

# INTERNATIONAL LIGHTNING CLASS ASSOCIATION

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## YEARBOOK





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### ***A Message from the President of the International Lightning Class Association***

It's a great joy to sit here and write the dedication to our 2006 yearbook. Before I started, I set off to find out what others had written in my old stack of yearbooks. Gosh, it was days later and I still hadn't written a thing because I have been engrossed in reading all these old yearbooks. It was so much fun looking back on so many people and places that have touched my life.

While some people and places are no longer physically with us, I can still picture and hear them from days gone by. It amazes me how our Class has evolved over the years—not to mention how many of us have changed.

Without the hard work of many people over the years, I could not have sat here and smiled so much thinking about times that have passed and times to come. Thank you.

The yearbook this year is dedicated to itself—a tradition that provides us a special connection to our global and long heritage as a Lightning family.

Enjoy!

*Carter*

# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

## CARTER UTZIG—PRESIDENT



I started sailing when I realized that I could not convince my wife to paddle white water at the level required to get my adrenaline pumping. So we bought a sailboat, not knowing much about anything—a 470 at that. After some good times learning from Captain Hof (Hofmeister), we could go around a race course sailing rather than swimming. We progressed to larger boats, but our hearts were in small boats. After visiting Nashville, we made the decision to return to dinghy sailing. There again was Captain Hof with a boat to buy—Colin and Karen's Lightning. As an engineer by education, this was a dream come true (Colin can out gadget most). And off we were into the Lightning family. Many people were kind enough to teach us and then sit around afterwards to discuss life. We started a family, moved to Charlotte and met the Brookes, another Lightning family just a few houses down with children the same age. Our families have covered a lot of miles on the road together since then. As time passes, my wife is sailing less, but my girls are sailing more. What a thrill! It looks like the next couple of years will bring less travel, more fleet building at our club and enjoying racing with my family.

## BRIAN HAYES—SECRETARY



The Hayes family name has been associated with Lightning sailing since the mid 1940s when Brian's dad, Dick, started sailing on the family boat, #3445, at the Housatonic Boat Club's Fleet #6 in Stratford, Connecticut. Some twenty years later, I was born into the Hayes sailing clan, and I'm still "pushing around the box" some forty years later. Although I have been able to have some modest success on the race course, due to crewing for some great skippers and having even better crews sail for me, most of my great thoughts of Lightning sailing come from the great times and friendships I've made off the water at places like Kerr Lake, Nashville, Nyack and St. Pete, to name just a few. These days my wife Kelley and I are doing our best to juggle our work schedules and raise our children, Olivia (7) and Brian Jr (5), while still finding time to sail Lightnings. I think I need to find a way to work less so I can sail more!

## STEVE DAVIS—TREASURER



Steve has been active in sailboat racing since age 6. Born in Southern California and a member of Newport Harbor Yacht Club, Steve raced sabots, snowbirds, Lehman 12s and Etchells. Steve's and Jan's, his wife and new ILCA Executive Secretary, grandfather and father were also active Southern California sailboat racers who competed against each other. You can guess how they met! Since moving to the Denver area, Steve has enjoyed sailing and is involved in the Sailing Association of Intermountain Lakes (Area F Regional Sailing Assoc.), Denver Sailing Association and Rocky Mountain International Sailing Association (a junior sailor support organization). When not sailing, Steve is busy with fly fishing, hunting and skiing. Steve has vigorously participated in the Lightning Class since 1999 when he acquired his first Lightning boat (11457). As a consistent participant at the Southern Circuit, NAs and many other lightning boat gatherings across the US, Steve thoroughly enjoys the camaraderie, competition and friendships that the Lightning Class has offered.

## BILL CLAUSEN—CHIEF MEASURER



Bill started racing Lightnings in 1947 on boat #134. He's owned 1495, 7195, 10895 and still has 14495. He grew up racing in Ocean City on the New Jersey shore. Bill crewed and worked for some of the greats of the Lightning Class: Bob Seidelman, Marcy Lippincott, John Tieglund and Jim Carson. He learned a lot about Lightnings from them and continues to enjoy being involved in measurement and photographing at major events. His son David sailed in four Junior NAs and crewed with Bill in the last Worlds Masters at Miami. Bill has enjoyed being a part of the Executive Committee this year and hopes to continue to serve the Class as photographer and Chief Measurer in the years ahead.

