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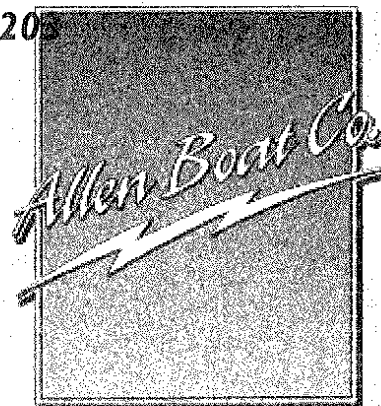
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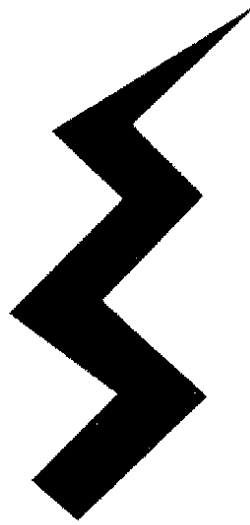
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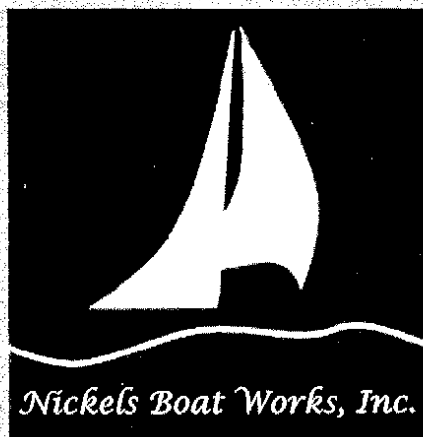
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A Note from Mary:

In traveling this year, I started with a visit to the Class Office in Columbus, Ohio and ended the year with a visit to Nashville, Tennessee where the office is now located. The office is changing from the volumes of paper storage to the CD storage of tomorrow. Our Website is undergoing many changes, making it a useful source of information today and into the future.

It was my pleasure to be with the wonderful class people at St. Pete, Florida in March. I went on to Europe and watched the Greek team win the World Youth Championship and visited this year's site of the Worlds in Marsala, Italy. I crewed in the Masters in Deltaville, Virginia and then went up to enjoy Annapolis and all the action there. My travels also included trips to Chicago, to New Orleans (for the US Sailing Meeting) and many times back and forth to Vermont.

We are very fortunate, to have a Class with so many good people. It has been my pleasure to work with so many of you.

Many hours have been spent on redoing the Constitution and By-laws and keeping up with the changes in the Rules governing all sanctioned regattas. There are also many new ideas in the works, including a video, some new marketing plans, an almost healthy treasury and just fun stuff to do and enjoy. I could thank a lot of individuals here but the list is far to long.

As we sail into the next century, we have a lot of positive ideas going with us. A wonderful boat to sail, whether it be to race or to just kick back, have a beer and enjoy the day. Working on the new one or old, color me happy. When asked to help, the answer is "yes, I can do that...", and our membership does.

Remember what I like best is taking your picture, so SMILE!

Thank You, Mary

Officers

President - Mary Huntsman

Mary and her husband Sandy started sailing at Monmouth Boat Club in 1959 and bought Lightning # 1239 with a friend who skippered the boat. In 1961 at Quantico, they bought Olsen #8101 and Sandy started to skipper. Together, they have owned over thirty boats including brand new #15052.

Mary loves the Lightning class and loved serving as President. Mary's Presidency took her to South America and Europe as well as all over North America allowing her to meet so many other sailors that love our boat and Class.

Mary will continue her work and support of the class as well as being the 'unofficial' class photographer.



Secretary - Francisco "Paco" Sola Tanca

Paco has sailed Lightnings for as long as he can remember. He started crewing for his father and now drives his own, brand new, "Zorro Loco".

Paco has a wonderful family of wife Daniela and two sons, Paquito and Eduardito. Paco is the General Manager of the family's advertising agency in Guayaquil.

Paco is a fabulous supporter of our class in his own country as well as worldwide.

"You can never have too much sailing in your life!"



Treasurer - Bill Fastiggi

Bill began sailing Lightnings by crewing for his dad in the early 70s. Bill bought his first boat in 1987.

Since then he's been active on the regatta circuit and sailing on his home waters of Lake Champlain in VT.

When he's not racing Lightnings or counting the ILCA's money, he works as a sailmaker and as the manager of Shore Sails in Burlington, VT.



Chief Measurer - Colin Park

Colin's first exposure to Lightnings was as crew in 1970. He had a break from Lightning sailing when he prepared for and sailed in the 1976 Olympics for Canada. He bought his first Lightning in 1982 and has been hooked ever since.

Colin actively races with his wife Karen as forward crew in both Lightnings and Snipes.



Honorary Commodore - Calvin Schmiede

Cal began sailing career as a boy in Wisconsin in ice boats.

He started sailing Lightnings in 1952 and bought his first one in 1960.

Cal is married to the lovely Judy Schmiede and they live in Lewiston, NY.

As well as serving as President of the Class, Cal was Chief Measurer from 1996-1998. Cal served the class well for many years, from yearbook editor, assistant measurer, Chief Measurer and President.



Executive Secretary - Karen Johnson

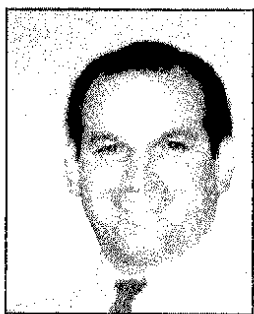
Karen began sailing Lightnings as a child with her parents, Kirk and Edna, in Memphis, Tennessee.

After a hectic half year of relocating the ILCA Office to Nashville, Tennessee Karen and her son Evan are settled in and enjoying the fellow sailors at Harbor Island Yacht Club on Old Hickory Lake.

Evan is excited about being old enough for Junior Sailing this summer!



