

WOMEN'S NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP



2006 Women's North American Championship Report

After a few false starts, the team of 'Stone Cold,' Denise Cornell, Kathy Lindgren and Amy Simonsen, arrived in beautiful, sunny San Diego for the Lightning Women's North American Championships.

The first false start occurred when an unexpected health concern prevented the 'boat delivery person' from being able to make the trip. Plan "B" quickly went into action when Denise's husband, Ken, offered to deliver the double-decked boats (Stone Cold and Ric Larson's boat, also from Sheboygan) to San Diego. Ken arranged to use his father's van for the trip which offered plenty of storage room for boat supplies, luggage (think 3 women) and even enough room for stretching out for a quick nap (think driver saving hotel expenses)!

The second false start involved a crew member switch. When a new job opportunity changed the plans of the third crew member a mere two weeks before the event, Amy Simonsen came to the rescue with a very quick, 'Yes, I would love to go—let me re-arrange my (and my families') schedule!' Once again Plan "B" came into play.

Denise and Kathy arrived at Southwestern Yacht Club Monday morning to find that Ric and his crew found the boats first and already had them separated (yeah!). We noticed that not all the braces had been removed from the trailer, though, and quickly determined why. Luckily, Nick (all round helpful, sweet man who provided endless hours of work manning the davits, getting the lunches, and providing whatever general help was needed throughout the week) happened to walk by and make the mistake of saying, "Let me know if there is anything I can do for you!" Nick put all his strength into removing the last of our stripped bolts so the struts could be removed, and we could move on to boat setup. Thanks again, Nick. Then on to a very easy and fast boat measurement process. Thanks, Bill and team.

Although the number of participants was disappointing, the level of competition each team brought to the regatta made for an exciting event. We first met Meagan Ruhlman at the 2004 NAs held at the Buffalo Canoe Club. She was a junior skipper who had her boat moored next to ours and finished 3rd in that event. We first competed against her at the 2005 Women's NAs in Milwaukee, and then again the NAs in Sheboygan, so we knew she would be tough competition.

And tough it was! At the end of Day 1, with 2 races completed, we are tied with Meagan winning the tiebreaker (1-2, 2-1). Meagan wins the first race of Day 2 and is leading in the third race. We get close enough to her on the last downwind to engage in a tacking duel on the final upwind leg. The first 2 tacks don't appear to be working in our favor, but persistence pays off. By working ourselves to her left, we finally get between her and the finish. At the end of Day 2, with 4 races completed, we are still tied, but we win the tiebreaker (1-2-4-1, 2-1-3-2). Now for Day 3. Meagan has an excellent start in the first race and gains a lot of distance on the remaining fleet. Avis Bridgers and her team from North Carolina have been steadily improving every day, and they too are having a great race. They split from

the fleet early on and come back with a nice lead over us. We now are two points behind Meagan going into the final race, but there are no negative thoughts. After all, this is what we came here for! Let's just "Git R Dun!" Oops that is another Ruhlman...

Our focus in that final race was to race as hard and as smart as we possibly could and see what happens. We have a good start and keep great boat speed both upwind and downwind. Avis has another great race and again takes second. Our 1st place finish in the final race gets 'Stone Cold' the trophy!

San Diego proved to be an excellent venue for the event. It was worth the drive! (Just ask our Boat Delivery Man). The Southwestern Yacht Club was wonderful and the hospitality exceptional. The racing conditions, with warm temperatures (same everyday), consistent winds (same everyday), gentle swells (almost the same everyday), and beautiful scenery, will be hard to beat. Thanks to all who made the event possible.

**Just a note regarding participation levels of Women's and Junior N/A Championship events. These events provide great opportunities for participants at a VERY reasonable cost. Our Class supports these events from the Executive level, but it needs to be better supported through the Districts and down to the Fleets. Our team challenges each District and Fleet to help increase next year's participation in both of these events. It will be a Fleet and Class building experience!

Respectfully Submitted,

Crew of Stone Cold
Kathy Lindgren
Denise Cornell
Amy Simonsen



Women's start

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Southwestern Yacht Club

San Diego, California

August 9–11, 2006

Pos	Skipper	Crew	Sail#	Yacht Club	R1	R2	R3	R4	Ra5	R6	Total	T/O	Final
1	Kathy Lindgren	Denise Cornell, Amy Simonsen	14958	Sheboygan Yacht Club	1	2	4	1	3	1	12	4	8
2	Maegan Ruhlman	Megan Hawn, Caroline Sundman	15075	Pymatuning Yacht Club	2	1	3	2	1	3	12	3	9
3	Avis Bridgers	Ellie Stone, Jennifer Dewey	15141	Carolina Sailing Club	3	3	1	4	2	2	15	4	11
4	Karen Johnson	Jeannette Little, Becca Hofmeister	14095	Harbor Island Yacht Club	5	5	2	3	4	5	24	5	19
5	Colleen Cooke	Heidi Taylor, Sandra Sherman	13742	Southwestern Yacht Club	4	4	5	5	5	4	27	5	22

1st



Denise Cornell, Amy Simonson & Kathy Lindgren

2nd



Magan Hawn, Maegan Ruhlman & Caroline Sundman

3rd



Ellie Stone, Jennifer Dewey & Avis Bridgers

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Caroline Sundman, Maegan Ruhlman & Meagan Hahn



Kathy Lindgren, Denise Cornell & Amy Simonson



Jennifer Dewey, Avis Bridgers & Ellie Stone



Becca Hofmeister, Jeanette Little & Karen Johnson

JUNIORS' NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP



Southwestern Yacht Club
San Diego, California
August 9–11, 2006

Position	Skipper	Crew	Sail	Yacht Club	Race #1	Race #2	Race #3	Race #4	Race #5	Race #6	Race #7	Race #8	Race #9	Total	Throwout	Final
1	Ian Schillebeeckx	Beth Ward, Lucas Hofmeister	14901	Carlisle Sailing Association	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	11	3	7
2	Ian Moriarty	Edd Burke, Bryan Burke	14766	Carlisle Sailing Association	2	3	2	2	2	3	2	2	3	21	3	15
3	Reeve Dunne	Gabe Stallings, Ian McKenzie	15103	Denver Sailing Association	3	2	3	1	3	2	3	3	2	22	3	16

1st



Lucas Hofmeister, Beth Ward & Ian Schillebeeckx

JUNIORS' NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP



Ian Moriarty, Becca Hofmeister & Bryan Burke



Gabe Stallings, Ian McKenzie & Reeve Dunne



Juniors' start

MASTERS' NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP



2006 North American Masters' Championship Report

Bill Mauk

Thanks to the Southwestern Yacht Club for doing such a great job with the Lightning North American Masters' Championship!

It was a fantastic regatta—and not just because I finished at the top of the competitive fleet. The location, in beautiful San Diego, is worth a few paragraphs, if only I could do it justice. On our arrival at Southwestern Yacht Club, members made us feel right at home. That first evening, several members bought us drinks, engaged in great conversations (we solved all the world's problems, although the next day we could not remember the answers) and they gave us the lowdown on the area. A great start to our stay.

The next morning, we unpacked the boats, which was quite a production. Bob Harkrider had worked with Henry and Avis Bridgers to transport the boats. The Bridgers build low cradles that stack up to three boats high, and unstack with casters instead of wheels. That made it easy to parallel-park our boats on the pavement, though getting the rigs unstacked was something of an engineering challenge.

For those who haven't been there, let me tell you that the Southwestern Yacht Club is located inside a huge, busy bay. On any given day, racers shared the waterways with aircraft carriers, submarines, a destroyer that came right down the channel (and the Navy always gets right of way!), as well as barges, security, and fishing boats large and small. Every day, we passed the Navy's marine mammal training facility full of barking sea lions and the occasional porpoise. They made a lot of noise—hard to say if the sea-lions were happy, or hungry or asking to be liberated. We figured they must have mixed feeling about their role in our national defense efforts.

