

World Championship

Amy Smith Linton

The French have a great phrase, "l'esprit d'escalier" or "staircase wit." It's for those times when you come up with the great thing you should have said, which you think of just a few minutes too late, perhaps as you walk down the stairs to catch your cab. It was regrettable that I—the foredecker, fer heaven's sake—got hold of the com during the awards ceremony at the Yacht Club of Greece. I am a words-on-paper person, editing! re-writing! If I didn't know this before the 24th Lightning World Championship, I certainly do now. So in the interest of making up for my cheerful but ill-considered speech in Greece, let me make a second run, in hopes of skipping the faux pas (French for "dumb-ass mistakes") this time.

Thank you to the entire race committee and organizing crew at the Yacht Club of Greece. Special appreciation goes to Paul Schlizzi (the PRO, who was a dead-ringer for Odysseus) and Lisa Stathatou (aka "Lisa the Greek," who could be heard before each race, counting down on the radio with this great line: "One minute to Pappa. One minute to P-flag.") for a well-run regatta.

The Yacht Club of Greece re-organized their facility and schedule to make the Lightning Class feel welcome, and we had a wonderful time both on and off the water. I hope the club will host the Lightning Worlds again very soon.

Thank you to the ILCA. Countless people contribute to the ongoing efforts to ensure that this is truly an international class, honestly a one-design class, and clearly one of the best classes going. Thanks for letting us play in your World.

Thank you Jahn Tihansky for sailing with Jeff and me. Jahn is a childhood friend of Jeff's from Tampa. He lives now in Annapolis, Maryland, where he runs the US Naval Academy's Offshore program, and owns the J-World Annapolis. As some of you know, Jahn had some big shoes to fill in the middle of the boat, and he did a wonderful job. He is a skilled and experienced sailor and, although it hardly bears mentioning after some of those decisions on the water, a very smart tactician.

A big thank you to our friends and family who have enabled and encouraged the sailing adventures. This support team that includes Jahn's bride Patty Tihansky, our Moms and various siblings, Pappa Linton, Mark and the family Taylor, Mike Gable of Gable Enterprises, Bill Fastiggi at

Vermont Sailing Partners, Tommy Allen at Allen boatworks, Leslie Fisher and Paulie Silvernail at Masthead Enterprises, the Lightning sailors of the Florida District, the Flying Scot sailors of Fleet 148, and the entire Davis Island Yacht Club. With their help, we get pushed faster around the course—wherever the course may be.

I will depart from formula to thank our skipper, Jeff Linton. He is a clever helmsman and a never-say-die competitor who gently steers his crew around the world. Thanks, honey. It's a great honor to stand at that podium, among those competitors, at that wonderful club. Words can't express it, actually, but thanks.

Highlights of the Trip to Greece

In No Particular Order—From Team 15083

- Learning what "Aegean Blue" really means. The water really IS that color.
- Not flipping, not getting flagged by the jury, and not getting hulled!
- A row of Smart cars parked sideways.
- Earning our ice-cream by climbing all those stairs and hills.
- The Acropolis, visible from the race course.
- The Mistral pool.
- Delphi and the Corycean cave.
- That gybe-set that felt like perfection.
- Twisting the night away at the Yacht Club of Greece parking lot.
- Call me a carnivore, but the scent of roasting gyro.
- Sunset from the seaside taverna in Crete.
- Mythos beer.
- Costas from the crepes restaurant cheering as we walked home bearing silver.
- The bullet in Race Six.
- Hitting the Marks & Spenser sale with Laura Jeffers after the four-race day. We are strong women!
- Random good conversations with new Lightning friends. Often in the Mistral pool.
- Hearing the national anthems, performed live by a brass band at the Yacht Club of Greece.
- More Mythos beer, shared in a big silver cup!