Vice Presidents



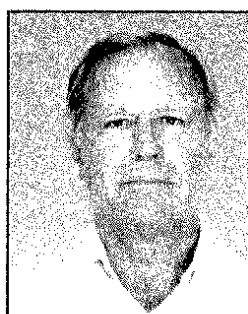
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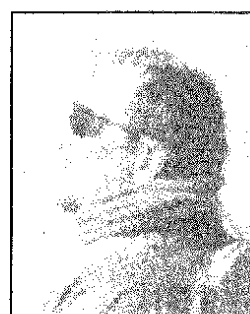
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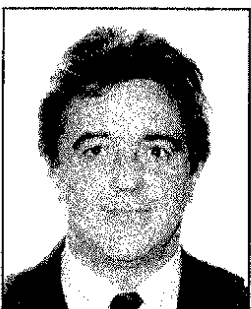
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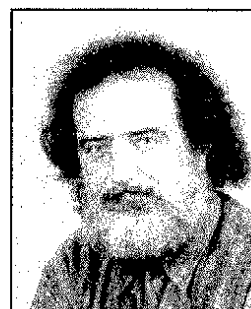
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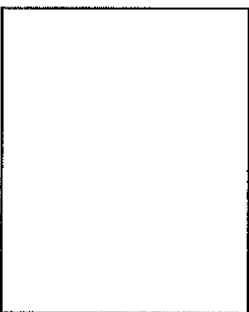
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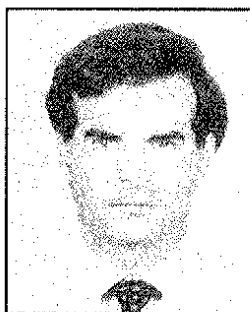
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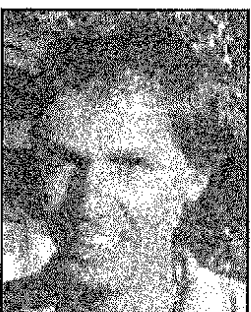
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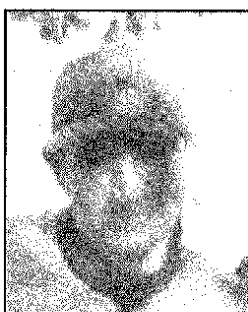
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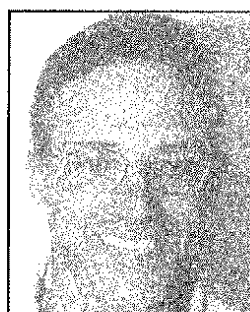
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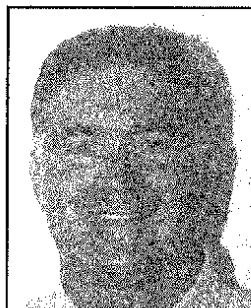
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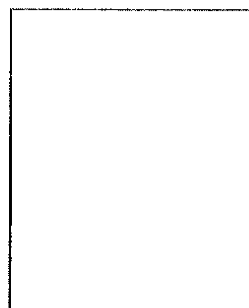
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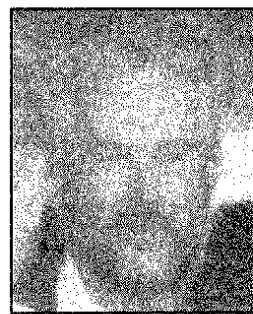
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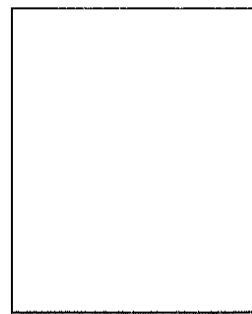
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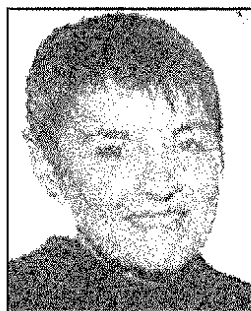
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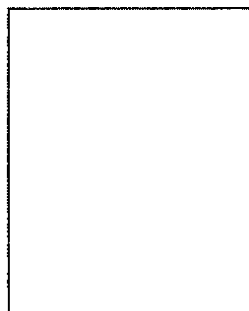
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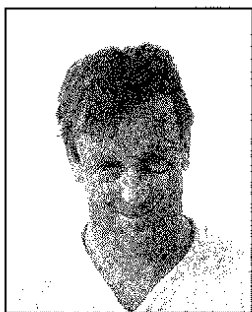
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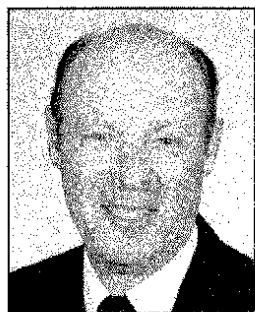
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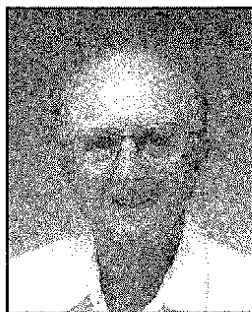
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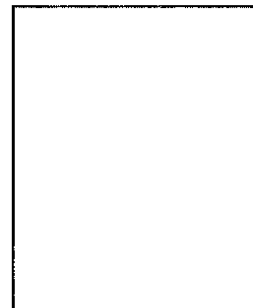
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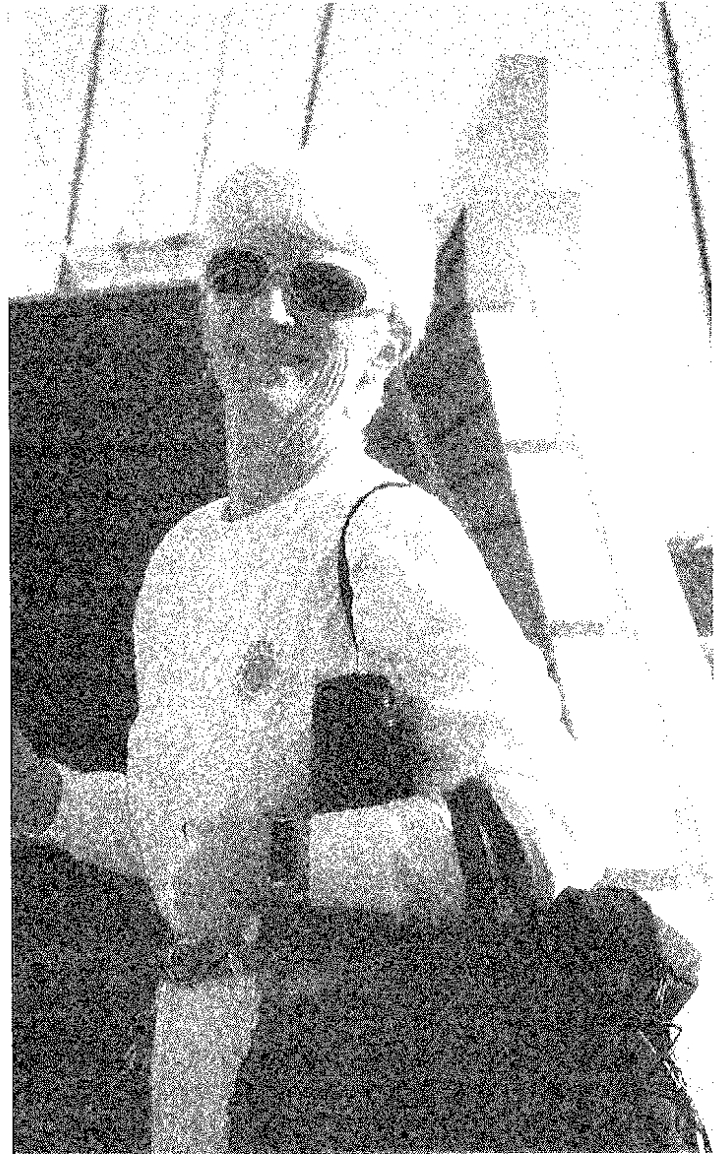
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We would like to say thank you for your years of service, dedication and love for our Class and boat. You and Sandy have spent generously of your time and money for the good and promotion of the Class.

You have made sure we are part of The Atlantic City boat show. You have traveled our country and world to meet sailors and Lightning owners. You are the "unofficial" class photographer (without which there would be very few photos in our yearbook!).

You have spent time in the Class in all possible positions. First as a crew, then boat owner, on to parent and grandparent of sailors. You've worked countless hours at the Fleet and District levels. You've cared enough to work for us nationally and internationally as a Vice President, then Treasurer and then two terms as Class President. For what at many times (probably too many) must seem like a thankless job- we would like to say THANK YOU!

If the Lightning Class had a dozen more of you we would be strong forever! We can only hope that your love for the class and the sailors sticks with you for many years to come. Again, we appreciate your time, efforts, energy and love of the boat and Class.