The racing was very competitive. Dick Hallagan and Colin Park (who won an NAs out on this coast) were never far out of the top. Add to that some challenging wind, current, and kelp conditions, and it was a tough regatta. I was fortunate in having Jeff and Amy Linton crew for me. I've sailed against them for years and looked forward to having them on my team again. Of course, Jeff called tactics on the Etchells Worlds team last fall, but Amy also sailed with Tito, Diego, and me in San Francisco, warming up the week before the Worlds. I expected to have a pretty competitive team!

Sure enough, going into the last race, we needed to beat Colin (who sailed with Steve Davis and Karen Park), and Jeff positioned us on the starting line in a great spot. We jumped off and got a lead early on, and then just worked to stay ahead of Colin for the rest of the race.

It was a thrill to win the North American Masters title, and I want to thank my wife Jo for being great beach crew, and of course, the Southwestern Yacht Club for making it a week to remember. Thanks!



Masters' start

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Southwestern Yacht Club
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Pos	Skipper	Crew	Sail	Fleet	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Final
1	Bill Mauk	Amy Linton, Jeff Linton	14866	Coral Reef Yacht Club	1	1	7	2	2	13
2	Colin Park	Karen Park, Steve Davis	15265	St. Petersburg Yacht Club	2	2	3	3	5	15
3	Richard Hallagan	Hendrix Ten Eyck, MaryLou Carlucci	15255	Newport Yacht Club	4	3	2	4	4	17
4	Mario Backup	Telma Backup, Marc Backup	14378	Guarapiranga Lake	10	4	1	1	3	19
5	Ric Larson	Eric Larson, Michael Elmergreen	15119	Sheboygan Yacht Club	3	5	5	6	1	20
6	Kip Hamblet	Abby Ruhlman, Rob Ruhlman	15257	Suncoast	7	6	4	9	7	33
7	Georges Peter	Brian Hayes, Jan Davis	14688	Annisquam Yacht Club	5	10	6	5	9	35
8	Bob Harkrider	Henry Bridgers, Pierce Barden	10810	Clarks Hill	6	7	8	10	8	39
9	Jim Carson	Don Schon, JoAnn Schon	15122	Metedeconk River Yacht Club	11	11	10	8	6	46
10	William Hofmeister	Richard Hofmeister, Dennis Colby	15206	Harbor Island Yacht Club	9	8	11	7	11	46
11	Tom Allen Sr	William Hackett, Lizette Hackett	14811	Buffalo Canoe Club	13	9	9	15	10	56
12	Gerald Neuburger	Sandra Neuburger, Larry Lyons	13788	Columbia/Vancouver Lake Sailing Club	8	15	12	13	12	60
13	John Atkins	Alan McReynolds, Lori Foster	14397	Newport Yacht Club	12	12	14	11	14	63
14	Scott Finkboner	Dan Gravatt, Roselyne Hazard	14904	Mission Bay Yacht Club	14	13	13	12	13	65
15	John DeBenedetti	Mary Mackey, Steve Little	13896	Columbia/Vancouver Lake Sailing Club	15	14	15	14	15	73
16	James McIntosh	Josh Goetz, Terry Gallagher	15279	Newport Yacht Club	16	DNF	16	DNF	16	82



Bill Mauk and the Lintons

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1st



Jeff Linton, Amy Smith Linton & Bill Mauk

2nd



Steven Davis, Karen Park & Colin Park

3rd



MaryLou Carlucci, Hendrix Ten Eyck & Richard Hallagan

4th



Mario, Telma & Marc Buckup

5th



Eric Larson, Michael Elmergreen & Ric Larson



John Atkins receiving an Appreciation Award for his outstanding efforts in organizing the Youth World Championships



Karen Johnson receiving an Appreciation Award for her 10+ years of service to the ILCA as its Executive Secretary



Edna Johnson being thanked for all her efforts as the Chair of the WJM



Henry Bridgers, Pierce Barden & Bob Harkrider



Jim Carson, JoAnn Schon & Don Schon

SOUTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP



2006 Lightning South American Championships

"How the South was Won" (but not by us!!)

Brian Hayes

Matt Burrige's fine article in a recent Lightning Flashes, titled "How the West was Won," showed how he and his team managed the travel, the conditions and the competition to win the North American Championships in San Diego. This article is an exact mirror to Matt's in that it will cover the overall experience but will differ with one notable exception. The author of this article and his team did not even come close to winning the South American Championships. In fact, due to many circumstances directly within our control, we were barely able to compete and, in fact, featured a scorecard with more letters than a healthy serving of alphabet soup.

It started innocently enough. New ILCA President, Steve Davis, our Class Executive Secretary, Jan Davis, and I decided that, if everything fell into place, we should try to go to the South Americans in Salinas, Ecuador, so that we could: a) get together with the South American Lightning sailors to hear their ideas and opinions on the Lightning Class, b) show the international Lightning community that the Class Office and officers were committed to growing the class internationally, and c) "show 'em how it's done"!! Well, two out of three ain't bad.

October 30, 2006—Introduction to Ecuador

I leave my house at 6:00 AM for a 10:25 direct flight from JFK to Guayaquil. I have two bags, my laptop, a couple of hundred dollars, very limited international travel experience and a couple of years of junior high school Spanish as my assets. Jan and Steve leave at around 8:00 AM Denver time but have stops in Houston and Panama City before arriving in Guayaquil. My flight lands on time at around 5:00 PM, and after collecting all my stuff, I meet up with Arturo, Paco Sola's crew. I am whisked away to a local Café where we chat in "Spanglish" and await the arrival of several other local fleet members.

Juan Santos arrives first. Juan's English is similar to my Spanish. Then more local sailors arrive. Carlos Lecaro, Santiago Romero and a few others. At around 8:00 PM I am then whisked away again, this time to dinner with the "guys" at the Banker's Club in Guayaquil. After a great dinner I am taken back to the airport where I see Jan and Steve just as they arrive. The three of us hop into a waiting van and head off to Salinas, which is about two hours away. It is 11:00 PM. We arrive at the Barcelo Hotel (pronounced bar-sell-o) in Salinas at 1:00 AM. Our accommodations, which have been arranged by Santiago Romero, are perfect. The hotel is quite nice and new with many modern amenities, which we are soon to discover, are not featured in many areas of Salinas. We arrange the sleeping so that Jan and Steve get the bedroom and I get the cot in the common area, and we crash at around 2:00 AM.

October 31, 2006—"Try the Ceviche!!"

Our team begins to stir early. We are all used to getting up fairly early, especially President Davis. If Steve isn't cranked up and doing something by 6:00 AM, I am told, there is something wrong. Steve's the Energizer Bunny. Last to bed, first awake. (More on this later). Carlos Lecaro comes by the Barcelo and picks us up around 11:00 AM for the two-mile drive to the Salinas Yacht Club ("clobber-yots" for the taxi drivers). The Club is awesome. Plenty of room. Two hoists. Lightning Bar. We find our boat and rig it, as there is not much activity at the Club on a Tuesday. After a while Jan and Steve decide it's time for lunch. We sit in the outdoor restaurant. Now I'm not saying this is verbatim, but this is my recollection of the conversation.

Jan: Oh, they say we have to have the ceviche!

Brian: What's ceviche?

Steve: Oh, it's a mix of things like squid, shrimp—sort of a salad kinda thing.

Brian: And you eat this?

Jan: Oh, it's delicious!

Steve: (to server) Uno ceviche mixto por favor!!

Jan: (to server) Si!! Ceviche mixto!!

Brian: (to server) Diet Coke and toast...por flavor!! (my Spanish is not good!)

6 minutes later...

Steve: This is really good!! How's yours, Jan?

Jan: Awesome!!

Brian: My toast tastes great—if you're interested.