## ROB RUHLMAN—EXECUTIVE/COMMITTEE MEMBER



Rob was literally born into the Lightning Class as well as Fleet 36 at Pymatuning Yacht Club. Rob's dad, Jon Ruhlman was already a member of both organizations and later went on to be ILCA Chief Measurer and President. As a result of this fortuitous timing, Rob is a walking compendium of trivia useless to virtually everyone on the planet outside the Lightning class and Pymatuning Yacht Club. Having grown up in the class as well as the Ohio District, Rob has had the pleasure of sailing with and against a veritable "Who's Who" of the class. He participated in the inaugural Lightning Junior North Americans; built Lightnings with the Mueller family; has refurbished two pre-flotation Lippincotts; participated in numerous World Championships—the first in 1975; competed in countless North Americans and has a rather large collection of antiquated Lightning fittings and hardware. As you might imagine, Rob's family is heavily involved in the class: Abby has been sailing with Rob for over 30 years and their children, Ryan and Maegan have seen great success in local, national and world Lightning events. Periodically, Rob takes time away from racing Lightnings to be CEO of Preformed Line Products Co, a worldwide manufacturer of hardware for the communication and energy industry. Rob and Abby also own Sailing, Inc., a full service boat yard in their hometown of Cleveland, Ohio.

## KAREN JOHNSON—EXECUTIVE SECRETARY



Karen began sailing with her dad when she was a child at the Delta Sailing Association in Memphis, Tennessee. Mom and dad are still sailing in California. It won't be too long before her son, Evan, is ready to start crewing! Karen lived in Chicago after college where she was active in the fleet at Corinthian. She now participates with the fleet at Leatherlips Yacht Club.