LIGHTNING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 2007

Yacht Club of Greece, Fleet 286

Pireaus, Greece

July 23-27, 2007

| Pl | Bow# | Nat | Sail# | Skipper | Crew 1 | Crew 2 | R1 | R2 | R3 | R4 | R5 | R6 | R7 | R8 | Pen | Total | Nett |
|----|------|-----|-------|------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----|----------|--------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----|-------|------|
| 1 | 33 | USA | 15083 | Linton J | Linton A S | Tihansky J | 5 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 1 | 5 | -21 | | 57 | 36 |
| 2 | 7 | USA | 14975 | Terhune A Jr | Terhune K | Perkowski D | 6 | 17 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 3 | -18 | 3 | | 59 | 41 |
| 3 | 24 | USA | 15265 | Davis S | Hayes B | Jeffers L | -26 | 9 | 2 | 16 | 2 | 6 | 7 | 4 | | 72 | 46 |
| 4 | 27 | CHI | 14791 | Herman P | Herman L F | Engell C | 9 | -29 | 10 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 17 | | 79 | 50 |
| 5 | 26 | USA | 15045 | Fisher M | Nickel D | Drake J | 7 | 5 | 9 | -19 | 7 | 9 | 17 | 8 | | 81 | 62 |
| 6 | 50 | USA | 15255 | Hallagan R | Ten Eyck H | Pope D | 20 | 3 | 1 | -27 | 10 | 12 | 8 | 9 | | 90 | 63 |
| 7 | 64 | USA | 15257 | Ruhlman R | Ruhlman A | Werley D | -37 | 4 | 18 | 10 | 3 | 16 | 2 | 10 | | 100 | 63 |
| 8 | 9 | GRE | 11811 | Vasilas A | Priftis V | Moghaddam G K S | 11 | 14 | 14 | 1 | 11 | 4 | 10 | -20 | | 85 | 65 |
| 9 | 53 | USA | 15234 | Wake T | Wake K | Moriarty D | 2 | 25 | 12 | 14 | (50 OCS) | 15 | 1 | 2 | | 121 | 71 |
| 10 | 3 | CAN | 15210 | Hall P | Deakin J | Allen J | 14 | 8 | -30 | 24 | 5 | 18 | 3 | 1 | | 103 | 73 |
| 11 | 52 | USA | 14866 | Mauk B | Kulinichenko V | Sumpton M | 3 | 1 | 21 | 17 | 15 | 11 | -23 | 7 | | 98 | 75 |
| 12 | 2 | USA | 15241 | Barden P | Till C | VanArsdale T | 8 | 19 | 7 | 11 | 20 | 7 | -45 | 19 | | 136 | 91 |
| 13 | 57 | USA | 14957 | Ruhlman R | Turney M | Schon M | -33 | 21 | 17 | 9 | 30 | 5 | 4 | 6 | | 125 | 92 |
| 14 | 10 | GRE | 15077 | Dimou A | Mallis N./Piperakis H | Haniotis C | 1 | 18 | 15 | 13 | 19 | 8 | 19 | -27 | 5 | 125 | 98 |
| 15 | 39 | SUI | 13790 | Wylar U | Durr W | Durr G | 4 | (49 DNF) | 3 | 23 | 8 | 23 | 26 | 13 | | 149 | 100 |
| 16 | 35 | USA | 13856 | Petit de Mange E | Carroll S | Deming D | 18 | 22 | 5 | 18 | (50 OCS) | 25 | 11 | 12 | | 161 | 111 |
| 17 | 68 | USA | 15075 | Ruhlman M | Fisher M | Bradley K | 27 | 20 | 11 | -29 | 12 | 10 | 21 | 15 | | 145 | 116 |
| 18 | 20 | USA | 9 | Allen G T Jr | Allen S | Allen J | 29 | 6 | 24 | 7 | 25 | -39 | 24 | 5 | | 159 | 120 |
| 19 | 41 | GRE | 15144 | Andreadis S | Mantis C | Parousi O | 25 | 10 | 4 | -36 | 36 | 20 | 13 | 14 | | 158 | 122 |
| 20 | 25 | USA | 15235 | Faus J | Lobos V | Brown W | 16 | 24 | 27 | 12 | 23 | -38 | 25 | 11 | | 176 | 138 |
| 21 | 44 | USA | 15122 | Carson J | Stagaard R | Dunn K | 21 | 12 | 28 | 21 | 14 | -36 | 27 | 16 | | 175 | 139 |
| 22 | 19 | BRA | 14894 | Sumner T | Brilo F | Gil F | 22 | 2 | 19 | -40 | 26 | 14 | 29 | 28 | | 180 | 140 |