The rest of the day went harmlessly. We met Marcelo Leon and his wife and crew and sit at the Lightning Bar and had dinner with them and a few others while sharing lots of stories and great laughs. We retired back to the Barcelo, and Jan went off to bed while Steve and I went to the bar and casino (we won \$30) before retiring.

November 1, 2007—Why is that Lady on the Ground?

Wednesday dawned, and the practice race was scheduled for 2:00 PM. We helped Marcelo with his boat, as well as Olaf Dyck and Cristobal Perez. We sailed out with perhaps 13-14 other teams for the practice race, a five-leg windward leeward, and raced four legs, then dropped out to sail against some of the competitors to check their trim and set up.

Opening ceremonies were scheduled for 8:00 PM (which, come to find out, really means about an hour later Ecuador time), and Jan, Steve and I arrived plenty early. A traditional flag raising ceremony, with Jan doing the honors for the lone US team, was followed by a formal indoor ceremony with many dignitaries, including Steve, giving speeches.

Now I'll stop here because this is about the time that our trip turned from being fun and frivolity to an exercise in creative crew replacement and stamina. Remember the ceviche from early?? Well here it comes. Literally...



After dinner was served, Steve was chatting with Paco while I was attempting to ply some of the locals into a drinking game when I hear, "She passed out. She fell straight to the floor." Now I'm not certain what or who they are talking about, but I look on the balcony and I see Jan surrounded by many concerned sailors. Steve darts outside and I follow. Jan had passed out and fallen down. Not sure why but she doesn't look well, and we quickly ask for a ride back to the Barcelo so she can rest. Needless to say, Jan is totally incapacitated for the next 24 hours. Details not required. (See above: ceviche!!) I adopt a new mantra. Cerveza, rum, toast!!!

November 2, 2006—How Do You Say Jib in French?

We awake for the first day of the championship, short one crew. Jan is out. We put her on the "unable to perform" list, give her bananas, juice and water and head to the club. I have a 9:00 AM clinic scheduled (which, as we learn, is really 9:40), and we need to find a third for the day. The clinic goes well as I use a whiteboard to draw prebend concepts and discuss headstay sag in my best Spanglish. We all head over to my boat and display the effect prebend has on the sail shapes and field questions as best I can. The "reunion de Capitains" is at 11:00 AM (which really means, to my amazement, 11:00 AM), and I listen in and catch a few key phrases while being assisted by Paco with some translations.

Racing is at 1:30 PM, and at noon Steve and I are introduced to our third, Pierre. Pierre is a Spanish and English speaking Frenchman living in Ecuador (and I thought I had identity issues!!). His kids are sailing the Opti Regatta, and he is game to go racing. He is very good. Pierre quickly gets the hang of proper heel and can fly the kite well. We finish the day with a 10,1,OCS. Steve looks tired. Kinda sluggish. Pierre is fresh as a daisy. We have a cerveza and head back to the hotel to check on Jan. Dinner is at 9:00 PM (yeah right) on the beach, and we want to see how Jan is doing. We have a 7:00 PM meeting scheduled for the ILCA but postpone it until Friday, as we don't think Jan will be up to it today. Steve looks tired and curls up in bed at 6:30 PM. Jan does the same. I don't see either of them until the next day.

The beach party is awesome. Our host, Xavier Monge, has the party right in front of his home on the beach. I arrive at 9:00 PM (way to early), find the baño (bathroom) and grab a glass of wine. A bonfire is stoked up, and tables are set up on the beach as well as two bars, dozens of tiki torches and a huge buffet. I gather near one of the bars and chat with many fellow sailors. All are concerned about Jan, and I am now concerned about Steve. Remember Steve is the Energizer Bunny. He's in bed at 6:30. Not good. I finally eat around 10:30 and sit with Cesar Baquerizo and his wife and enjoy some great conversation and learn more about Ecuador, the Galapagos Islands and the Salinas Yacht Club. The Baquerizo's kindly offer me a lift back to the hotel, and I gladly accept it so I am back and in bed by 1:00 AM.

November 3, 2006—Who's This Guy Who Looks Like Steve??

I am the first one to wake up. I knock on Steve and Jan's door. 9:00 AM. "You guy's alive in there?" A minute later Jan comes to the door. I ask Jan, "How ya feelin'?" "Better," she replies. Steve is in a fetal position on his bed. "Is that a good sign?" I ask her. She nods, "Nope." OK. Plan C.

Steve awakes and is determined to sail. Jan is up to it today as well. Jan is at 60%. We estimate Steve at 35-40%. Nearly 100% between the two of them. Not bad. Jan and I prepare the boat while Steve rests upstairs at the club. We drop the boat in and chase the fleet out to the start line. Steve sleeps in the bow. Jan and I chat about lots of stuff (but ceviche is off the topic list). We start the day with a third, but our stamina is not good, and we get worse as the day goes on, not quite getting left enough and sailing poorly in general, to finish with a 9,14. We sail in and Steve looks green. Jan is better.

We have a South American ILCA organizing meeting that Steve is to run, but we get him back to the hotel and put him to bed. We won't see him for another 14 hours. Jan and I run the roundtable discussion, and we come

away from the meeting with a lot of good ideas and a feeling that, under the right circumstances, the opportunity for future success for the Lightning in South America is attainable. We are excited to see that the local sailors are anxious to help. Time will tell how we successful we are as a team in moving forward and implementing some of the ideas that were discussed at this meeting.

That evening is the awards dinner for the "Copa de Santiago Romero." It is an annual race sponsored by Santiago Romero. The race had been held about two weeks prior, but the party is really what it is all about. Starting promptly at 9:00 PM (read: 10:00 PM) this was an event not to be missed!! Open bar, sushi bar, pasta bar, chicken, steak, shrimp, six-piece band, beautiful trophies for the winners and personalized t-shirts for every one who competed with a caricature of each competitor on their own t-shirt. This event was first class all the way!! Dancing, food, interesting party masks (ask Jan!). One thing I do know. A great party translates well in any language!!

November 4, 2006—Finally, We're all in One Piece, Except the Mainsheet!!

Saturday morning comes and Steve is moving and Jan is moving. Everyone is healthy(ish)!! Finally our team is together. Let's see if we can salvage this regatta. Three good finishes can put us in a position to be as good as 2nd. I'm confident we can do it. Steve has much more energy today, and Jan is way better. We head out to the course with high spirits. I do a survey of the boat on the way out. Looks good. But..."Hey Steve. You think that little chafe in the mainsheet is OK? Oh well. Gonna have to be since it's an internal boom sheeting. We can't re-tie it". (Note the clever use of fore-shadowing here)

First race of the day we win the pin. Sail fast to the left (re-read results of Pavlov experiments the previous evening). We were fast enough to get under Juan Santos' bow and tack and led at the first mark. We held our lead on the run and lost two boats from the right on the next beat. Lost another (from the right) on the run for a 4th. We're still in the game. Two more top 5s gives us a small chance for 2nd and a good chance at top 5.

Race #8. Individual recall. Is it us?? We go back. Last at first mark. Last at 2nd mark but closer. We work left, and the boats on the right go light. We get breeze and a header. Back in the game again!! We tack. BIG lift!! Top 10?? Maybe better?? BANG!!! Now I don't ever remember breaking a mainsheet before in a Lightning. Been sailing them for the better part of four decades. Can't even recall SEEING a mainsheet break. But there is a first for everything. Broken mainsheet + internal sheeting boom = thanks for coming, your consolation prize is backstage. We limp into the club holding the tail of the mainsheet 1:1 and begin to break the boat down. We slip of the boom end cap and re-lead the mainsheet so the boat is ready to go for the next time. This certainly wasn't the boats fault. It is our responsibility to check the equipment and make certain it is race ready. With all the other "items" on our agenda during the week, we missed the chafing on the sheet. Our scores were 10,1,OCS,3,9,14,4,DNF,DNS. Solidly 12th. Mid-fleet. Not quite as good as Juan Santos and his team. They had 2,3,4,2,(11),2,1,4,2. Dominating!! Congratulations to Juan and his team. They sailed great!