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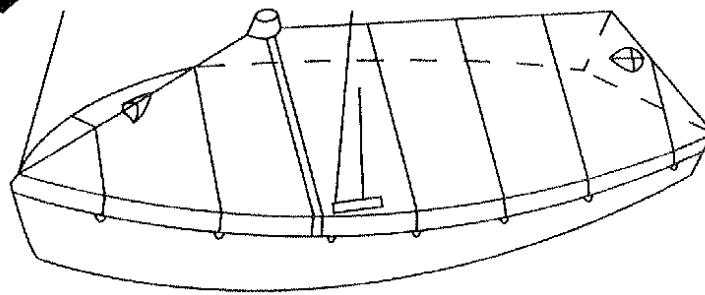
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Position	Sail #	Skipper/Team	Race #1	Race #2	Total
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2	14752	Steve Hayden (Casselberry, FL), Dave Hood, Barr Batzer	2	4	6
3	14730	Jeff Linton (Tampa, FL), Amy Smith Linton, Mark Taylor	8	2	10
4	14932	Tom Allen Jr (Kenmore, NY), Kathryn Josenhans, John Humphreys	5	5	10
5	14045	Greg Fisher (Gahanna, OH), Charlie Usher, Jeff Eiber	4	7	11
6	14740	Bill Faude (Chicago, IL), Ernie Dieball, Jared Drake	12	3	15
7	14958	Bill Fastiggi (Burlington, VT), Heather Rowe, Tim Ambrose	3	12	15
8	14821	Brian Hayes (Milford, CT), JoAnn Jones, Nick Mercier	9	6	15
9	11649	Hector Longarela (Buenos Aires, Argentina), Hugo Longarela, Victor Lobos	7	9	16
10	14881	Philip Grotheer (Annapolis, MD), Ed Petit de Mange, Dave Adams	6	13	19
11	14739	Jack Elfman (Surf City, NJ), Mike Holly, Cindy Lister	11	10	21
12	14655	Richard Hallagan (Newark, NY), Tammi Jamison, Jeff Brault	10	11	21
13	14371	Tom Starck (Lakewood, OH), Dave Starck, Maria White	14	8	22
14	14960	Jim Carson (Brick, NJ), Ryan Dunn, Greg Kinzel	13	15	28
15	14595	Mitch Hnatt (Brick, NJ), Ginger Cutalo, Rick Pokorny	15	16	31
16	14397	Tobi Heisler (St. Louis, MO), Chad Atkins, Sean Carroll	18	14	32
17	14174	Matt Simpson (Mississauga, ONT), Trevor Wallace, Dan Sprague	16	22	38
18	14870	John Garrison (Commerce, MI), James Garrison, Paul Sobotka	17	24	41
19	14028	Jamie Brickell (Sykesville, MD), Susan Brickell, Kimberly Brickell	24	18	42
20	14866	Bill Mauk (Miami, FL), April Richards, Dominic Marsden	19	23	42
21	14321	Jack Jones (Adams, NY), John Atkins, Matt Atkins	23	21	44
22	14492	Dave Watts (Mountainside, NJ), Ted Duffy, Robert Watts	29	17	46
23	14923	Jed Dodge (Sodus Point, NY), Jay Marino, Bob King	27	19	46
24	14758	David Gorman (Malone, NY), Valerie Tardif, Chantal Leger	21	28	49
25	14714	David Sprague (Toronto, ONT), Meredith Allen, Cathy Bowman	30	20	50
26	13888	Patrick Zachary (Burlington, VT), Kika Bronger, Suzanne Hebel	25	25	50
27	14111	Bob Shapiro (Bow Lake, NH), Brad Winslow, Jeff Baker	22	29	51
28	14318	John Sawyer (Wilmington, NC)	26	27	53
29	14543	Mike Delano (Harrison Township, MI), Justin Zohn, Michael Gualdone	28	26	54
30	14062	Frank Atkinson (Loxahatchee, FL), Paul Gelenitis, Rick Villamil	20	35	55
31	13602	Joe Ray (Nottingham, NH), Moe L'Heureux, Marcel Mercier	31	30	61
32	11771	William Sloger (Charleston, SC)	35	35	70
33	12184	David Huber (Savannah, GA), Lynn Huber, Keith Singleton	35	35	70
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Savannah Deep South 2000

Bill Fastiggi

Typical Savannah. What a great way to open the season. 35 boats made it here this year. I can't understand why more folks don't make it to this regatta. It is definitely one of my favorites. The Savannah Yacht Club should give lessons on how to put on regattas. John McIntosh Jr. runs impeccable races in the most challenging conditions. The Savannah Yacht Club puts on a great dinner, t-shirts, lunches for both days, and coffee and donuts all for \$110.

Wind was out of the south to SSW Saturday. The tide was going out all day, so the current was pushing us upwind. Race one started after two general recalls with Jack Elfman leading the way at the first weather mark. We got flushed off the line and got to the weather mark in about 20th. The pack was all pretty tight as we headed to the reeds to get out of the current. We managed to weave and bob our way down the leg and passed a big group of boats before the left hand turn up the Skidaway River. Larry MacDonald got by Jack, and pulled away from the pack. We managed to continue to pick off a few boats each leg, and had a good duel for second with Steve Hayden on the last two legs. Steve ended up ahead of us after we both closed the gap on Larry's big lead. Greg Fisher had a comeback similar to our own and ended up 4th.

Race two started immediately afterwards with Bill Faude leading at the first mark. The breeze was up a little for the start and looked like it might be building for the race, but turned out to be just as shifty and puffy as usual. We rounded the top mark in about 15th and stayed there most of the race. Larry MacDonald and Jeff Linton eventually ground down Bill Faude. Brian Hayes and Tom Starck made big comeback moves on the second downwind leg to jump up into the lead pack.

Weather forecast was for a large front to come through late in the afternoon, and fortunately it held off until the last boats were getting pulled out of the water. Unfortunately, it also kept us off the water on Sunday and the regatta concluded with just the two races sailed.

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Miami Midwinter Regatta 2000

Bill Fastiggi

Day One: Wow what a great day of sailing! Wind out of the ENE 15-20. 44 boats. Three great races.

Race 1 - We had a decent start in the middle of the line, and we seemed to have some good speed. The racing was really tight near the top of the fleet with Jeff Linton leading at the weather mark, followed by Larry MacDonald and Andy Horton. We rounded about 6th with a tight pack that included Greg Fisher, Steve Hayden, Hector Longarela, and Jack Elfman. A few good sized puffs rolled in and Jeff Linton was the first victim of the day with a nice deathroll on the first run. It is no fun tipping over, but even less fun when you are leading the race! We had some good gains on the run and rounded the leeward mark about 4th right on the heels of Andy and Greg. On the second beat we managed to get by those guys and rounded second behind Larry, who had built up a nice lead. Downwind the positions didn't change much and we closed a little on Larry, but the positions behind us changed a little on the last beat: MacDonald first, us 2nd, Longarela 3rd, Horton 4th, and Fisher 5th.

Race 2 - Bill Faude sailed a nice beat and beat us to the weather mark by about 2 boatlengths. He extended a little on the run as we didn't have clear air for a little while. On the second beat Bill and us stretched it out a little with Greg Fisher, Eamonn deLisser, and Larry MacDonald duking it out for third. We were feeling pretty good because we had phenomenal speed both upwind and downwind with a nice cushion between us and the next pack. Then - disaster! The backstay line came untied under the back deck, and the backstay was totally useless! Eamonn, Greg, and Larry were able to grind us down pretty quickly as we couldn't do much to flatten the main and depower. We were doing a pretty good job hanging in there until about 2/3 the way up the beat when the jib tack pin broke and the wire and cloth came off the jib at the tack. If you think it is painful sailing upwind with your backstay flogging around in the air behind your boat - add no jib to the equation! After what seemed like hours, Tim was able to tie the jib tack grommet down to the bow eye, and we were able to limp into the finish at 13th. As soon as the race was over, we dropped the main and jib and were able to make some repairs to get ready for race three. This is extremely painful for me as I rig my own boats, and this one was brand new - no one to blame but myself! Definitely the longest and most painful leg I've ever sailed. Jeff Linton broke a main halyard and had to drop out after he was among the early leaders in this race.