| 23 | 1 | FIN | 15281 | Aromaa K | Aromaa J | Aromaa M | 24 | 11 | 29 | 15 | 18 | 31 | 15 | -33 | | 176 | 143 |
| 24 | 38 | GRE | 15245 | Stylidis O | Bonas P | Andriotis Y | 23 | 15 | 38 | 4 | 21 | 13 | 34 | (49 DNF) | | 197 | 148 |
| 25 | 30 | ITA | 13462 | Jommi C | Mariani G | Americo M | 17 | 13 | -36 | 8 | 33 | 21 | 28 | 32 | | 188 | 152 |
| 26 | 22 | USA | 14654 | Bush R | Bush A S | Depenbrock J | 13 | 27 | 23 | 31 | (50 OCS) | 17 | 9 | 42 | | 212 | 162 |
| 27 | 36 | USA | 15340 | Spira D | Shore R | Flack R | -39 | 35 | 32 | 22 | 13 | 29 | 14 | 18 | | 202 | 163 |
| 28 | 47 | USA | 15330 | Finkboner S | Lyons J | Tondreau G | -47 | 23 | 16 | 28 | 16 | 24 | 20 | 39 | | 213 | 166 |
| 29 | 42 | USA | 13726 | Buckles B | Florian G | Edgell E | 34 | 38 | 35 | 5 | 17 | 26 | -40 | 24 | | 219 | 179 |
| 30 | 37 | COL | 14802 | Tamayo G | Guerrero J N | Delgado J A | -40 | 37 | 20 | 20 | 38 | 27 | 16 | 31 | | 229 | 189 |
| 31 | 32 | USA | 15276 | Lange P | Lange J | Thomson A | 15 | 39 | 22 | 37 | 29 | 19 | -46 | 29 | | 236 | 190 |
| 32 | 17 | GRE | 14377 | Aivazis T | Sikiniotis M | Tsigakos L | 12 | 30 | 25 | 30 | 31 | 33 | -38 | 30 | 5 | 234 | 196 |
| 33 | 28 | USA | 15272 | Grinder M | Grinder M | Montgomery A | -41 | 36 | 26 | 33 | 24 | 28 | 37 | 25 | | 250 | 209 |
| 34 | 34 | SUI | 14530 | Perret J | Montmollin A | Louis A | 19 | 32 | 37 | 26 | 34 | 30 | 33 | (49 DNF) | | 260 | 211 |
| 35 | 11 | FIN | 14018 | Lappaloien N | Hannila P | Kanerve K | 10 | 26 | 40 | 32 | (50 DSQ) | 37 | 44 | 26 | | 265 | 215 |
| 36 | 4 | GRE | 12007 | Mavridis C | Adamopoulos Y | Theodorakis D | 36 | 28 | 13 | (50 DSQ) | 35 | 50 DNE | 39 | 23 | | 274 | 224 |
| 37 | 14 | GRE | 14361 | Vasakas N | Pangakis Y | Caseley P | -45 | 34 | 31 | 39 | 32 | 40 | 12 | 38 | | 271 | 226 |
| 38 | 40 | USA | 14811 | Allen T Sr | Allen J | Papachristopoulou C | 35 | -45 | 39 | 25 | 9 | 43 | 41 | 36 | | 273 | 228 |
| 39 | 49 | USA | 14415 | Glenn G | Hopkin C | Buzby A | -44 | 43 | 42 | 38 | 27 | 35 | 22 | 22 | | 273 | 229 |
| 40 | 6 | GRE | 14211 | Petlikidis D | Telios D | Tsekouras T | 42 | 33 | 34 | 42 | 22 | 22 | -43 | 41 | | 279 | 236 |
| 41 | 43 | AUS | 13527 | Barton A | Calvin J | Use D | 38 | -42 | 33 | 41 | 39 | 34 | 30 | 35 | | 292 | 250 |
| 42 | 46 | USA | 15324 | Haas M | Engelbretsen K | Engelbretsen E | 32 | 31 | 44 | 34 | 37 | 45 | (49 DNF) | 37 | | 309 | 260 |
| 43 | 31 | USA | 15325 | King K | Eldon M | Leek R | 46 | 44 | -47 | 35 | 28 | 41 | 35 | 34 | | 310 | 263 |
| 44 | 45 | AUS | 15323 | Edwards I | Schwartz G | Emslie A | 28 | 40 | 41 | 43 | 42 | 42 | 36 | (50 OCS) | | 322 | 272 |
| 45 | 23 | USA | 14924 | Coppens J | Moriarty T | Sears J | 30 | 16 | 49 DNF | 49 DNC | 49 DNC | 49 DNC | 31 | (50 OCS) | | 323 | 273 |
| 46 | 5 | FIN | 14331 | Pesola S | Jarvenen T | Kangas R | 43 | 41 | -46 | 44 | 40 | 44 | 32 | 40 | | 330 | 284 |
| 47 | 8 | GBR | 15322 | Willmott R | Alderson D | Willmott T | 31 | 46 | 45 | 45 | 41 | (49 DNF) | 42 | 49 DNF | | 348 | 299 |
| 48 | 13 | FIN | 14761 | Hemming L | Hemming L | Hemming M | 48 | 47 | 43 | (50 DSQ) | 43 | 32 | 47 | 43 | | 353 | 303 |