The awards dinner was as impressive as every other party. There was food, wine and dancing as usual. Carlos Lecaro, the regatta chairman, did an excellent job as the Master of Ceremonies (I could easily be out of a job). Each competitor was recognized as well as individual race winners. Also, in ILCA tradition, a raffle was held with 100% of the proceeds donated to the local Red Cross (which everyone agreed is a great way to allocate the funds). Carlos and Company raffled off twenty North Sails hats and bags as well as miscellaneous ILCA gear. They were HOT items!! The crowd was in a frenzy!! Good times!! Steve, Jan and I hung in there until around midnight (also known as "when the party just gets started"), as we had an early van back to Guayaquil so I could catch a Sunday flight. We wandered around thanking all our hosts as we worked our way to the door and crashed back at the Barcelo around 1:00 AM.

SOUTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP



SALINAS YACHT CLUB

53° Campeonato Sudamericano de Lightning—Noviembre 1-4 de 2006

Pl	Sail #	Team	From	Total	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	14673	Santos Juan / A. Santos / R. Lecaro	Ecuador	20	2	3	4	2	(11)	2	1	4	2
2	14794	Perez Cristobal / C. Grez / Sergio Baeza	Chile	47	(23\OCS)	7	5	1	15	5	5	1	8
3	14894	Sumner Thomas / G. Satio Harada / F. Brito	Brasil	47	6	2	8	8	6	1	(11)	10	6
4	14791	Herman Pablo / I.F. Herman / Claus Engell	Chile	51	4	6	10	(15)	1	11	7	2	10
5	15095	Plaza M. Miguel / S. Romero / Maria De Romero	Ecuador	52	1	10	1	9	7	9	(19)	11	4
6	14163	Velez Julio / S. Herrera / MBeatriz Grubio	Ecuador	52	8	8	3	(23\OCS)	2	13	9	6	3
7	14676	Lecaro C.Luis / O. Viteri / J. Norero	Ecuador	57	3	17	(18)	12	5	3	2	14	1
8	11043	Bellini Pepe / L. Calabrese / Diego Gner	Argentina	62	7	4	11	6	(18)	4	10	7	13
9	14671	Santos Rafael / K. Quintero / D. Grubio	Ecuador	68	9	(15)	6	14	10	7	8	5	9
10	11037	Ricoveri Robert / G. Berberian / L. Authier	Argentina	73	19	5	7	4	3	(22)	12	16	7
11	15150	Sola Francisco / C. Casal / A. Iturralde	Ecuador	85	17	9	(23\OCS)	10	8	12	15	9	5
12	14688	Hayes Brian / Steve Davis / Jan Davis	USA	87	10	1	(23\OCS)	3	9	14	4	23\DNF	23\DNF
13	14160	Leon Marcelo / Ole Emmick / Clara Ordoñez	Ecuador	93	13	12	14	13	16	6	16	3	(23\DSQ)
14	15094	Plaza Andres / J.C. Plaza / Fdo. Coronel	Ecuador	104	21	14	15	(23\OCS)	4	10	14	15	11
15	14379	Calderon Jaime / S. García / J. Klempere	Ecuador	107	15	13	19	7	19	8	18	8	(23\DNF)
16	14099	Plaza Merino M/L. Benites / J. Ferretti	Ecuador	109	18	16	(23\DSQ)	11	21	16	3	12	12
17	14541	Baquerizo Cesar / O. Rodriguez / F. Panchana	Ecuador	112	12	(20)	17	5	20	20	6	17	15
18	14802	Tamayo Gustavo / N. Guerrero / J. Delgado	Colombia	115	5	(23\OCS)	12	16	14	19	17	18	14
19	14389	Meira Sebastian / Fco. Soriano / J. Palacios	Ecuador	116	11	18	9	(20)	13	15	20	13	17
20	14675	Dyck Olaf / Ada Dyck / G. Cordovez	Ecuador	118	16	11	13	(19)	12	18	13	19	16
21	14678	Herrera Sebasti / H. Herrera / C. Drouet	Ecuador	133	14	19	2	18	17	17	(23\DNS)	32\DNF	23\DNF
22	15096	Monge Xavier / Lobo y Pollo Rodriguez	Ecuador	154	20	21	16	17	(22)	21	21	20	18



Champions!



Rafael Lecaro, Juan Andres Santos & Juan Rafael Santos



2nd—Sergio Baeza, Cristobal Grez, Cristobal Perez & presenter Santiago Romero



Felipe Brito, Thomas Sumner, Gustavo Satio Harada & presenter ILCA President Steve Davis

SOUTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP



Claus Engell, Pablo Herman & friend



Assistant Measurer Jamie Calderon



Jan Davis at the Class Meeting



Tommy Sumner's team from Brazil



EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP



European Championship Jyväskylä, Finland



The Lightning Class European Championship began in Jyväskylä with Greek domination. After three races on the first day, only one Finn, one Swiss and one Brazilian boat were in the top ten.

After the three races are over, the experienced Swiss team, lead by Urs Wyler in "Meltemi" along with crew members Walter Dürr and Gilbert Dürr, were in the lead. Wyler had already sailed 30 years in the Lightning Class world elite. In second place were the young Greeks in "Krinis," captained by Christos Atzemian and crewed by Faidon Kounas and Themis Parousis.

The Brazilians, Thomas Sumner, Felipe Brito and Felipe Gil, slipped to third place. They were also the current Youth World Champions and were also competing in the Open European Championships, though they could not win the actual title of European Champion.

On the first race day the most successful Finnish team was Matti Leppänen and his crew in "Gamma." This team, representing Tuusulanjärven Purjehtijat, was ninth in the competition with Kalle Ahola and Mari Leppänen as crew.

On the second day, the hosts themselves started to get a feel of the winds of Lake Päijänne. Kimmo Aromaa and his crew, sailing on "Masi VI," won Saturday's second race and rose to seventh place as the best Finnish team. However, in the gusts and shifts of Lake Päijänne, the top two from the previous day were the best.

The last day was a magnificent one for Panagiotis Verginadis and his crew. The day was sunny, but winds kept shifting. Panagiotis Verginadis, with his crew Timos Vlachos and Theodoros Poulakos, maneuvered the difficult circumstances best and took two number ones. That was enough to take them to the top of the results—just one point ahead of the Swiss skipper, Urs Wyler. Urs, sailing on "Meltemi" with crew Walter Dürr and Gilbert Dürr,



achieved yet another trophy position in an international regatta, but leading the regatta for two days, it must have been a disappointment.

"Krinis," with skipper Christos Atzemian and crew Faidon Kounas and Themis Parousis, was third in a very exciting regatta. All the Greek teams showed competitive seamanship—two out of three top places is not bad at all.

Then came Atzemian Panagiotis Verginadis, also from Greece, holding fourth place with an equal number of points. Five points behind them were the governing Youth World Champions from Brazil, Thomas Sumner and his crew. Otherwise, the top ten was comprised of all Greek sailors. The next best Finnish boat, Matti Leppänen's Gamma, was in eleventh place.

The Lightning Class European Championship ended on Sunday in Säynätsalo. There were three races that day, starting at 11:00 AM. The fleet returned to the harbour between 3:00 and 4:00 PM. The prize giving ceremony started at 6:00 PM at Juurikkasaari race harbour in Säynätsalo. Sailing events continued on Monday with the Lightning Class Youth Worlds.



EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP



Lake Päijänne—Jyväskylä, Finland

July 13 16, 2006

Rank	Boat	Sail	Helm	Crew	Club	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	Nett
1		GRE 15077	Panagiotis Verginadis	Timos Vlachos Theodoros Poulakos	YCG	2	-6	3	2	6	1	1	6	1	22
2	Meltemi	SUI 13790	Urs Wyler	Walter Dürr Gilbert Dürr	SCM	1	4	2	1	2	4	8	1	-9	23
3	Krinis	GRE 14334	Christos Atzemian	Faidon Kounas Themis Parousis	YCG	3	3	1	3	4	5	7	(34.0 DSQ)	6	32
4	Huihai	BRA 14894	Thomas Sumner	Felipe Brito Fillipe Gil	SPYC	6	1	4	6	9	2	10	4	-14	42
5		GRE 13801	Manolis Stoumpos	Antonios Mpourdous Ili Dima	PSC	4	11	10	-12	8	3	3	7	2	48
6		GRE 15244	Yannis Manolakis	Sotiris Tsamis Manolis Papagrigorakis	YCG	8	15	9	8	5	(34.0 OCS)	2	3	3	53
7		GRE 14211	Yannis Giannopoulos	Dimitris Telios Marios Petrogonas	YCG	5	7	11	9	-19	12	5	9	4	62
8	Masi VII	FIN 15281	Kimmo Aromaa	Mika Aromaa, uha Aromaa	M	10	-16	14	11	1	7	12	2	11	68
9		GRE 14361	George Magouras	Marios Paraskeuas Michel Papatheoharis	N/A	17	12	15	4	(34.0 DSQ)	6	9	8	10	81
10	Gamma	FIN 14638	Matti Leppänen	Kalle Ahola Mari Leppänen	TP	13	9	5	-24	16	9	6	18	12	88
11	Renata	GRE 11811	Papoutsogiou Alexios	Mesiskli Maria Moghaddam-Gholipuor	PSC	7	2	(34.0 DSQ)	7	15	8	34.0 OCS	10	5	88
12		GRE 14264	Georgia Chimona	Elena Politi Vasilis Papadakis	YRCG	14	5	6	5	14	20	14	-23	16	94
13	Ayolos	FIN 14018	Niko Lappalainen	Pasi Hannila Kari Kanerva	TP	20	8	12	15	12	10	(34.0 OCS)	12	13	102
14		GRE 14377	Alexandros Bellos	Manthos Sikiniotis Gerasimos Asvestaris	YCG	9	21	20	16	18	(34.0 DSQ)	11	5	7	107
15		GRE 13402	Argyris Kampitsis	Dimitrios Alevizakis Zoi Karampatsou	PSC	21	14	17	18	7	13	4	14	(34.0 DNF)	108
16		FIN 14494	Matti Bruun	Markku Kallio Juha Savela	KuoPS	15	13	8	21	11	14	(34.0 OCS)	11	23	116
17	Pohjan-Akka	FIN 12995	Aulis Näykki	Heikki Ulen Erkki Puuperä	KPS	12	-23	23	14	10	11	15	16	20	121
18	Elf	FIN 12258	Henry Elfving	Esa Pukki Ralf Sundberg	LPS	18	17	21	17	3	18	-24	15	17	126
19	Nikea	FIN 14364	Samppa J Salminen	Tero Kotimäki Keijo Tulomäki	JVS	(34.0 OCS)	22	7	10	26	15	13	20	15	128
20	Lola	FIN 12908	Timo Järvinen	Vesa Karhusaari Antti Kanninen	JVS	11	10	19	20	20	(34.0 DNF)	23	17	8	128
21	Kikka	FIN 14269	Markku Paloma	Heidi Paloma Ari Raappana	OPS	16	18	13	19	17	16	17	-25	19	135
22	Shark	FIN 14331	Pekka Bollström	Sakari Pesola Liisa Hasunen	TP	24	-26	16	22	13	17	18	21	18	149
23	Forte	FIN 14534	Esko Aalto	Sari Aalto Pasi Kivimäki	TP	19	19	22	13	21	-28	25	19	21	159
24	Snow White	FIN 14535	Kaarlo Jaskari	Antero Punttila Jenni Punttila	TP	23	29	18	23	23	21	16	13	-30	166
25	Amarillo	FIN 14406	Pertti Pyy	Laura Suolahti Walteri Karhusaari	TP	22	20	24	26	24	25	20	-27	27	188
26	Old Lady	FIN 6838	Esko Lehtinen	Pekka Lehtinen Jukka Lehtinen	JVS	22.0 RDG	25	26	28	-30	24	19	24	24	192
27	Masi III	FIN 13130	Eppu Pötry	Anna Henderson Petri Mäkinen	TP	28	28	-31	25	29	19	21	29	22	201
28	Muje	FIN 11359	Ilkka Lijja	Anssi Lijja Kari Elivuo	JVS	-32	27	25	31	22	22	27	22	31	207
29	Sini	FIN 14352	Gerhard Sternberger	Jukka Pötry Riitta Kangas	TP	-30	24	27	30	27	27	22	28	26	211
30	Mafalda	FIN 12918	Vesa Purokuru	Petri Sallinen Pekko Sallinen		27	31	28	-32	25	26	28	26	28	219
31	Tuula	FIN 14351	Hannu Kolehmainen	Janne Ahonen Juhani Ahonen	JVS	26	30	29	27	31	(34.0 DNF)	26	32	25	226
32	Kristiina	FIN 12996	Vili-Pekko Pukari	Heikki Tulomäki Johannes Geiss	JVS	29	-33	32	29	28	23	29	30	29	229
33	Red Snapper	FIN 14761	Olli Kanerva	Lasse Lammi Alex Kanerva	TP	31	32	30	(34.0 DNF)	DNC	DNC	30	31	32	254

CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIP



Canadian Open
Buffalo Canoe Club
Crystal Beach, Ontario, Canada
July 24–25, 2006

Sailed: 3—Discards: 0—Ratings: None—Entries: 30

Rank	SailNo	Helm	R1	R2	R3	Total
1	19 - 15252	David Starck	6	2	3	11
2	10 - 15246	Larry MacDonald	2	9	2	13
3	12 - 15082	Jamie Allan	3	8	9	20
4	32 - 15232	Allan Terhune Jr	1	15	4	21
5	15 - 14957	Ryan Ruhlman	5	10	6	21
6	24 - 15298	Ian Jones	13	4	8	25
7	22 - 15202	Neal Fowler	10	5	11	26
8	25 - 15125	Tom Starck	9	1	17	27
9	16 - 15164	Jed Dodge	7	3	18	28
10	9	Thomas Allen Jr	4	19	5	29
11	06 - 14901	Ian Schillebeeckx	18	11	1	30
12	08 - 15257	Rob Ruhlman	12	7	12	31
13	11 - 15272	Mark Grinder	11	6	15	32
14	05 - 15206	Bill Faude	14	12	10	36
15	28 - 14768	Peter Hall	20	16	7	44
16	21 - 15251	Deb Probst	8	14	22	45
17	07 - 14261	Ed Roseberry Jr	15	18	16	50
18	14 - 15064	Richard Walsh	24	17	13	54
19	26 - 15075	Maegan Ruhlman	23	20	14	57
20	13 - 14479	Kevin Robinson	26	13	23	61
21	03 - 15015	John Werley	19	13	DNF	63
22	23 - 14580	Carissa Cox	17	25	21	64
23	04 - 14811	Tom Allen	16	22	28	67
24	27 - 15125X	Bill Neal	28	23	20	71
25	02 - 14502	Tom Ward	25	29	19	73
26	20 - 14612	Ross Bailey	22	26	26	74
27	31 - 14174	David Sprague	27	24	24	75
28	17 - 14268	Warren Emblidge	30	21	27	78
29	01 - 14410	Pat Buckley	29	27	25	81
30	18 - 15284	Dick Aubrecht	OCS	28	29	89



David Starck

What can I say...it is always nice to win at home. Despite the light winds, the 2006 Canadian Open was a fun regatta. The weather cooperated with the exception of the wind. It was unfortunate because the turnout was excellent. Many top teams used the regatta to prepare for the San Diego NAs. The RC did a nice job of completing three quality races.