Race 3 - We watched a lot of this one from the cheap seats and spent most of the race trying to catch up. We felt pretty good about catching up to 12th. Tom Allen Jr. lead this one wire to wire, and Jack Elfman was second all the way around as well. This was just a perfect day of sailing.

Day 2: Warm, sunny, breezy. Wind was about 20 degrees further right than yesterday (east) and more sunny, but not quite as windy. It was still full on hiking all day. Way better than shoveling snow!

Race one. We had a clean start in the middle of the line. The breeze was shifting back and forth about 10 degrees so staying in phase was key. At the first mark Bill Mauk led the way with Dave Peck hot on his heels. We rounded about 5th or 6th but the fleet was very tightly packed. Positions were constantly changing during the race with big gains and losses to be made. On the last beat we didn't pay attention and positioned ourselves poorly out of the breeze to lose 4 boats on the final beat to finish eighth. Dave Peck got by Bill Mauk on the second beat and won by a large margin. Larry MacDonald ended up third. This racing was really tight. Brian Hayes sailed a nice last beat to finish 4th.

Race two saw much the same conditions as race one, but with a little more breeze, maybe 18 or so, but puffy and shifty. We had the unfortunate luck of starting just to windward of Jeff Linton who was able to work out on us after about three minutes of sailing. We were able to hang in there until we could tack out on a shift. Jeff was obviously going well as he got to the windward mark in first. Again the racing was very close and a large pack got to the windward mark very close to the same time. Andy Horton was second and Larry, Steve Hayden and our boat were in that

group. At the leeward gate Jeff, Larry and we went to the right mark and Andy and Steve lead another pack around the left mark. There was a little more wind on the left so we gained. Jeff held the lead but Larry picked off Andy and the four of us extended quite a bit on the rest of the fleet on this leg. Up the last beat, Steve Hayden, Bill Faude, and Dave Peck all closed the gap a little, with Larry and Andy getting by Jeff.

Today was Larry MacDonald's 41st birthday and winning the last race and the Miami regatta was a good birthday treat for him. Larry again sailed with his all-star crew of Jody Swanson and Skip Dieball, and they have a real stranglehold on the overall circuit points at the moment. So far they have 14 points in 7 races. Apparently Skip is holding them back a little because Larry and Jody are kicking him off the boat in favor of Ian Jones for St. Pete.

Overall Larry's team won Miami with a large margin of victory. Andy Horton suffered a DSQ in the first race today that dropped him out of second place. There were only 4 points between 2nd and 7th. Our big 11 point drop in the second race yesterday really hurt us in the standings, but we still are pleased that we sailed well.

MIAMI MIDWINTER REGATTA

Coral Reef Yacht Club, March 14-15, 2000

44 Boats, 5 Races , No Throwout

Skipper & Team

	Race #1	Race #2	Race #3	Race #4	Race #5	Total
1 Larry MacDonald Jr (Carlisle, ONT), Jody Swanson, Skip Dieball	1	3	4	3	1	12
2 Greg Fisher (Gahanna, OH), Jeff Eiber, Charlie Usher	5	2	3	14	11	35
3 Hector Longarela (Buenos Aires, Argentina), Hugo Longarela, Victor Lobos	3	7	10	6	9	35
4 Dave Peck (Niantic, CT), Nina Peck, Michael Loeb	10	11	7	1	7	36
5 Bill Fastiggi (Burlington, VT), Heather Rowe, Tim Ambrose	2	13	12	7	4	38
6 Dave Starck (Kenmore, NY), Tom Starck, Maria White	9	8	6	5	10	38
7 Tom Allen Jr (Kenmore, NY), John Humphrey, Kathryn Josenhans	11	5	1	10	12	39
8 Brian Hayes (Milford, CT), Nick Mercier, JoAnn Jones	7	6	17	4	8	42
9 Steve Hayden (Casselberry, FL), Dave Hood, Barr Batzer	8	12	5	13	6	44
10 Bill Faude (Chicago, IL), Ernie Dieball, Jared Drake	12	1	11	19	5	48
11 Paul Gelenitis (Brick, NJ), Frank Atkinson, Rick Villamil	14	16	9	11	14	64
12 Jack Elfman (Surf City, NJ), Cindy Lister, Mike Holly	6	19	2	16	22	65
13 Andy Horton (Shelburne, VT), Bill Shore, Betsy Altman	4	10	8	DSQ	2	69
14 Bill Mauk (Miami, FL), April Richards, Dominic Marsden	16	17	14	2	20	69
15 Eamonn deLisser (Miami, FL), Heidi deLisser, Steven Cooke	15	4	15	17	23	74
16 Jim Carson (Brick, NJ), Ryan Dunn, Greg Kinzel	29	14	20	8	13	84
17 Chad Atkins (Rochester, NY), Tobi Heisler, Sean Carroll	13	9	13	24	25	84
18 Mitch Hnatt (Brick, NJ), Rick Pokorny, Ginger Cutaio	19	15	27	9	21	91

19	Paul Wurtzebach (Woodridge, IL), Pat Phelan, Ben Wallace	18	25	16	21	16	96
20	Jed Dodge (Sodus Point, NY), Bob King, Jay Marino	20	23	18	23	15	99
21	Dave Gorman (Malone, NY), Chantal Leger, Valerie Tardif	22	22	25	20	19	108
22	Phil Grotheer (Annapolis, MD), Ed Petit de Mange, Dave Adams	23	21	30	18	17	109
23	Ted Duffy (Red Bank, NJ), Dave Watts, Robert Watts	30	20	28	15	18	111
24	Bruce Hendry (Southampton, NY), Cris Weicks, Kyle Kelly	21	18	22	26	26	113
25	Dick Hallagan (Newark, NY), Tammi Jamison, Jeff Brault	24	24	23	25	27	123
26	Gianni Cuccio (Westport, CT), Steve Roseberry, Cap Pin	17	27	21	31	30	126
27	Dave Sprague (Toronto, ONT), Cathy Bowman, Andy Hayward	26	28	26	22	35	137
28	Peter Wenzler (Grosse Pointe Farms, MI), Joe Romer, Toni Pierce	38	26	19	28	29	140
29	Jeff Linton (Tampa, FL), Amy Smith Linton, Mark Taylor	DNF	DNF	DNS	12	3	150
30	Mike Couture (Winnipeg, MAN), Jeff Parkhill, Ken Marshall	25	33	32	29	31	150
31	Jack Jones (Adams, NY), John Atkins, Matt Atkins	31	32	29	27	32	151
32	Matt Simpson (Mississauga, ONT), Trevor Wallace, Dan Sprague	35	31	31	34	24	155
33	Mike DeLano (Harrison Township, MI), Justin Zohn, Michael Gualdone	32	30	33	32	33	160
34	Oliver Bone (Beaconsfield, QUE), Patrick Litte, Geoff Gales	27	29	24	DNF	DNS	170
35	Bob Shapiro (Bow Lake, NH), Brad Winslow, Jeff Baker	33	34	37	33	36	173
36	John Garrison (Commerce, MI), James Garrison, Paul Sobotka	28	37	DNS	30	34	174
37	Jim Bigham (Miami, FL), Cathy Bigham, Steve Perry	34	35	DNS	DNS	28	187
38	Joe Ray (Nottingham, NH), Marcel Mercier, Moe L'Heureux	DNF	36	35	35	39	190
39	Patrick Zachary (Burlington, VT), Kika Bronger, Suzanne Hebel	36	38	34	OCS	38	191
40	Rick Bukowsky (Lake Orion, MI), Traci Bukowsky, Joyce Von Drehle	39	39	36	39	41	194
41	Carol Ewing, Alix Shaw, Jake Branam	40	40	38	40	40	198
42	David Kurtz (Miami, FL), Bob Wilbur, Cathy Young	41	41	39	36	43	200
43	Jamie Brickell (Sykesville, MD), Susan Brickell, Kimberly Brickell	37	DNF	DNS	38	37	202
44	Jesse Miller (Ithaca, NY), Virginia Miller, Rebecca Riley	DNF	42	DNS	37	42	211

A beautiful day of Southern Circuit sailing!



