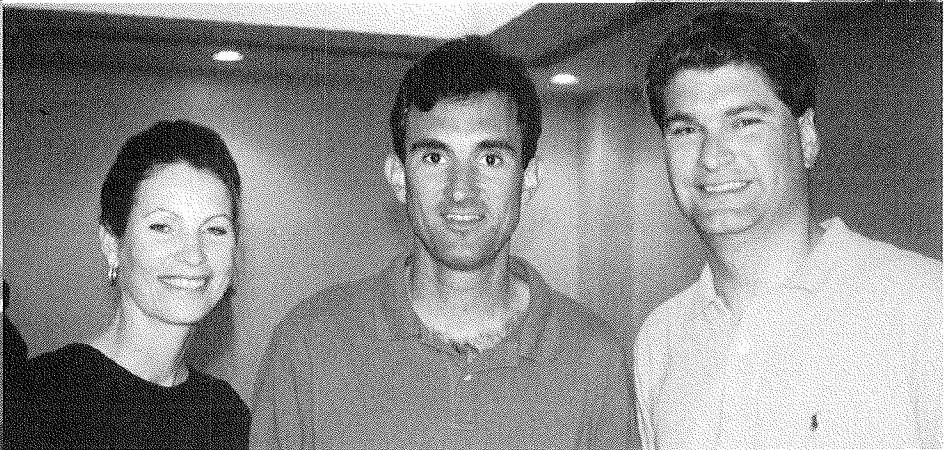
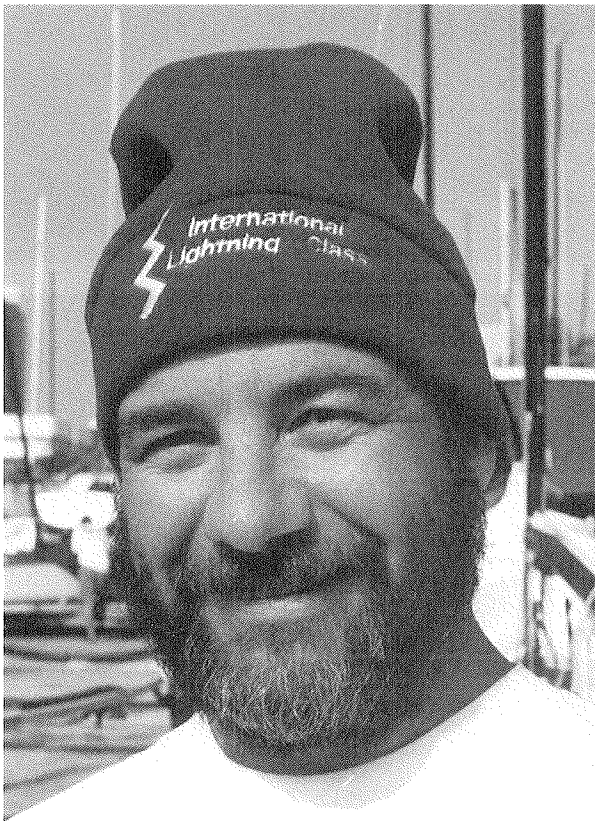
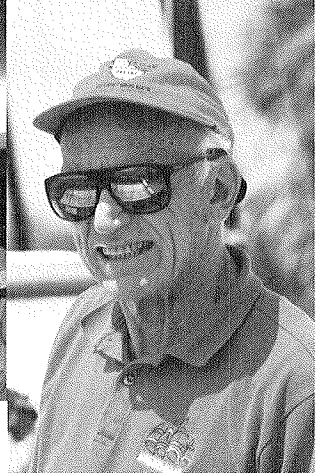
*Matt Burridge, Paul Foerster, and Dick Hallagan on the run- photo by Char Doyle*



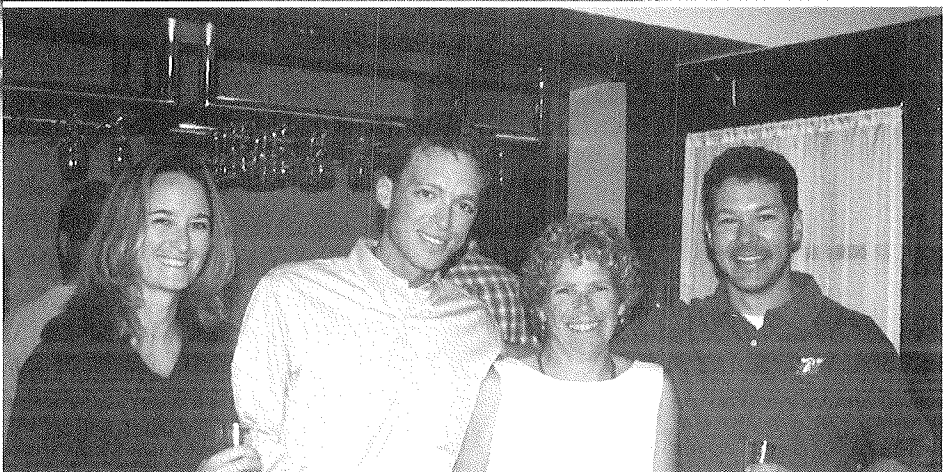
*JoAnn Jones and Randy Shore displaying the 2 whitest smiles in the Lightning Class!*