The Buffalo Canoe Club has hosted the Canadian Open many times. This year the regatta was held in conjunction with other one-design classes. It proved positive as the Lightning was showcased amongst the classes.



THE ATLANTIC COAST CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Atlantic Coast Championships

**Beach Haven, New Jersey
July 29 & 30, 2006**



Seventy Lightning Class boats sailed in the Atlantic Coast Championships this last weekend at Little Egg Harbor Yacht Club in Beach Haven, New Jersey. This event was sanctioned by the US Olympic committee to be a pre-qualifier for the US Pan American competition to be held in Annapolis in October of this year. The ultimate winner of that event will go on to represent the United States in the Pan American Games in Brazil in 2007. Seventy percent of the boats came from local states (NJ, PA, NY, MD, CT), but boats traveled from locations as far as Quebec, North Carolina and Michigan.

SCORCHING HOT, would describe the weather and sailing conditions best. A westerly system prevailed over the standard strong southerly sea breeze until the fifth and last race on Sunday. The comments most given about Saturday's races, sailed in 10–15 shifty wind with gusts, were that the club did a fantastic job making sure everyone had the water they needed. Then, of course, came Sunday, where the first race was a

grueling affair that started after several recalls and a black flag and lasted almost two hours. The flies were much more prevalent than the butterflies, although they seemed to be out in numbers as well. The second race was postponed several hours until the sea breeze was fighting to come in after 2:00 PM.

Debbie Probst and her female team of Monica Jones and Cindy Kelly seemed to master the conditions most consistently, as they won the event by five points over second place contender Jim Crane (third in 2003 Worlds). He was followed by the 2004 North American Champion Allan Terhune in third, and prior NA champion Jody Lutz, sailing with his son, in fourth. The competition in this regatta was fierce. The depth of this regatta is even better demonstrated by the respective final positions of the winners of each of the five races: twenty-third place Joel Humphrey won the first race, eleventh place Ian Jones won the second, fifth place Jeff Linton the third, Tenth place Keith Toboata the fourth, and third place Allan Terhune the fifth. To round out the others in the top ten: sixth place was Nicole Breault, eighth Neal Fowler, and ninth Ched Proctor.

Thanks were given repeatedly by the contenders for the excellent regatta organization, club facilities and sailing venue. The Schneiders organized the regatta and had incredible assistance by many volunteers. Special thanks should be given to: Bonnie Lenhard for registration, Jack Lampman for preparing the parking area, Mike and Nancy Davis for the breakfasts, the crew of Bob Cronin, Tom Greenwald, Nils Herdelin, Bob Morris and Charlie Barkley for getting the boats in and out of the water efficiently, and Richard McOrman for pulling them out of the launch area. Robert Stevens organized and ran the races in challenging conditions; John Coyle supplied the patrol and safety support; Nina Gilman and Jan Gartland coordinated the scoring; Timmi Vesci and Pat Miller organized the lunches; Ken Klaus put together the after-race dock-side reception; and Harvey Restruck arranged the dinner dance. The awards were obtained by Pat Miller and Louise Reynolds. A typical LEHYC display of coordination and volunteerism produced an excellent regatta.