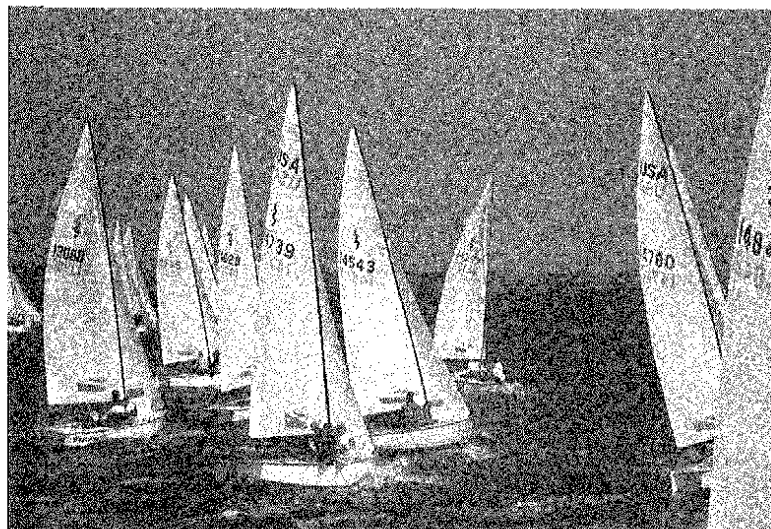
ST. PETERSBURG WINTER CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA

St. Petersburg Yacht Club, March 17-19, 2000

66 Boats, 4 Races, No Throwout

Position	Sail#	Skipper & Team	Race #1	Race #2	Race #3	Race #4	Final
1	14045	Greg Fisher, Jeff Eiber & Charlie Usher	1	5	7	3	16
2	14949	Andy Horton, Bill Shore & Elizabeth Sobotka	3	9	12	10	34
3	14750	Ernie Dieball, Jared Drake & Nate Villardebo	10	22	5	6	43
4	14821	Brian Hayes, Nick Mercier & JoAnn Jones	12	26	3	5	46
5	14706	William Hofmeister, Mandy Hofmeister & Bruce Richards	13	20	6	13	52
6	14971	David Peck, Nina Peck & Michael Loeb	25	14	15	1	55
7	14834	Larry MacDonald, Jody Swanson & Ian Jones	6	17	1	40	64
8	14930	Jim Alman, Susan Wallace & Tammi Jamison	15	25	11	14	65
9	14935	Lenny Krawcheck, Oliver Humphries & Joe Pitcavage	16	6	36	11	69
10	14428	Paul Wurtzebach, Amy Simonsen & Tom Kent	24	2	8	38	72
11	14932	Thomas Allen, Jr, John Humphrey & Kathryn Josenhans	11	1	27	34	73
12	14655	Richard Hallagan, Craig Thayer & Jeff Brault	42	7	18	8	75
13	14881	Phil Grotheer, Ed Petit De Mange & Dave Adams	29	32	20	2	83
14	14866	Bill Mauk, April Richards & Dom Marsden	17	23	29	15	84
15	14752	Steve Hayden, Barr Batzer & David Hood	7	47	10	23	87
16	14825	Bob Wardwell, Kip Hamblet & Robin Ghertr	38	34	13	4	89
17	14739	Jon Schwartz, Will Jeffers & Mike Holly	4	29	35	22	90
18	14851	Joel Humphrey, Mark Allen & Ryan Flack	51	3	26	12	92
19	11649	Hector Longarela, Hugo Longarela & Victor Lobos	8	33	16	36	93
20	14958	Bill Fastiggi, Tim Ambrose & Heather Rowe	23	41	2	29	95
21	141741	David Sprague, Cathy Bowman & Andy Hayward	5	12	38	41	96
22	13871	Gianni Cuccio, Steve Roseberry & Adam Lewis	43	8	19	27	97
23	14880	Dan Dressel, Kathy Dressel & Matt Frymier	2	43	21	32	98
24	14780	Colin Park, Karen Park & Sean Fidler	33	36	14	17	100
25	14867	James Taylor, Mike Kemp & Penney Ruark	19	28	9	52	108
26	14345	George Fisher, Laura Jeffers & Tom Emch	18	54	23	20	115
27	14595	Mitch Hnatt, Rick Pokorny & Ginger Cutaio	40	10	31	35	116
28	14960	Jim Carson, Greg Kinzel & Todd Pearce	28	31	24	37	120
29	14779	Jim Davis, Christine Davis & Les Lashaway	45	44	25	7	121
30	14499	Richard Walsh, Jim Cameron & Tina Kankaanpaa	32	55	4	33	124
31	14842	Charlie Hess, Norm Walters & John Mathers	35	45	28	18	126
32	14371	David Starck, Tom Starck & Maria White	14	19	BFD	30	130
33	14062	Paul Gelenitis, Frank Atkinson & Rick Vilamil	26	50	34	24	134
34	14890	Peter Denton, Kevin Smith & John Townsend	48	27	51	9	135
35	14492	David Watts, Ted Duffy & Robert Watts	21	39	33	43	136

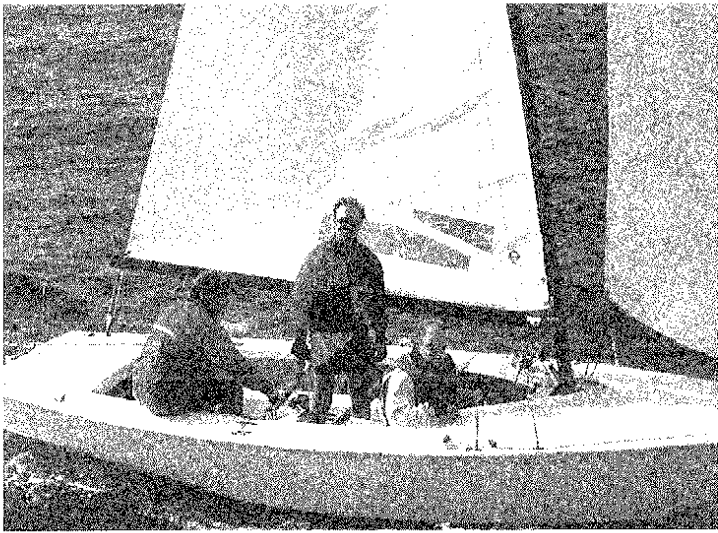
Poor Charlie! (14842), it's 1 minute into the race and after that wind shift- he has to give the entire fleet room at the weather mark!