World Championship

WORLD CHAMPIONS



World Champions Jeff Linton, Amy Smith Linton, Jahn Tihansky being presented the Edith Oliver Dusmet trophy



Runners Up Allan Terhune, Katie Terhune, Dave Perkowski being awarded the Finnish Challenge Cup



Second Runner-Up Steve Davis, Laura Jeffers, Brian Hayes being presented the Russ Scrim Trophy



Third Runner Up Pablo Herman, Luis Filipe Herman, Claus Engell being presented the Annapolis Trophy



5th Place—Matt Fisher, Doug Nickel & Jared Drake



Lisa Stathatou, Geroge Andreadis & Anna Andreadis



*Nigerian ambassador to Greece
meeting members of the Lagos Yacht Club*



World Championship





Linton Team leading at the Worlds



International Masters

Bill Mauk (14866)



Members of the team visited Athens' Parthenon, the Temple of Poseidon (at sunset) and the cities of Sikyon, Corinth, Sparta, Thebes, Argos, Delphi, Olympia, Mycenae. We read Aeschines, Aesop, Euripides, Homer, Horace, Plato, Virgil and Tacitus (heck with the North tuning guide). What a wonderful country. They have contributed so much to whom we are as people and nations. With this as prelude, we felt prepared.

We arrived before any foreign team. The Yacht Club of Greece and the Organizing Committee were ready for us. More than ready. They went out of their way to make us feel at home. This was a world class event, run by world class people! George, Anna, Lisa and Paul, what a wonderful job you did.

Everything from the logistics of the boats, opening and closing ceremonies, dinners, and race committee work, etc. was first class. Looking out from the Club's deck balcony, during the opening and closing ceremonies, and seeing the Acropolis will always be remembered! You put on a great show.

Making friends is a big part of the Lightning culture. My team, Jo and I enjoyed getting to know you and cherished our time with you. Thanks for all you did. And Andy Sinopoulos, you are the best. Thank you for all your insights, good humor, and teaching us how to eat the Greek way.

We actually did some sailing to prepare. We trained for three days in strong Meltemi and lighter sea breeze winds. We helped coach one of the Greek teams before their National Championship. We observed racing, on the water one day, of the Championship, while team Chile sailed my boat. And we sailed two races the last day of the regatta. We had a fair idea of the conditions going into the Masters.

Of course it took a lucky wind shift in the last race for us to come from behind to win the last race and the regatta. Of course, that is sail boat racing.

Congratulations to the Andreadis, Wyler, Hallagan and Hall teams and all the competitors. It was fun racing with you. Let us do it again.



What a fabulous place to hold a regatta! All the important gods were there: Zeus, Poseidon, Hades, Hestia, Hera, Ares, Athena, Apollo, Hermes, Artemis and Hephaestus. What a cast of characters. Our team of Kuli Kulinichenko, Michele Sumpton and myself made sacrifices to Poseidon and Hermes before the regatta—we were taking no chances. As we quickly found out, our initiative was a critical success factor. Obviously, some of our competition had done the same to other gods. I just did not understand why so many made their sacrifice to Hades. Who was that guy that always tacked on us, and how about room at the mark?