*above--Bar Batzer, Bill Faude and Dominic Marsden cutting their chances right--- "Papa" George Fisher*



*above--Matt Bryant sporting the latest in ILCA high fashion  
top right- Connie Harris, Jim Harris and Chris Wingard  
below right- Debbie Cooper, Sean Fidler,  
Karen Park and Derek Gauger*





left-- Rick Bukowsky hot on the tail of Peter Hall

below-- Circuit Champion Team in action

photos courtesy of Dennis Kelly

The last stop on the Circuit is St. Petersburg Yacht Club for the grand finale, the Winter Championship Regatta. After sailing consistently in both Savannah and Miami, we were excited to have an opportunity to compete for both St. Pete and the Circuit overall. With seventy-two teams vying for the Winter Championship, it wasn't going to be easy.

Our game plan in St. Pete was no different than it was when we first set out in Savannah - sail conservatively - fast - avoid big mistakes - we knew that if these objectives were met, we would be sailing for first place. Other than one poor start which led to a twenty-fourth place, consistency paid off.

It was a great feeling to win the Overall Circuit. It was even better to win it as a co-skipper with Tommy and with Maria (she deserves it - she puts up with a lot .... ).

## 1999 SOUTHERN CIRCUIT

**David Starck,**

**Co-skipper Overall Southern Circuit Champion**

The 1999 Lightning Southern Circuit presented another tremendous competitor turnout. With just under forty teams participating in the overall circuit, the ten-day, three regatta event proved to be one of the best ever. Due to adverse weather conditions, sailors witnessed an abbreviated two-race regatta in Savannah. Biscayne Bay, Miami treated us to near-perfect winds and weather and a five race series; and the seventy-two boat fleet in St. Petersburg enjoyed tough competition, a variety of wind conditions and lots of fun in the sun.

As is the case with many teams, our aspirations were to sail fast, conservatively, avoid the big mistakes and try to be in a position in St. Pete to win overall honors. Co-skippering with my brother, Tom, as well as having crew guru Maria White onboard, I knew the weakest link in our team would be me crewing in Savannah. We managed to get through Savannah without anyone getting hurt. I'm sure Tommy would have preferred a better middle crew.

The Coral Reef Yacht Club in Miami was a welcome sight after spending the weekend in Savannah. Not only was there an improvement in the weather, I was no longer crewing. Biscayne Bay is a terrific place to race sailboats. The optimum sailing conditions, coupled with 50 boats and a top-notch RC, made for a fun five-race series.