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Year	President	Chief Measurer	Secretary	Treasurer	Assistant Measurers
2005	Carter Utzig	Bill Clausen	Brian Hayes	Steve Davis	Buczowski, Calderon, Carson, Terhune
2004	Francisco Solá Tanca	Carter Utzig	Jim Carson	Steve Davis	Buczowski, Burke, Calderon, Clausen, Huntsman
2003	Francisco Solá Tanca	Carter Utzig	Jim Carson	Steve Davis	Buczowski, Burke, Calderon, Clausen, Huntsman
2002	Colin Park	Carter Utzig	Francisco Solá Tanca	Bob Harkrider	Buczowski, Burke, Clausen, Hayden, Schmitt
2001	Mary Huntsman	Colin Park	Francisco Solá Tanca	Bill Fastiggi	Alman, Burke, Hayden, Schmitt, Utzig
2000	Mary Huntsman	Colin Park	Francisco Solá Tanca	Bill Fastiggi	Alman, Burke, Hayden, Schmitt, Utzig
1999	Calvin H Schmiede	Colin Park	Francisco Solá Tanca	Mary Huntsman	Alman, Burke, Schmitt, Utzig
1998	William Faude	Calvin H Schmiede	Matt Burridge	Frank Mergenthaler	Alman, Burke, Schmitt, Utzig
1997	William Faude	Calvin H Schmiede	Matt Burridge	Frank Mergenthaler	Atkinson, Ruhlman & Schmitt
1996	Paul Gelenitis	Calvin H Schmiede	William Faude	Frank Mergenthaler	Atkinson, Ruhlman & Schmitt
1995	Robert Harkrider, Jr	Paul Gelenitis	William Faude	Frank Mergenthaler	Atkinson, Ruhlman & Schmitt
1994	R A "Tony" McBride	Paul Gelenitis	Robert G Ruhlman	Robert Harkrider, Jr	Atkinson, Schmiede & Schmitt
1993	Michael Huffman	Christopher "Kip" Hamblet	R A "Tony" McBride	Robert Harkrider, Jr	Gelenitis & Schmiede
1992	Michael Huffman	Christopher "Kip" Hamblet	R A "Tony" McBride	Robert Harkrider, Jr	Gelenitis & Schmiede
1991	Fisk Hayden	Christopher "Kip" Hamblet	Michael Huffman	Robert Harkrider, Jr	Schmiede & McBride
1990	Jack Tibbs	Carl Clipp	Michael Huffman	Fisk Hayden	Clausen & Hamblet
1989	Robert Wardwell	Carl Clipp	Jack Tibbs	Fisk Hayden	Clausen & Huffman
1988	Anne Allen	Robert Wardwell	Fisk Hayden	Jack Tibbs, Jr	Clipp, Clausen & Huffman
1987	David Sprague	Robert Wardwell	Anne Allen	Jack Tibbs, Jr	Clipp & Clausen
1986	Richard Guinan, Jr	David Sprague	Anne Allen	Jack Tibbs, Jr	Clipp & Wardell
1985	George R Hatfield	David Sprague	Anne Allen	Richard C Guinan, Jr	Clipp & Wardell
1984	Djoerd Hoekstra	George R Hatfield	Anne Allen	Richard C Guinan, Jr	Sprague & Wardell
1983	Paul A Huntsman	George R Hatfield	Richard C Guinan, Jr	Djoerd Hoekstra	Sprague & Wardell
1982	George V Fisher	Paul A Huntsman	Richard C Guinan, Jr	Thomas R Bierman	Hatfield, Hoekstra & Norstrom
1981	George V Fisher	Paul A Huntsman	Djoerd Hoekstra	David W White	Gotschalk, Hatfield & Norstrom
1980	Donald P Delorme, MD	George V Fisher	Djoerd Hoekstra	David W White	Brush, Huntsman & Schmiede
1979	David O Peters	George V Fisher	Donald P Delorme, MD	David W White	Buckley, Huntsman & Schmiede
1978	John S Schneider	David O Peters	Donald P Delorme, MD	John R Nixon	Fisher & Schmiede
1977	Robert R Adams	David O Peters	John S Schneider	Donald P Delorme, MD	Fisher & Schmiede
1976	Robert K Smither	Robert R Adams	F C Jacobson	John S Schneider	MacDonald & Peters