Bill Mauk



LIGHTNING INTERNATIONAL MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIP 2007

Sailed:6, Discards:1, To count:5, Entries:14, Scoring system:LIGHTNING WORLD

| Rank | Bow# | Nat | Sail# | Skipper | Crew | Crew | R1 | R2 | R3 | R4 | R5 | R6 | Total | Nett |
|------|------|-----|-------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----|------------|-----|------------|------------|-----|-------|------|
| 1 | 52 | USA | 14866 | Mauk B. | Kulinichenko V. | Sumpton M. | -6 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 21 | 15 |
| 2 | 41 | GRE | 15144 | Andreadis G. | Vlastaki V. | Pachoumas A. | 3 | 1 | 1 | -8 | 8 | 4 | 25 | 17 |
| 3 | 39 | SUI | 13790 | Wylar U. | Durr W. | Durr G. | 1 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 3 | -7 | 24 | 17 |
| 4 | 50 | USA | 15255 | Hallagan R. | Ten Eyck H. | Pope D. | 4 | -8 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 26 | 18 |
| 5 | 49 | CAN | 15210 | Hall P. | Kerrigan P. | Deacon J. | 2 | 7 | 9 | 1 | 1 | -10 | 30 | 20 |
| 6 | 51 | USA | 15119 | Larson R. | Larson E. | Elmergreen M. | 7 | 6 | 7 | 2 | (15.0 DNC) | 3 | 40 | 25 |
| 7 | 44 | USA | 15122 | Carson J. | Clausen B. | Schon D. | 5 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 6 | -11 | 38 | 27 |
| 8 | 42 | USA | 13726 | Buckles B. | Florian G. | Edgell E. | -12 | 4 | 10 | 7 | 5 | 6 | 44 | 32 |
| 9 | 47 | USA | 15330 | Finkboner S. | Tondreau G. | Schmitz L. | 8 | 13 | 2 | 9 | (15.0 DNS) | 2 | 49 | 34 |
| 10 | 45 | AUS | 15323 | Edwards I. | Emslie A. | Schwantz G. | 9 | 9 | -12 | 11 | 7 | 8 | 56 | 44 |
| 11 | 40 | USA | 14811 | Allen T. Sr | Allen T. Jr | Allen S. | 10 | 11 | -14 | 10 | 9 | 9 | 63 | 49 |
| 12 | 43 | GBR | 13727 | Calvin J. | Use D. | Alderson D. | 11 | 10 | -13 | 13 | 11 | 12 | 70 | 57 |
| 13 | 48 | USA | 15185 | Finsilver B. | Brown L. | Roth J. | 13 | 12 | 8 | (15.0 DNF) | 15.0 DNC | 13 | 76 | 61 |
| 14 | 46 | NOR | 15324 | Engelbretsen K. | Haas M. | Engelbretsen E. | 14 | (15.0 DNF) | 11 | 12 | 10 | 14 | 76 | 61 |



CHAMPIONS

Bill Mauk,
Vladimir Kulinichenko,
Michel Sumpton

CELEBRATION!



Special Awards



Anne Allen presenting Angelos Vassilas with the Smither Trophy for the highest finisher who was a first-time participant at the Worlds



Brian Hayes presenting Bill Mauk with a Class Appreciation Award for his outstanding service as Vice President, World Championships



Amy Smith Linton receiving the Audrey Matteson Trophy



Bill Clausen presenting Lisa Stathatou with a Class Appreciation Award for serving as President of the Organizing Committee for the 2007 World Championships



Shelby Allen receiving the Kaleigh Wilday Trophy for being the youngest competitor at the Worlds