THE ATLANTIC COAST CHAMPIONSHIPS

Pl	Sail#	Crew	From	Subj	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	TOTAL
1	15251	Debbie Probst, Monica Jones & Cindy Kelly	Buffalo Canoe Club	PANAM	8	2	14	3	9	36
2	14900	Jim Crane, Brenda Crane & Kelly Crane	Noroton	PANAM	12	3	8	16	2	41
3	15232	Allan Terhune, Katie Terhune & Dave Perkowski	Eastport Yacht Club	PANAM	10	9	11	15	1	46
4	15166	Jody Lutz, Jason Lutz & Matt Schon	Metedeconk		30	8	6	12	6	62
5	15083	Jeff Linton, Amy Smith Linton & Mark Taylor	The Suncoast Fleet	PANAM	46	5	1	7	5	64
6	15190	Nicole Breault, Micheal Gooch-Breault & Bruce Stone	Niantic Bay Yacht Club	PANAM	3	11	16	25	14	69
7	15238	William Fastiggi, Suzy Coburn & Nick Aswad	Lake Champlain		20	7	10	6	28	71
8	15202	Neal Fowler, Todd Johnson & Katie Offerman	Severn Sailing Assoc		2	22	15	5	29	73
9	14821	Ched Proctor, Brian Taboda & Tom Proctor	Cedar Point Yacht Club	PANAM	32	4	2	9	34	81
10	14597	Keith Taboda, Russell Schon & Alex Curtis	Metedeconk	PANAM	21	19	39	1	3	83
11	15298	Ian Jones, Lauren Jones & Kevin Robinson	Buffalo Canoe Club	PANAM	25	1	7	10	50	93
12	15154	Mark Schneider, Ashley Schneider & Jim Buckley	Riverton Yacht Club	PANAM	27	12	17	21	33	110
13	15142	Nabeel Alsalam, Russell Roberts & Lisbet Kugler	Potomac River Sailing Assoc		14	15	26	27	21	113
14	15197	Matt Reiser, Colleen Kennedy & Stu Josberger	Lovalllette	PANAM	28	30	30	11	15	114
15	15240	Stephen Constants, Mike Constants & Chloe Constants	Severn Sailing Assoc		15	38	53	2	7	115
16	14175	Ted Duffy, Paul Luisi & Rob Ruffus	Monmouth Boat Club		7	41	5	39	23	115
17	14654	Robert Bush, Anne Sterling Bush & Richard Randall		PANAM	47	20	31	18	10	126
18	14960	Mitch Hnatt, Ted Wedieke & Tara Schon	Metedeconk	PANAM	55	10	4	8	51	128
19	14727	David Watts, Robert Watts & Wendy Thrower	Monmouth Boat Club	PANAM	44	18	13	33	24	132
20	15265	Steven Davis, Jan Davis & Travis Maier	Rocky Mountain		29	44	42	17	4	136
21	14640	Don Brush, Tris Wallis & Paul Butwin	Malletts Bay Boat Club	PANAM	42	13	28	41	13	137
22	14008	George Kinzel, Phil Kinzel & Megan Crann	Metedeconk	PANAM	19	37	34	22	27	139
23	15151	Joel Humphrey, Molly Hopkins & Mark Allen	PYC	PANAM	1	29	3	36	71/DNF	140
24	15235	John Faus, Mac De Turo & Will Brown	Barnegat Light Yacht Club	PANAM	4	61	36	13	26	140
25	14888	Bob Sengstacken, Mino Tsutsui & Daniel Ziti	Nyack Hudson River		31	35	9	29	38	142
26	14771	John Haiges, Lisa Haiges & Jason Timmonds	Riverton Yacht Club		34	25	49	23	11	142
27	15175	Tim Robinson, Andy Temme & Lidia Boyland	Surf City Yacht Club		6	23	37	43	39	148
28	14119	Chad Miller, Max Farr & Tanya Miller	Malletts Bay Boat Club		11	42	60	19	16	148
29	14665	Gregory Hall, Christopher Lagan & Jennifer Hall	NBYC	PANAM	24	28	50	34	12	148
30	14842	Charles Hess, Alex Hess & Andrew Hess	Pontiac Yacht Club	PANAM	22	33	20	47	71/DNF	150
31	15204	Bill Mergenthaler, Dan Mergenthaler & Sarah Mergenthaler	Surf City Yacht Club	PANAM	35	34	33	30	20	152
32	14706	George Harrington, Paul Micholowski & Aaron Freeman	Monmouth Boat Club	PANAM	5	21	41	38	48	153
33	15172	James Taylor, Mike Brock & Stan Cummings	Cowan Lake Sailing	PANAM	37	6	25	14	71/DNF	153
34	14890	Peter Denton, John Townsend & Sara Pramik	Riverton Yacht Club		13	45	23	35	157	157
35	15218	Stephen Warren, Paul Tarantino & Alex Lobo	Surf City Yacht Club		63	27	12	52	8	162
36	15139	Pierce Barden, Tommy Vanarsdale & Chip Till	Cape Fear	PANAM	49	14	56	27	17	163
37	14345	Brian Gibbs, Mike Boardman & Beth Holland	Merrimac River	PANAM	50	32	19	20	42	163
38	14325	Eric Reitinger, Meaghan Ruhman & Liz Essig	Brant Beach Yacht Club	PANAM	17	52	29	32	13	173
39	14073	Gary Hurban, Jamie Krause & Maude Lindsay	Nyack Hudson River	PANAM	16	46	46	42	31	181
40	15060	Heather Ambrose, Chip Kaupp & Tim Ambrose	Lake Champlain	PANAM	38	48	27	31	37	181
41	14786	Jon Schwartz, Paul Krezinski & Jay Schwartz	Red Bank of the Shrewsbury		39	16	32	24	71/DNF	182
42	15093	Joan Hurban, Peter Jadosich & Lisa Mayday	Nyack Hudson River	PANAM	41	26	55	45	19	186
43	14548	Joanathon Guth, Peter Rich & Jando Castro	Severn Sailing Assoc	PANAM	9	47	45	50	36	187
44	15122	James Carson, Ryan Staggard & Wade Schon	Metedeconk River		43	50	18	44	32	187
45	15082	Jamie Allan, Mike Holly & Jay Deakin	Royal St Lawrence		18	17	43	40	71/DNF	189
46	14300	Rich Warren, Randy Swartley & Mike Warren	Surf City Yacht Club		45	24	35	51	35	190
47	15055	Hugh Hutchison, Marc Venables & Dultcha Maccollom	Riverton Yacht Club		53	36	38	26	40	193
48	14719	Bill Begardus, Jarrett Lynn & Courtney O'Conner	Metedeconk River	PANAM	26	31	54	61	22	194
49	1142	Benjamin Forman, Ann Cody & Tim Asan	Potomac River Sailing Assoc		23	53	22	60	44	202
50	14942	Dick Moyer, Helen Moyer & John Depenbrock	Riverton Yacht Club		33	39	48	59	25	204
51	15024	Jason Werner, Heather Dodd & Matt Jay	Lower Susqueanna	PANAM	40	43	47	48	30	208
52	15296	Ryan Spole, Christopher Spole & Lindsey Boyle	Nyack Boat Club		60	49	59	28	18	214
53	14635	Darryl Waskow, Ambrose Stafford & Carleigh Beriont	Surf City Yacht Club		51	54	21	46	54	226
54	14584	Peter Hazelett, Bretton Gardner & Connor Aswad	Malletts Bay Boat Club		36	40	44	54	71/DNF	245
55	14131	James Unsworth, Derrick Deming & Brad Harris	Malletts Bay Boat Club	PANAM	54	57	40	55	71/DNF	277
56	14450	George Francis, Richard Thomas & Doug Zimmerman	MCYC		61	51	24	71/DNC	71/DNS	278
57	14881	Dan Egan, Susie Radcliffe & Garr Corcoran	Squam Lake	PANAM	58	69	65	47		284
58	14595	Robert Rizzitello, Alyssa Rizzitello & Rick Pyle	Surf City Yacht Club		68	59	62	49		284
59	11576	John Richardson, Dylan Richardson & Joseph Walker	NY Harbor Racing Assoc		64	56	69	53		294
60	14451	George Glenn, Chappy Hopkin & James Glenn		PANAM	56	65	64	63		297
61	14350	Clay Shaner, Steve Wright & Joe McGinnis	Barnegat Light Yacht Club	PANAM	48	55	66	58	71/DNF	298
62	14363	Larry Decker, Jan Crittenden & Shea Thorvalsen	Nyack Hudson River		57	63	51	56	71/DNF	298
63	11767	Harry Keith, Katie Keith & Henry Keith	Potomac River Sailing Ass		62	67	61	62	47	299
64	15079	Franz Schneider, Susan Lojek & Dennis Lojek	Little Egg Harbor Yacht Club		66	58	63	57	55	299
65	15178	Daniel Parietti, Jeff Sorenson & Mike Carney	Nyack Hudson River		59	62	67	67	53	308
66	13970	Mark Kaplan, Tim Rutler & Mark Epstein	Barnegat Light Yacht Club		52	64	58	64	71/DNF	309
67	14699	Allan Crew & Diana Crew	Riverton Yacht Club		65	60	57	66	71/DNF	319
68	14276	Dale Barney, Cole Barney & Ian Sanderson	Monmouth Boat Club		67	68	52	65	71/DNF	323
69	14660	Edward Ferrell, Barb Ferrell & Jeff Carson	Brant Beach Yacht Club		69	66	68	71/DNC	71/DNS	345
70	13897	Kinney Clark, Steve Vandam & Pat Gorman			70	70	70	71/DNC	71/DNS	352

ACC Champs



Champions—Debbie Probst, Monica Jones & Cindy Kelly



2nd Place—Jim, Brenda & Kelly Crane



3rd Place—Allan Terhune, Katie Terhune & Dave Perkowski



Awards Ceremony



Top team—on the water



4th Place—Jody Lutz, Jason Lutz & Matt Schon

THE ATLANTIC COAST CHAMPIONSHIPS



Boat yard scene



Amy Linton, Cindy Elfman & Faye Bennet



*Franz Schneider
Regatta Organizer*



*Carrie Reiser, Samantha Reiser, Jana Balsamo
(Billy Bogardus' wife), Grant Bogardus*



Neil Fowler, Jon Guth & Todd Johnson



John Faus & Mac Deturo



Mark Allen, Joel Humphrey, Molly Hopkins



*Phil Kinzel, Grey Kinzel, Colleen Kennedy
Ted Weideke & Mitch Knatt*

2006 LIGHTNING WINNERS

Orange Bowl Regatta—Coconut Grove Sailing Club Miami, Florida

Skip Dieball

Sugar Bowl Regatta—Southern Yacht Club New Orleans

Scott Anderson, Batton Kennon, Amy Williams

Chilean Nationals, Pingual, Chile

Alberto Gonzalez

Midwinter Regatta #1, Richmond Yacht Club

Wayne Clough, Peter Beecher, Terri Olson

Turkey Regatta—Mission Bay Yacht Club

Scott Finkboner

Colombian District Championship—Club Nautico Muna Lake Tomine, Colombia

Felipe Castillo, Juan Pablo Castillo, Alejandro Abisambra

Hampton Fall Fling, Fleet 509, Hampton, Virginia

Patrick Phelan, Sanford, Debrincat

Bluenose Regatta—Harbor Island Yacht Club Nashville, Tennessee

Allan Terhune, Katie Terhune, Sarah Paisley

South American Championships—Salinas Yacht Club, Ecuador

Juan Santos, A Santos, R Lecaroe

Borderline Regatta—Kerr Lake, North Carolina

Tom Allen



David, Jody & Bill

US Pan American Games Trials—Eastport Yacht Club

David Starck, Jody Swanson Starck, Bill Faud

Frigid Digit—Severn Sailing Association Annapolis, Maryland

Jody Swanson Starck, David Starck, Cory Sertl

Leaf Peeper Malletts Bay Boat Club Colchester, Vermont

Bill Fastiggi, Suzy Coburn, Christina Whelan

Pre-Pan American Games Regatta Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