1975	Gary A Cameron	Robert K Smither	F C Jacobson	John S Schneider	Adams & Hamblet
1974	Charles N Howe	Robert K Smither	Gary Cameron	Robert R Adams	Hamblet & Buckley
1973	C O Jones, Jr	Robert K Smither	Charles N Howe	Charles N Howe	Hamblet & Buckley
1972	Arnold Schwartz	C O Jones, Jr	Charles N Howe	Walter B Jacobs, Jr	Smither & Hamblet
1971	James G Carson	C O Jones, Jr	Arnold Schwartz	Walter B Jacobs, Jr	Spitz & Maltbie
1970	Charles H Schreck	James G Carson	Arnold Schwartz	Walter B Jacobs, Jr	Jones & Scrim
1969	Stuart Anderson	Charles Schreck	E C Roseberry, Jr	Walter B Jacobs, Jr	Grinnell & Carson
1968	Jon Ruhlman	Stuart Anderson	Charles Schreck	David M Peterson	Llovet & Grinnell
1967	Wilson R Scott, MD	Jon Ruhlman	Stanley Brander, Jr	David M Peterson	Anderson & Llovet
1966	John Swanson	Wilson R Scott, MD	G J Blake	Alan S Raffee	Walton & Ruhlman
1965	Hamilton G Ford	John Swanson	Alfred Coha	Floyd R Arnold, DDS	Scott & Walton
1964	Jay Limbaugh	Mulin & Swanson	Hamilton G Ford	Floyd R Arnold, DDS	Swanson & Fisher
1963	Martin O'Meara	Herman Henschen	J R G Bleasby	Hamilton G Ford	Mulin & Powless
1962	John M McIntosh	Herman Henschen	Martin O'Meara, Jr	Hamilton G Ford	Bernel & Olsen
1961	Thomas D Fallon	James G Carson	Martin O'Meara, Jr	Hamilton G Ford	Herman Henschen
1960	Burrows Morley	James G Carson	John M McIntosh	Martin O'Meara, Jr	Herman Henschen
1959	H J Cawthra	Burrows Morley	Thomas D Fallon	John M McIntosh	James G Carson
1958	Carleton J Allan	H J Cawthra	Samuel D Knox	Thomas D Fallon	Burrows Morley
1957	Robert C Mann	Carleton J Allan	T J Ross, Jr	Allen R Oberson	H J Cawthra
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1955	Clifford J Prados	Ross G Allen	Jay Donovan	Burrows Morley	Robert Mann
1954	C B Crittenden	Clifford J Prados	Jay Donovan	Len Ladenburger	Ross G Allen
1953	H Richard Krauss	C B Crittenden	Len Ladenburger	Charles H Dore, III	Clifford Prados
1952	Wayne L Brockett	H Richard Krauss	C B Crittenden	Charles H Dore, III	Clifford O'Kane
1951	Walter E Swindeman, Jr	H Richard Krauss	Wayne L Brockett	Ed B Overton	
1950	LeRoy Amy	Walter E Swindeman, Jr	Wayne L Brockett	Alfred V Amy	
1949	Karl Smither	Walter E Swindeman, Jr	Wayne L Brockett	W A Grimm	
1948	Edward McCain	Arthur Burtcher	LeRoy Amy	Henry Williams	
1947	John W Orelup	Arthur Burtcher	Edward McCain	Karl Smither	
1946	Len Ladenburger	John W Orelup	Edward McCain	Edward McCain	
1945	James Trenary	John W Orelup	Len Ladenburger	Len Ladenburger	
1944	Ted Siferd	A J Webb	James Trenary	James Trenary	
1943	Hon L Stauffer Oliver	A J Webb	Henry L Schimpf	Henry L Schimpf	
1942	Hon L Stauffer Oliver	E Graham	Henry L Schimpf	Henry L Schimpf	
1941	C L Nicholson	Hon L Stauffer Oliver	E Gordon Conk	E Gordon Cronk	
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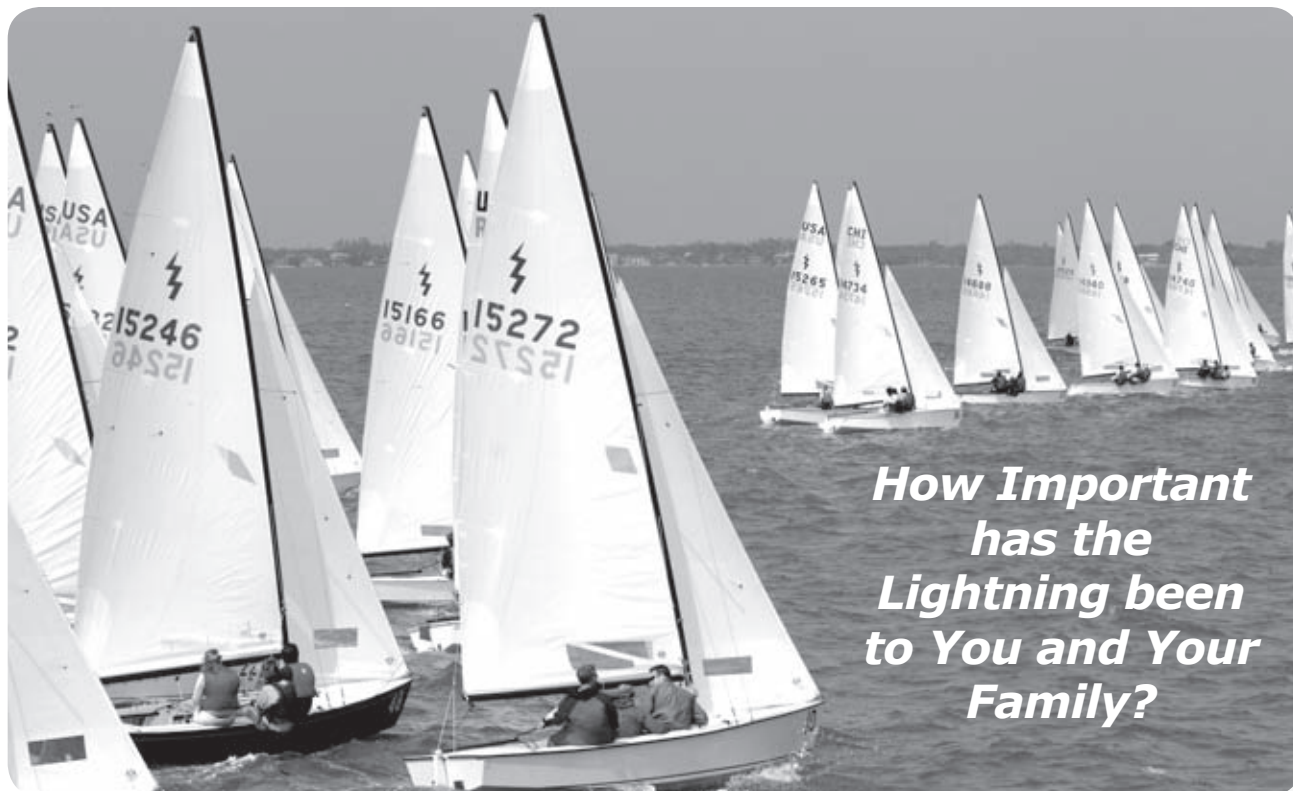
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*How Important  
has the  
Lightning been  
to You and Your  
Family?*