European Championship

European Championship Yacht Club of Greece, Fleet 286 Pireaus, Greece—July 23-27, 2007

| Rank | Bow# | Class | Nat | Sail# | Skipper | Crew 1 | Crew 2 | R1 | R2 | R3 | R4 | R5 | R6 | Total | Nett |
|------|------|-------|-----|-------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|----------|--------------|----------|----------|-------|------|
| 1 | 39 | E | SUI | 13790 | Wylser U | Durr W | Durr G | 1 | 3 | -9 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 22 | 13 |
| 2 | 41 | E | GRE | 15144 | Andreadis G | Vlastaki V | Pachoumas A | 3 | 1 | 3 | 7 | -10 | 3 | 27 | 17 |
| 3 | 12 | E | GRE | 14334 | Stoubos M | Mandis C | Parousi O | 4 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 3 | -15 | 34 | 19 |
| 4 | 17 | E | GRE | 14377 | Alvazis T | Sikiniotis M | Tsigakos L | 2 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 5 | -10 | 31 | 21 |
| 5 | 10 | E | GRE | 15077 | Dimou A | Chaniotis C | Mallis N | 6 | 2 | 1 | 3 (23.0 DSQ) | | 11 | 46 | 23 |
| 6 | 18 | E | GRE | 15244 | Manolakis Y | Manolakis S | Ntasis D | (22.0 DNF) | 11 | 8 | 1 | 7 | 5 | 54 | 32 |
| 7 | 9 | E | GRE | 11811 | Vasilas A | Priftis V | Moghaddam GKS | 5 | 8 | 11 | 5 | 6 | -12 | 47 | 35 |
| 8 | 1 | E | FIN | 15281 | Aromaa K | Aromaa J | Aromaa M | -14 | 13 | 10 | 8 | 2 | 7 | 54 | 40 |
| 9 | 19 | E | GRE | 14211 | Papoutsoglou A | Telios D | Asvestakis G | 9 | -14 | 6 | 13 | 4 | 8 | 54 | 40 |
| 10 | 4 | E | GRE | 12007 | Mavridis C | Adamopoulos J | Tsekouras A | 7 | 5 | 7 | -16 | 11 | 13 | 59 | 43 |
| 11 | 38 | E | GRE | 15245 | Bonas C | Bonas P | Andriotis Y | 16 | 7 (22.0 DNF) | | 14 | 8 | 2 | 69 | 47 |
| 12 | 11 | E | FIN | 14018 | Lappaloien N | Hannila P | Kanerve K | 10 | -17 | 16 | 9 | 12 | 1 | 65 | 48 |
| 13 | 45 | E | AUS | 15323 | Edwards I | Schwantz G | Emslie A | 8 | 12 | 14 | -15 | 9 | 9 | 67 | 52 |
| 14 | 15 | E | GRE | 13981 | Stratigiou A | Teliou A | Kalidonis M | 15 | -16 | 12 | 10 | 13 | 4 | 70 | 54 |
| 15 | 16 | E | GRE | 15190 | Tsokaras V | Jackson R | Petrogonas M | 12 | 9 | 5 | 12 | -16 | 16 | 70 | 54 |
| 16 | 14 | E | GRE | 14361 | Pangakis Y | Celsey P | Vazakas N | 11 | 10 | 17 | 17 | 14 | -19 | 88 | 69 |
| 17 | 43 | E | GBR | 13727 | Calvin J | Use D | Alderson D | 13 | 15 | 15 | -20 | 18 | 14 | 95 | 75 |
| 18 | 5 | E | FIN | 14331 | Pesola S | Jarivenen T | Kangas R | 17 (23.0 OCS) | | 19 | 11 | 15 | 18 | 103 | 80 |
| 19 | 46 | E | NOR | 15324 | Engelbretsen K | Haas M | Engelbretsen E | 18 (22.0 DNF) | | 13 | 19 | 17 | 17 | 106 | 84 |
| 20 | 13 | E | GRE | 14362 | Mitsopoulos G | Hatzimaliakas Y | Karinou M | 19 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 19 | -20 | 112 | 92 |
| 21 | 30 | E | ITA | 13462 | Jommi C | Mariani G | Mandolini A | (22.0 DNC) | 22.0 DNC | 22.0 DNC | 22.0 DNC | 22.0 DNC | 22.0 DNC | 132 | 110 |



Champions—Urs Wylser, Walter Durr, Gilbert Durr



Runner Up—George Andreadis, V Vlastaki, A Pachoumas



2nd Runner Up—Emanuel Stoubos, Costas Mandis, Rania Parousi

Open European Championship

Open European Championship



Allan and Katie Terhune and Dave Perkowski

Prior to the Worlds, the Yacht Club of Greece also hosted the Open European Championship. This regatta coincided with the Masters, and it was an excellent warm-up for both the competitors and the Race Committee. We arrived a day early to set up the boat, and the first thing we noticed, it was HOT! The club was very well organized and everything from registration to measurement went swiftly.