Leeward gate

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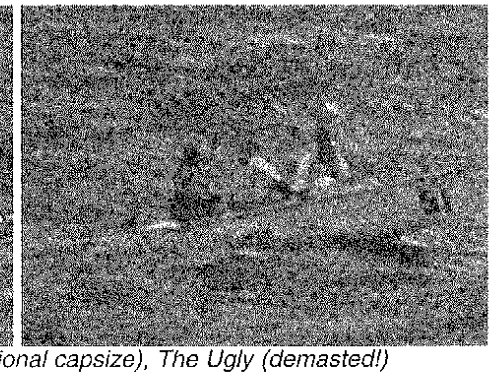
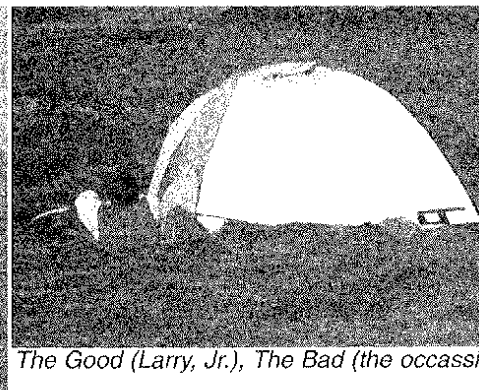
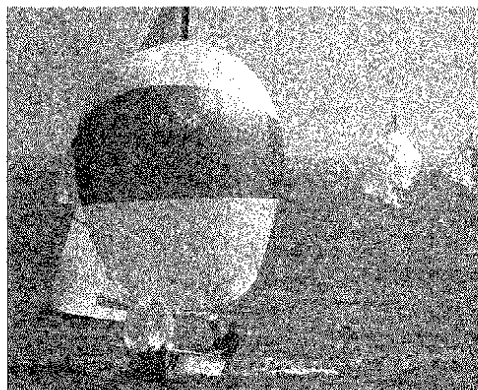


Joel Humphrey, Mark Allen and Ryan Flack getting ready for race time.



After winning the "50-50" Raffle the night before, Charlie Usher was busy buying kisses.

36	14174	Matt Simpson, Matt Johnston & Dan Sprague	27	13	30	BFD	137
37	14519	Josh Kerst, Cris Shaffer & Nat Colling	22	11	BFD	39	139
38	14238	Steven Wexler, Lowell Wexler & Michael Christino	39	15	37	50	141
39	14485	Ron Buchanan, Jeff Ullman & Peggy Stanley	61	30	39	19	149
40	14397	Sean Carroll, Tobi Heisler & Chad Atkins	30	61	17	42	150
41	14758	David Gorman, Valerie Tardif & Chantel Leger	34	49	22	48	153
42	14680	Bill Killebrew, Mike Osborne & Mark Rankin	46	40	46	25	157
43	14730	Jeff Linton, Amy Linton & Mark Taylor	9	OCS	BFD	16	159
44	14321	Jack Jones, John Atkins & Matt Atkins	56	4	55	45	160
45	14800	Jon Bennett, Marty Miller & Russell Miller	36	42	42	47	167
46	14699	Allan Crew, Marc Venables & Donald Thorpe	60	37	43	28	168
47	14111	Bob Shapiro, Jeff Baker & Brad Winslow	49	18	50	55	172
48	143	Sebastian Higuera, Camilo Salcedo & Rod Koch	20	OCS	RDG	RDG	175
49	14778	Peter Wenzler, Toni Pierce & Rick Romer	37	16	BFD	57	177
50	14679	Bruce Hendry, Chriss Weicks & Kyle Kelly	41	38	44	60	183
51	14854	Bob Mathers, Richard Bukowsky & Traci Bukowsky	59	24	56	46	185
52	14543	Mike Delano, Justin Zohn & Michael Gnaltoni	44	46	49	49	188
53	14923	Jed Dodge, Bob King & Jay Marino	57	35	32	DNF	191
54	14817	Scott Anderson, Adrienne Davis & Tom Lamson	62	56	54	26	198
55	14870	John Garrison, James Garrison & Paul Sobotka	53	48	BFD	31	199
56	1	George Koch, Georgeann Koch & Rachel Sorenson	58	21	BFD	54	200
57	13888	Patrick Zachary, Suzanne Hebelers & Kika Bronger	31	57	45	DNF	200
58	14878	Mike Couture, Jeff Parkhill & Ken Marshall	OCS	OCS	47	21	202
59	14763	Oliver Bone, Patrick Little & Geoff Gales	54	53	41	58	206
60	14028	Jamie Brickell, Susan Brickell & Kimberly Brickell	63	52	40	56	211
61	14713	Ed Seyerlein, Byrne O'Brien & Karen O'Brien	50	51	BFD	51	219
62	13602	Joe Ray, Moe L'Heureux, Jr & Marcel Mercier	55	58	48	59	220
63	14741	David Nickels, Phil Rowan & Doug Schmahl	52	59	BFD	44	222
64	14799	Jesse Miller, Virginia Miller & Rebecca Miller	64	60	52	53	229
65	14698	Jim Bigham, Cathy Bigham & Steve Berry	47	62	BFD	61	237
66	14889	Dixon Duffett, Jonathan Lange & Laine Morrisette	65	63	53	62	243

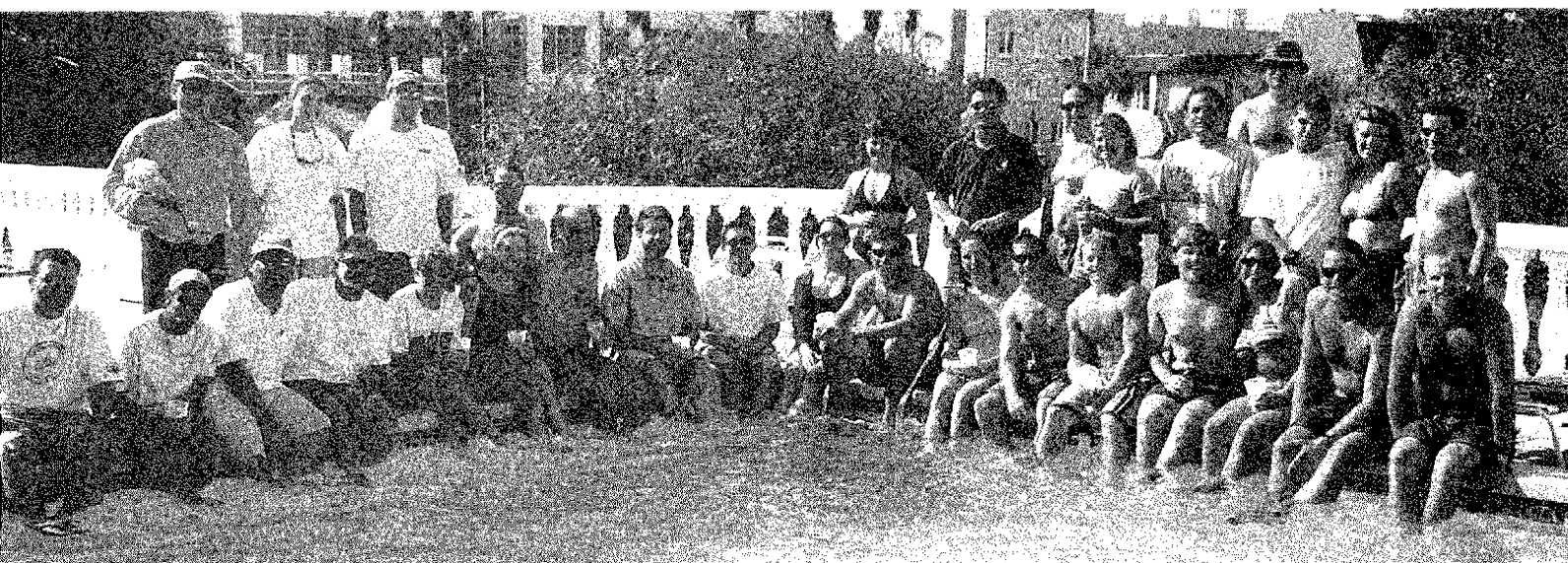


The Good (Larry, Jr.), The Bad (the occasional capsizer), The Ugly (demasted!)