1999

## Overall Southern Circuit, March 13-21

## 12 Races, 1 Throwout

## Savannah Deep South Regatta, 49 Boats, 2 Races

## Miami Midwinter Regatta, 48 Boats, 5 Races

## St. Petersburg Winter Championship Regatta, 71 Boats, 5 Races

Boat #	Team	Sav1	Sav2	Mia1	Mia2	Mia3	Mia4	Mia5	StP1	StP2	StP3	StP4	StP5	Total	Final
1 14725	Dave Starck/Tom Starck, Maria White,Dave/Tom Starck	8	16	4	4	6	13	9	4	2	5	24	5	100	76
2 14926	Andy Horton, Bill Fastiggi, Heather Rowe	2	2	15	9	8	10	12	26	3	7	7	2	103	77
3 14752	Steve Hayden, Barr Batzer, Dave Hood	7	5	6	14	7	9	46	14	7	6	7	12	110	94
4 14927	Tim Healy, Bill Healy, Andy Kotoun/Heidi Thoma	3	6	1	2	18	8	5	10	20	10	20	9	130	110
5 14688	Brian Hayes,Nick Mercier, Adams/Laura Jeffers	18	20	23	10	2	6	18	1	17	14	4	2	135	112
6 14821	Ched Proctor, Dave Peck, Jay Lurie	ees	12	10	1	3	11	6	22	34	3	14	1	168	117
7 14834	Larry MacDonald,T.Born/I.Jones, J.MacDonald/Swanson	ees	8	3	23	13	15	15	2	27	9	3	3	172	121
8 14655	Dick Halligan, Jeff Breault, Craig Thayer	4	4	7	16	20	4	28	17	14	53	6	20	193	140
9 14739	Jack Elfman, Cindy Lister, Mike Holly	12	7	11	12	19	22	3	18	23	1	30	11	179	146
10 14932	Tom Allen, Jr.,John Humphrey,Sterling Bush/Bill Pictor	16	9	9	5	15	25	4	3	16	20	25	66	219	148
11 14825	Bob Wardwell, Lesley Frymier, R.Edwards/ R.Wardwell	ees	21	8	15	16	1	31	12	8	12	10	19	204	153
12 14740	Bill Faude, Jared Drake, Dierk Polzin	1	14	12	3	dsq	3	14	11	24	15	13	66	231	159
13 14787	Morgan Reeser, Louise Reeser, Bill Shore	6	1	24	6	5	19	1	5	39	29	27	66	234	162
14 14881	Phil Grotheer, Alison Stevens, Jeff Reidle	19	24	13	21	1	7	46	33	1	11	41	10	230	181
15 14640	Don Brush, Paul Gutwin, Tim Ambrose	17	19	5	17	14	34	21	23	21	36	9	66	288	216
16 14866	Bill Mauk, Cameron Carlin, Deborah Cooper	5	18	19	11	10	ees	27	47	18	33	12	18	267	217
17 14811	Tom Allen, Sr.,Jane Allen, Tim Banks/Lisa Brauer	13	17	28	34	31	14	17	28	35	17	19	4	267	229
18 14698	Hans Birkholz,Randy Shore, JoAnn Jones	20	13	22	20	12	21	11	43	9	34	44	24	273	229
19 14591	Alain Boucher, Terry Line, Chantal Leger	21	3	2	18	dsq	12	23	48	25	ees	50	14	337	264
20 13871	Gianni Cuccio, Ben Lucarelli, George Wiederman	23	22	21	13	21	20	13	50	13	41	34	46	344	272
21 14751	Rob Rohlman, Abby Ruhlman, Kip Hamblet/Ryan Ruhlman	10	dns	36	24	4	23	20	8	31	22	45	22	345	273
22 13084	Mitch Hnatt, Michael Hnatt, Ginger Cutaio	22	23	44	27	23	36	29	19	56	27	60	22	388	328
23 14595	Paul Gelenitis/Greg Kinzel/Jim Carson	11	26	ees	32	dsq	33	2	37	30	47	40	23	381	331
24 14758	David Gorman, Rick Villamil, Valerie Tardif	28	25	28	26	30	28	39	25	41	32	55	42	399	344
25 14066	Dominic Marsden, Karole Birch, Scott Cowe/Tim Banks	30	30	29	37	17	27	24	60	61	21	18	46	426	354
26 14397	Chad Atkins, Gunnar Richardson, Toby Heisler	27	15	14	19	dsq	ocs	19	32	40	44	49	37	429	358
27 14634	Caroline Hoedemaker,Bob Hoedemaker, Mary Grace Folwell	25	33	20	36	32	31	34	38	60	46	37	34	426	366
28 13859	Frank Atkinson/Bruce Atkinson,Moe L'Heureux	15	dnf	ocs	25	33	26	22	42	62	42	17	46	455	383
29 14073	Joan Hurban/Gary Hurban,Peter Wenzler	33	32	30	42	dsq	40	38	34	12	45	63	38	456	393
30 14190	Pierce Barden, Josh Crosby, Jim Mick	24	29	26	31	24	29	37	62	49	26	56	36	465	393
31 14321	Jack Jones, John Atkins, Eric Schmetler/ Canaan Leonard	dns	28	35	29	40	39	35	31	51	50	38	43	469	418
32 14748	Frank Kelly, Tom Eustis, Mark Stanley	31	42	17	33	28	37	33	56	54	52	51	46	505	433
33 14098	John Ward, Dan Borrer, Nate Vilardebo	dns	dnf	40	38	35	30	41	65	42	56	53	35	520	448
34 14543	Mike Delano, Justin Zohn, Michael Gualdoni	dns	35	37	35	37	28	36	10	68	57	67	46	574	506
35 14854	Rick Bukowsky, Traci Bukowsky, Mark Thompson	40	dns	39	46	37	42	dns	58	64	62	54	44	572	508
36 14111	Bob Shapiro, Jeff Baker, Abbi Seward	37	36	42	41	36	42	44	69	67	59	59	48	595	526
37 14431	Leon Fontier, Brent Gillette, Eileen Loh-Fontier	32	39	46	47	42	43	44	69	67	64	64	40	600	531
38 14030	Chris Miller, Trip Kolkmeier, Ward/Howard	41	40	43	45	39	44	45	66	69	64	64	40	600	531