Our story is quite unusual, as our middle crew Dave was flying in the day the regatta started. Unfortunately due to weather in the US, he missed the first day. We were lucky enough to convince JoAnn Schon to sail, as well as Todd Wake, until Dave arrived. It was a five-person team! We all had a great time.

The wind during the regatta was crazy. There were 180 degree shifts every day. Brian Hayes and I had a bet on how many times it would shift each day. I believe the record was five 180s in one day! Everyone's first thought was that they would not want to sail in that. My thought was, I would not want to be in the Race Committee.

It was a fantastic regatta, which we were fortunate enough to win. Bill Mauk and team won the Masters and Urs Wyler won the top European. The team of the Hermans and Claus Engel from Chile sailed a great regatta and if not for a crazy last race, probably would have won the event.

One note about the regatta that was really cool. It was a ranking regatta for the Youth sailors from Greece. I originally thought it was ranking for their sailing team, but it actually was to get points which would allow them to choose their college! We were trying to figure out why the regatta was so cut throat for them— now we know why. Who would have thought a Lightning regatta could impact a college choice? It was really cool to see.

Congrats again to Jeff, Amy and Jahn for winning the Worlds. We had a great time in Athens and can't wait to go back.

Allan Terhune





A Pan American Perspective

Bill Faude

(AKA #27, the 27th potential crew member the Starcks asked to sail in the Pam Am trials before one accepted)

As I write this, we've been home from Brazil for ten days. In that time, I've gotten warm again. I haven't needed my magic wool hat (the one that was knitted for me by Audrey Mattesson and recovered and returned to me after capsizes in two lakes and the Pacific Ocean). It's been in three sailboat races; we haven't touched a line in any of them, and we've won all three! My two-and-a-half-year-old has taken permanent possession of 'her' silver medal. She occasionally lets me look at it—if she can be interrupted in her quest to pulverize it on the mudroom floor. One more thing—I miss the Lightning family we were with in Brazil.

We learned a lot participating in an Olympic-style event. If you'd like, you can go to:

www.lightninginrio.blogspot.com

and read a little bit about what it felt like to me to be in the middle of that amazing event. The USOC and US Sailing gave us incredible support. We had very diligent coaching. We had an incredible trainer. We were surrounded with security. It was fantastic to bond with our teammates on the US Sailing team—former Olympic medalists, former Rolex winners, future gold medalists. It was incredible to sail a regatta among all that hoopla...speaking of which, we even became friends with both men's and women's US hoop team members. All that was amazing.

But perhaps even more amazing than anything about the actual sailing in the games was being a Lightning Sailor in the games. I never understood how important, how wonderful being in the Pan American Games is to the International Lightning Class. I was President of ILCA for two years. For ten plus years before that and at every major meeting before and during that time, someone, Jim Carson, Larry MacDonald Sr., Dave Sprague, or someone with equally good perspective on International Sailing, would make a report on the outlook for the Lightning staying in the Pan American Games. It was generally pretty iffy. We had six or seven countries interested in sailing in the games. The Pan American Sailing Organization wanted more countries to participate. If we didn't get more countries to sail, we'd be in trouble. We were always told how critical Pan American status was to the Lightning in South America. I've got to tell you, at that time those guys sounded like a broken record to me. We would never really lose the Lightning in the Pan Ams. Would we?

My gosh, I was so wrong. Maybe the only reason they sail Lightnings in those games is that those folks worked so hard to keep the boat in those games. My Lightning friends from different countries won medals because of the behind-the-scenes effort they made for those games. Andy and Bill and Heather. Larry and Julie-Marie and Trevor. Matt and Sean and Steve. Then for one of the games the Lightning was actually out. And Brian, who won the US trials, didn't get to go. I had no idea what a complete bummer that was until two weeks ago.