ST. PETERSBURG WINTER MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIP

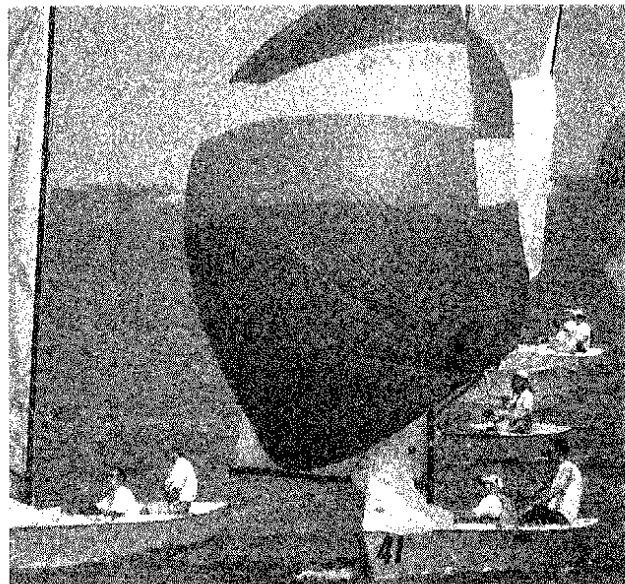
11 Boats, 2 Races, No Throwout

Position	Skipper/Team	Race #1	Race #2	Final Points
1	Richard Hallagan, Craig Thayer & Jeff Brault	3	1	4
2	George Fisher, Laura Jeffers & Tom Emch	2	2	4
3	Bill Mauk, April Richards & Dom Marsden	1	4	5
4	Jim Davis, Christine Davis & Les Lashaway	4	3	7
5	Jamie Brickell, Susan Brickell & Kimberly Brickell	10	5	15
6	Allan Crew, Marc Venables & Donald Thorpe	9	6	15
7	Jack Jones, John Atkins & Matt Atkins	7	8	15
8	David Nickels, Phil Rowan & Doug Schmahl	5	12	17
9	Bob Mathers, Richard Bukowsky & Traci Bukowsky	8	9	17
10	John Garrison, James Garrison & Paul Sobotka	6	12	18
11	Jesse Miller, Virginia Miller & Rebecca Miller	11	7	18



Poolside on the roof of SPYC

Jared Drake, Emie Dieball and Dan Dressel enjoying Fisk's party



OVERALL SOUTHERN CIRCUIT 2000

DEEP SOUTH REGATTA - MIAMI MIDWINTER REGATTA - ST. PETERSBURG WINTER CHAMPIONSHIP

Savannah Yacht Club, March 11-12 / Coral Reef Yacht Club, March 14-15 /

St. Petersburg Yacht Club, March 17-19

29 Teams Qualified through 3 Regattas, 11 Races, 1 Throwout

Position	Skipper	Savannah		Miami					St Pete				throw		Final	
	Sail #	#1	#2	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#1	#2	#3	#4	Total	-out	Total	
1	14834	Larry MacDonald	1	1	1	3	4	3	1	6	17	1	40	78	40	38
2	14045	Greg Fisher	4	7	5	2	3	14	11	1	5	7	3	62	14	48
3	14821	Brian Hayes	9	6	7	6	17	4	8	12	26	3	5	103	26	77
4	14932	Tom Allen Jr	5	5	11	5	1	10	12	11	1	27	34	122	34	88
5	14752	Steve Hayden	2	4	8	12	5	13	6	7	47	10	23	137	47	90
6	14958	Bill Fastiggi	3	12	2	13	12	7	4	23	41	2	29	148	41	107
7	11649	Hector Longarela	7	9	3	7	10	6	9	8	33	16	36	144	36	108
8	14371	*Tom Starck/*David Starck														
		14	8	9	8	6	5	10	14	19	67	30	190	67	123	
9	14866	Bill Mauk	19	23	16	17	14	2	20	17	23	29	15	195	29	166
10	14655	Richard Hallagan	10	11	24	24	23	25	27	42	7	18	8	219	42	177
11	14881	Philip Grotheer	6	13	23	21	30	18	17	29	32	20	2	211	32	179
12	14960	Jim Carson	13	15	29	14	20	8	13	28	31	24	37	232	37	195
13	14595	Mitch Hnatt	15	16	19	15	27	9	21	40	10	31	35	238	40	198
14	14062	*Frank Atkinson/*Pauli Gelenitis														
		20	35	14	16	9	11	14	26	50	34	24	253	50	203	
15	14397	*Tobi Heisler/*Chad Atkins/*Sean Carroll														
		18	14	13	9	13	24	25	30	61	17	42	266	61	205	
16	14714	David Sprague	30	20	26	28	26	22	35	5	12	38	41	283	41	242
17	14730	Jeff Linton	8	2	DNF	DNF	DNS	12	3	9	OCS	BFD	16	316	67	249
18	14492	*Dave Watts/*Ted Duffy														
		29	17	30	20	28	15	18	21	39	33	43	293	43	250	
19	14758	David Gorman	21	28	22	22	25	20	19	34	49	22	48	310	49	261
20	14174	Matt Simpson	16	22	35	31	31	34	24	27	13	30	BFD	330	67	263
21	14923	Jed Dodge	27	19	20	23	18	23	15	57	35	32	DNF	336	67	269
22	14321	Jack Jones	23	21	31	32	29	27	32	56	4	55	45	355	56	299
23	14111	*Bob Shapiro	22	29	33	34	37	33	36	49	18	50	55	396	55	341
24	14870	John Garrison	17	24	28	37	DNS	30	34	53	48	BFD	31	413	67	346
25	14543	Mike Delano	28	26	32	30	33	32	33	44	46	49	49	402	49	353
26	13888	Patrick Zachary	25	25	36	38	34	OCS	38	31	57	45	DNF	441	67	374
27	14763	Oliver Bone	35	35	27	29	24	DNF	DNS	54	53	41	58	444	44	400
28	14028	Jamie Brickell	24	18	37	DNF	DNS	38	37	63	52	40	56	453	44	409
29	13602	Joe Ray	31	30	DNF	36	35	35	39	55	58	48	59	470	44	426

* Co-skippers. Note: to co-skipper, each skipper must be on the boat for all three regattas

DNF = did not finish. DNS = did not start. DSQ = disqualified (via protest). OCS = on course side (over early). BFD = black flag (over early and disqualified from the race)



*Will Jeffers,
Jon Schwartz,
and Sean Fidler
find a perfect way to
enjoy the last day of the
2000 Southern Circuit*

Remembrances of the 2000 Southern Circuit

Jamie Brickell

The Southern Circuit of 2000 was a new and great experience for our family. I rejoined the Lightning class in 1998 after a short sabbatical of almost 40 years (yup, that's correct, the last major Lightning regatta I sailed was the 1961 Worlds in Milford, CT as a crew for Bob Crane). I brought my wife Susie and our oldest daughter Kimberly, and the SC was the most fun we have had sailing since we left the Jet 14 class and moved to Maryland in 1985.

We want to tell you of our experiences and convince you to come to the Southern Circuit in future years. Forget all the stories you may have heard about the gnats in Savannah, the long drive to Miami, strong winds and every other possible reason you have used to avoid some to the best sailing available for Lightnings.

This is the time to enjoy some of the best sailing the Lightning class has to offer, the facilities of some of the finest yacht clubs (Coral Reef of Miami is the oldest yacht club in the US), not to mention the opportunity to meet friendly interesting people (one person had recently started a non-profit organization to improve the education system in his state, another had raised money to build a library for his town, and another was recipient of five national championships in unrelated sports, just to name a few). Did we need some help? All we had to do was ask. Did we have fun? Just ask my family.



Jamie & Kimberly Brickell, packed up & eady to head south for their first Southern Circuit Experience.

In preparation for the trip, we purchased new trailer tires and had the trailer hubs pulled and serviced (one set of bearings was so bad that the mechanic said we would have been lucky to make it to Virginia). We also had the tow vehicle serviced and found a bad fan belt and brakes that were in need of replacement. It was money well spent. We had no troubles on the trip, but I heard at least two stories of problems with trailer bearings.