George Rider, Sidney Bloch, Pedro Soares

Skaneateles

Dan Pope

Last Blast Regatta—Nyack Boat Club

Ched Proctor, Tim Milheiser, Julia Marsh



Skip Dieball

Snow Ball Regatta—Buckeye Lake Yacht Club George Fisher's 80th

Skip Dieball, Karl Felger, RYanne Gallagher

Hoosier Regatta—Wawasee Yacht Club

Skip Dieball, Karl Felger, Michael Rush

Ed Hinds Memorial Bow Lake Regatta

Bob Bush, Sterling Bush

Barebones Regatta—Mansfield Sailing Club

James Taylor, Stan Cummins, Brian Riddiford

Red Flannels Regatta—Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club

Matt Fisher, Dan Moriarty, Tobi Moriarty

Manahawkin Bay Cup—Surf City Yacht Club

R Warren, R Swartley, S Warren

2006 LIGHTNING WINNERS

Cotton Pickin' Regatta—Memphis

William Baxter, Jr, Mike Arndt, Rich Hall

Leukemia Cup—Washington DC

Bob Astrove, CJ Fisher, T Graham Fisher

Presidents Cup—Potomac River Sailing Association

John Butler, Benjamin Forman, Tim Olson

Lake Massabesic Annual Regatta Auburn, New Hampshire

Joe Ray, Matt Mercier, Nick Mercier/Pierre Letoumeau

Pontiac Yacht Club Whitecap Regatta Keego Harbor, Michigan

Jim Allen, Jane Allen, Beth Grosebeck

New Jersey Junior Championship Regatta Surf City Yacht Club

Mathew Schon, Timmy Crann, Jason Lutz

Squam Lakes Regatta Holderness, New Hampshire

Nick Aswad, Jon Aswad, Connor Aswad

Duck Challenge Regatta Havre de Grace, Maryland

Nabeel Alsalam, Lisbet Kugler, Russ Roberts

North American Championships Mission Bay Yacht Club San Diego, California

Matt Burridge, Dan Moriarty, Tobi Moriarty

Presidents Cup

Nick Farina, Mike Ledger, Ashley Jerman

Women's, Juniors' and Masters' North American Championships—Southwestern Yacht Club San Diego, California

Women's

Kathy Lindgren, Denise Cornell, Amy Simonsen

Juniors'

Ian Schillebeeckx, Beth Ward, Lucas Hofmeister

Masters

Bill Mauk, Jeff Linton, Amy Linton

Higgins Lake Regatta—Higgins Lake Boat Club

John McCree, Dave Corcoran, D Arceo, J Dent

Brian Hughes Leukemia Regatta
American Yacht Club

Brian Gibbs, Mike Boardman, Beth Holland

Sweet Corn Regatta

C Park B Remorenko, R Cosentino

Atlantic Coast Lightning Championship Little Egg Harbor

Debbie Probst, Monica Jones, Cindy Kelly

Wooden Boat Get Together—Onondaga Yacht Club Syracuse, New York

Best Restoration—Martin Osterode, Massachusetts

Unknown Hull #—Italian built 1950s

Biggest Project Ahead—Malcom Hendry, New York

Longest Drive—Melson Laffey, Missouri

Oldest Boat on the Water—Doug Dixon, Virginia, #584

Bay City Lightning Regatta

John McCree, Dave Corcoran, Drew Hilger

Central Atlantic District Championships Surf City Yacht Club

Mark Schneider, Ashley Schneider, Eric Reitingner

Youth World Championships

Thomas Sumner, Felipe Brito, Felipe Gil

European Championships—Jyväskylä, Finland

Panagiotis Verginadis, Timos Vlachos, Theodoros Poulakos

Evans Regatta—Green Bay, Wisconsin

Todd Wake, Kristen Wake, Ben Spiller

Tawas Bay Lightning Regatta—Tawas Bay Yacht Club

Jim Allen

New England Districts—Spofford Yacht Club

Bill Fastiggi, Suzy Coburn, Lauren Harris

Michigan Districts—Macatawa Bay Yacht Club

Michael Norris

Canadian Open—Buffalo Canoe Club

David Starck, Monica Jones, Cindy Kelly

Metropolitan Districts—Monmoth Boat Club

Jon Schwatz

Midwest Districts—Milwaukee Yacht Club

Todd Wake

New Jersey State Championships Brant Beach Yacht Club

Jody Lutz, Jay Lutz, Jill Lutz

Indiana Districts—Indianapolis Sailing Club

Bill Allen, Peggy Lehman, Greg Johnson

2006 LIGHTNING WINNERS



Kirk Reynolds

Caz Flash Bash—Central New York Districts Willow Bank Yacht Club

Kirk Reynolds, Allister Thompson, Lynn Thompson

Ohio Districts—Edgewater Yacht Club

Dave Starck, Tom Starck, Brian Starck

California Districts—Mission Bay Yacht Club

Scott Finkboner, Jennifer Lyons, Greg Tondreau

Connecticut/Rhode Island Districts Housatonic Boat Club

Jim Crane, Brenda Crane, Billy Crane

Pacific Northwest Districts

Doug Hickman

Mississippi Valley Districts—Harbor Island Yacht Club

Paul Hanson, Matt Burrige, Ian Moriarty

Dixie Districts—Hampton Yacht Club

Alan Terhune, Katie Terhune, Dave Perkowski

Southeast Districts—Wrightsville Beach Yacht Club

Bob Harkrider, Jim Harris, Marcus Moehlman

Magnus Pederson Regatta—Nyack Boat Club

Gary Hurban, Maude Lindsey, Justin Coplan

Texas Districts Corinthian Sailing Club—White Rock Lake

Clarke Newman, Kelson Elam, Deanna Newman

Lighthouse Regatta—Fond du Lac Sailing Club

Todd Wake, Kristine Wake, Ben Spiller

Windshift Regatta Leatherlips Yacht Club

James Taylor, Carl Taylor, Bryan Riddiford

Malletts Bay Boat Club Spring Regatta—Lake Champlain

Peter Hall, Ollie Bone, Stephan Lucas

Keuka

Landy Atkinson

Spring Classic Regatta—Lake Pymatuning

Bill Faude, Jared Drake, Tom Stark

Hernando De Soto Regatta, Hernando, Mississippi

William Baxter

4th Annual Spring Lightning Regatta Sodus Bay Yacht Club

Jed Dodge, Bill Dodge, Trevor Dodge

Early Bird Regatta—Cedar Point Yacht Club

Dave Peck, Ellen Stark, Bryan Lilley

Southern Districts—Jackson Yacht Club

Larry Frost III

Potomac Cup

Alan Terhune, Katie Terhune, John Townsend

Bural Harmon Lightning Open Regatta Indianapolis Sailing Club

James Taylor, Nato Ireland, Bridget Ireland

Florida Districts

Jeff Linton, Mark Taylor, Amy Smith Linton

Florida District Masters

Bill Mauk, Zeke Horowitz, Kat Malone



Santiago, Johen, Sergio

Campeonato Nacional Colombia—Club Nautico Muna

Santiago Uscategui, Johen Raute, Sergio Delgado

Mid Continent Regatta—Lake Carlyle

Todd Wake, Kristine Wake, Jim Walker

2006 LIGHTNING WINNERS

45th Long John Regatta—Monmouth Boat Club

Larry Colantuono, PJ Schafer, Steve Kirkpatrick

California Circuit

South Bay Series, San Diego, California

Jeff Coppens, Jim Sears, Matt Burrridge

Marathon

Jim Sears, Jeff Coppens, Matt Burrridge

Mission Bay Ocean Series, Mission Bay, California

Matt Burrridge, Jeff Coppens, Jim Sears

Southern Circuit



Jared, David and Ian

Deep South Regatta, Savannah, Georgia

David Starck, Ian Jones & Jared Drake

Miami Midwinters, Miami, Florida

Jeff Linton, Amy Linton & Mark Taylor



Jody, Jay, Taylor

59th Annual Lightning Winter Championship St Petersburg, Florida

Jody Lutz, Jay Lutz, & Taylor Lutz



Mark, Jeff, Amy

Overall Southern Circuit

Jeff Linton, Amy Linton, Mark Taylor

Lightning Masters' Winter Championship St Petersburg, Florida

Richard Hallagan, Rick Ten Eyck, Dan Pope