## You Can Make a Difference

Consider the years of enjoyment that you've had with the Lightning. Reflect on the support and organization the ILCA has provided over the years. Think of the friends you've met on the water. Now is the time to help guarantee your children and grandchildren can make their own special Lightning memories.

There are two important reasons to make a donation to the International Lightning Class Association.

**First**, the Class has been good to us over the years. Without it, Flashes, the Yearbook, racing, day sailing, and maybe even the wonderful camaraderie we share might be threatened. We've enjoyed competing, learning from each other, and sometimes finishing on top. Most importantly though, we want to make sure that the next generation of Lightning sailors can continue to enjoy the strong class organization we've come to expect. It's time to help ensure the ILCA stays strong!

**Second**, the Class needs support now. By donating to ILCA-established funding mechanisms, you can make a difference. Our annual budget supports planned expenses, but if we are to remain a strong Class association, we need to have a substantial "rainy day" fund. And we need to put money into special projects and equipment upgrades annual dues can't cover.

### **How Can You Support ILCA?**

The ILCA has established many alternatives to enable members and friends to make special gifts and bequests of lasting significance to help ensure the long-term viability, vitality and mission of the Class:

- ♦ The ILCA Fund
- ♦ The Limbaugh Fund
- ♦ The Mary Huntsman History Fund
- ♦ Planned Giving
- ♦ Special gifts

### **ILCA Fund**

The ILCA Fund was established in 1982 as a way to guarantee the long-range operations of our Class. The goal is to secure funding equivalent to two-years of the operating costs so that the Class can remain solvent during hard times. This will assure that future sailors can have the opportunity to enjoy the excitement and fellowship of sailing.

The monies in the ILCA Fund are used as directed by the Executive Committee of the Class. The funds income and as much principal as necessary may be used for repairs, purchase of extraordinary capital items (not supported by the annual budget) or long term capital projects.

### **The Helen & Jay Limbaugh Fund**

The Helen & Jay Limbaugh Fund was established in memory of two of our most avid supporters. Helen was our Executive Director from 1965 to 1982. Jay was our Class President in 1964. Both remained strong supporters of the Class long after their tenures were completed.

Because of Helen & Jay's strong interest in junior sailing, and their belief that our juniors are the future members and officers of our Class, the organizers of the fund have dedicated these funds toward Junior activities.

The available monies in the Limbaugh Fund are restricted to support of education, training, and the promotion of junior sailing. Only income generated from Limbaugh Fund investments may be used. The principal may not be spent.

### ***The Mary Huntsman History Fund***

The Mary Huntsman History Fund's primary objective is to help recover and properly preserve the Lightning Class heritage. The fund is named after Mrs. Mary Huntsman, Past President and officer of the Class, and who was the first to hold the Historian VP position when it was established. Under her Presidency, Mary secured the purchase of Lightning Number One and subsequently coordinated its donation to the Mystic Seaport Museum, where the boat will be restored and rightfully displayed.

The fund's money may be used to scan and archive all historic documents, publications, plans, constitution and bylaws, articles, brochures, etc. It may also be used to help restore and adequately display Lightning Number One. A main objective of the fund will be to organize the vast photo collection taken by Mary and other volunteers throughout the years and making it available to the Class members.

### ***Planned Giving***

The laws of the US permit its citizens to choose how to dispose of possessions at death. The ILCA has been granted status as a charitable organization by the Internal Revenue Service. As such, your gifts to the Class can be deducted from income and estate taxes. These tax laws make giving to the Class both economical and philanthropic.

### ***Special Gifts***

A gift of cash during a person's lifetime is the simplest type of gift. These can be made in person or anonymously, directly or on behalf of another person. Gifts within a year are deductible from that year's income taxes. You may send a check to the ILCA at any time or include an extra amount of money in the renewal form when you pay your membership every year.

Gifts of appreciated securities and real estate held for investment purposes are often more beneficial to the donor than gifts of cash. When such items are donated, the donor receives a contribution deduction equal to the current market value of the security and generally, the excess of the market value over the donors cost basis is not taxed. Often it can be advantageous to donate substantially appreciated items than to sell them and pay the capital gains tax.

Remembering The ILCA in your will is another method of giving. Such a gift is deductible in calculating estate taxes. Provisions for the gift may be included in the body of the will or by adding a simple codicil. If you desire to establish a separate memorial gift within either the ILCA Fund or "Limbaugh" Fund, or to specify the purpose of the gift, this may be done by so stating in the provisions of the will.

You may consider donating your boat and equipment to the ILCA, thereby helping make them available to newcomers. You can deduct the fair market value of your donation from your income or estate taxes. It may be more advantageous for you to give the boat to the Class than to sell it. The Class has the procedures in place to facilitate making this important gift.

There is no time better than the present to make gifts to our Class. Your contribution will assure that the next generation of sailors will have the same support that we all now enjoy and sometimes take for granted. We hope you will consider planning an ILCA donation, always informed, of course, by appropriate legal and financial counsel.