We arrived in Savannah early afternoon on Friday. We had been

warned about the "nosecums", thought we were prepared for them with "Skin So Soft," but if they think you taste good, they bite. The solution: launch the boat and go for a 2-hour sail in 70-degree weather with winds enough to sit on the rail, but also gentle enough to practice tack, jibe, spinnaker up, spinnaker down for a crew who was a little rusty from winter inactivity. We sailed up every river



Phil Grotheer and crew spraying for the "nosecums".

we could find to locate the racecourse, only to find out in the Skipper's Meeting the next day that we had gone too far. It was right in front of the Savannah YC.

As part of the entry fee, SYC provided continental breakfasts and box lunches each day with a buffet dinner on Saturday night. At the Skipper's Meeting we asked more questions of the PRO than he would have liked as we tried to understand the courses. After the meeting, several of the class members who had done the SC before made a point to stop by and insure we understood. What a great feeling, but we still did not understand the significance of the island that obstructed the 2nd leg. We found that it was necessary to hug the island to avoid the adverse current. Someone put it perfectly, "It is like a NASCAR race, you got to get a position against the island and keep it." There were two races, the second of which finished downwind as a front came through. As we were putting the boat to bed, Susie showed me the spinnaker pole that had split near one of the ends. What to do? Dave Watts heard the conversation and offered his extra pole. Problem solved by an instance of overwhelming generosity of the members of the Lightning Class. First lesson of the SC: bring at least two spinnaker poles.

Later I found out that Tommy Allen had a full van of replacement equipment. More on that later.

After showers and a change into dry clothes the Saturday night buffet was a welcome relaxed evening. Sunday morning we showed up ready to race until we saw how hard it was blowing. Our aching muscles from being over-taxed the day before were screaming for sympathy as we watched several people begin to derig their boats. I asked one long time class member what he was going to do. The response "If they race, I'm going to stand on the bank and watch the fun." Time for us to derig. The RC canceled the remaining race shortly thereafter, awards were presented and the caravan started south to Miami.

When we arrived at Coral Reef YC it was another warm, sunny, shorts type of day. We met more wonderful folks, adjusted this and that, drilled more holes and relaxed our still stiff arms and

legs. Equipment was passed around between boats as people repaired and realigned. Portable drills were at a premium and several batteries were dead at the day's end. The first day of racing CRYC had an elaborate breakfast buffet, and that evening a cook-out at the Coconut Grove Sailing Club a short drive away from CRYC. The next morning there was no breakfast, but a buffet lunch when we finished sailing and no box lunches were ever provided. Food was always excellent with plenty for all, but we found it confusing as to when we were going to be fed or when we should supply our own.

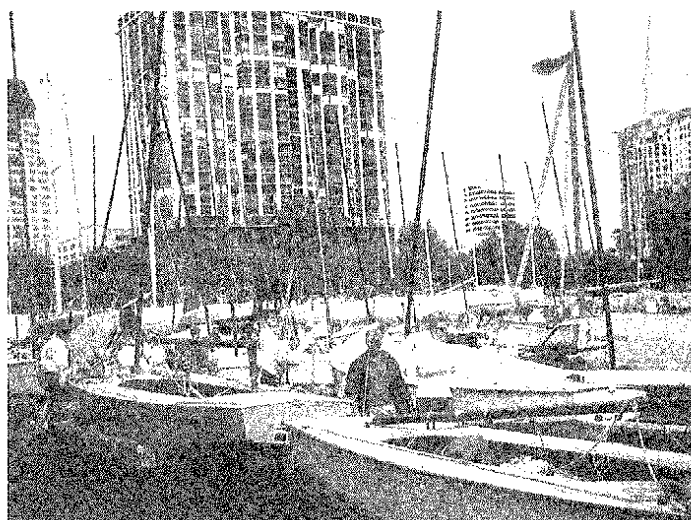
While most people sailed three races on Tuesday, we sailed only one and a half. We were terminated by an evasive maneuver going to the leeward mark that resulted in a roll to windward and a long swim in Biscayne Bay (another first for us in the Lightning). When I came up for air, I found Susie in the water and Kimberly on the board, DRY! She was keeping the boat from turtling and had just climbed over the topside. Quick girl, our daughter. However, she got her share of swimming when I told her to get in the water and help her mother as I climbed on to the centerboard (no dummy me). I soon found myself in the water again to help clean up the debris, what with the spinnaker wrapped around the masthead fly, etc. It took us a while to get upright. CRYC stood by and eventually towed us until we could sail by ourselves. We thank them for their help and feel we can now recover ourselves without assistance in the future. 75-degree water is not a bad place to learn how to do these things.

The second day of sailing found us untangled, put back together, and ready for another day on the water. As we were about to leave the dock, a manatee was swimming around our boat poking his nose out of the water and watching us curiously with big brown eyes. He slowly came up right beside our boat and let Kimberly stroke his head. What a treat! After sailing and the buffet lunch, the awards ceremonies were held just outside the club where the lack of attendance puzzled us.

It was now on to St. Petersburg and the last leg of this ever exciting and challenging SC. We arrived in St Pete in the early afternoon knowing we had to change the spreader that had been damaged in the Miami capsize. Brian told us the day before that we were lucky not to have lost the mast during the second day at Miami. OK, where to find a spreader? Ask Tom Allen who dug around in the most incredible "if you need it, I've got it" traveling van where he found the proper part and, best of all, proceeded to help us install the spreaders before he was off to help another.

Second lesson of the SC: Bring at least one set of extra spreaders and spreader tips. When we put the mast up we found that, as Johnny Cash sang in one of his songs, the holes had all gone away. Nothing seemed to fit, especially the lowers. We finally got it all together, but it sure wasn't right as proved by our performance on the racecourse our first day in St. Pete. That night, Greg Fisher spent a looonnnnggggg time helping us make everything better, probably arriving at his own cocktail party late (we never made it). He insisted that we sail by him on Saturday to see if it looked OK from off the boat. We were unable to make contact on the water but when we arrived on shore he said to change some of

the partner blocks. We never had a chance to see the results of his second effort because the race on Sunday was canceled. I really thank everyone for being so generous with time and knowledge. We feel we were on the right track.



St. Pete Sailing Center against the downtown skyline

St. Petersburg Yacht Club is a very large and well organized facility for special regattas like ours. A quick trip to the main desk with our visa card gave us a temporary card to use for charges while visiting. This was very useful for a breakfast buffet on Friday, daily lunch at the sailing center (across the street from the club and where we launched our boats) as well as evening entertainment and light suppers at their famous bar. Donuts and coffee were provided every morning at the sailing center and the final banquet was a grand affair with a good choice of food. The night of the banquet was our daughter's birthday (you'll have to ask her which one), and Brian Hayes, as amusing fund raiser extraordinaire, managed to get all 200 people to sing Happy Birthday to her. What a great group to give our daughter one of her best ever birthdays!

We were sorry to leave St. Pete and all the fun and memories we had on the Southern Circuit. However as we drove north we kept the northern cold at bay by sharing among ourselves accounts about the races, the clubs, the people, the parties, the winds, and all things in general.

Oh, one last thing, we finished off the last day of the Southern Circuit by ordering a new boat.

The moral of this story is that the Southern Circuit is a great event and everyone should participate. Susie and Kimberly told me that they were going in 2001 even if I didn't. Guess we're on track. All I need to do now is get the new boat and go at it this summer. If it is ready, maybe we'll stop by Montreal for the Canadian Championship on July 1 and 2. Can't be too far out of the way, can it?

See you all in Annapolis for the NA's. We will do everything we can to make your stay as enjoyable as we experienced on the SC.