My advice:

1. Hug one of the people who have always understood...and has put in the time to keep our beloved square boats in the games.
2. Think hard about whether you know a sailor from Mexico who might like to sail the Southern Circuit next winter. It would be fantastic to have a Lightning with MEX on the main next time in Puerto Villarta in 2011. I've already got two Snipe Sailors from Paraguay who are prime candidates, and I'm working them.



Pan American Games



#27, Jody and David in the Pan Am Village

Every night in the blog, there was a section called "The Neatest Thing That Happened Today." It was dedicated every night to Sabrina Starck and Camryn Faude.

I'm going to end this article with a short list of the Neatest things that happened during our whole Pan American Games experience:

- Matt Fisher showing me his Pan American Games gold medal from Havana.



Bill & Camryn—David & Sabrina

- Watching Nelson Schmidt measure the Lightnings. The guy knows what he's doing. He came down from Sao Paulo with just a few days notice—because the Lightning Class needed him. I know he burned up the long distance lines with Bill Clausen before he came down. He made the process fun too.



Nelson Schmidt

- Getting to the beach at Pt. Abino late on a Friday night after a week of work—before a weekend of practicing—and having Julie and Camryn already there.
- Larry and Debbie and Michael and Jody and Bob and Sarah around the campfire that night.
- Coming into the venue in Rio one morning and running into David Sprague, who had flown down to Rio from Toronto just to attend the kind of meeting he's been attending for years—the kind of meeting that keeps the Lightning in the games. He stayed in Brazil about twelve hours—and flew about twenty-five. He didn't leave before he sent an e-mail to his office from right there in the boat park—we needed to know who'd had a good first day at the Lightning Worlds.
- Surviving (narrowly) a training run from Key Biscayne over the causeway to Coral Reef Yacht Club on Memorial Day weekend while we were practicing. Mental note to self: next time, carbon fiber bike!
- Getting an e-mail from Matt Burrige during the games and realizing that people were watching—and rooting for us.
- Watching Tito and Diego and Cristian get their gold medals out of the corner of my eye—and being proud of our friends.
- Getting a hug from Claudio, Gunnar and Silva after getting their medals and being proud of our friends.
- Watching Richard Walsh, Jim and Alicia Cameron of team Canada win a race handily after sailing a very brave first beat up a side of the course we were curious about but didn't think would pan out.
- Going up wind with Juan Santos and team on a practice day and remembering that he goes pretty fast, then meeting his son on shore. That was neat.
- Ice cold Kwat: Official beverage of every meal for thirteen days in the Pan Am Village cafeteria.
- Waking up very early one morning, kicking the cobwebs around and figuring out I was still in the village. Then being psyched that nobody in the first twenty-six people my teammates asked said yes!

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| Place | Name | NOC Code | Points per Race | | | | | | | Medal Race | Ttl Pts | Net Pts |
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| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | | | |
| Gold | GONZALEZ Alberto GONZALEZ Diego HERMAN Cristian | CHI | 1 | 1 | (8)OCS | 1 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 22 | 14 |
| Silver | STARCK David STARCK Jody FAUDE Bill | USA | 3 | (4) | 1 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 23 | 19 |
| Bronze | BIEKARCK Claudio FICKER Gunnar SILVA Marcelo | BRA | 2 | 3 | 4 | 2 | (5) | 1 | 1 | 6 | 224 | 19 |
| 4 | SANTOS GARCÉS Juan SANTOS DILLON Juan HERRERA CASTRO Sebastián | ECU | 5 | 2 | 3 | (6) | 2 | 6 | 5 | 10 | 39 | 33 |
| 5 | WALSH Richard CAMERON Jim CAMERON Alisia | CAN | 6 | (7) | 2 | 7 | 1 | 7 | 4 | 8 | 42 | 35 |
| 6 | BETTINI Jose LAMAS Marcos GNERI Diego | ARG | 4 | (6) | 6 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 6 | - | 37 | 31 |
| 7 | HIGUERA Juan Sebastian BUSTOS Juan Camilo DEEB ORJUELA Nicolas | COL | 7 | 5 | 5 | 5 | (8)DNF | 4 | 7 | - | 41 | 43 |

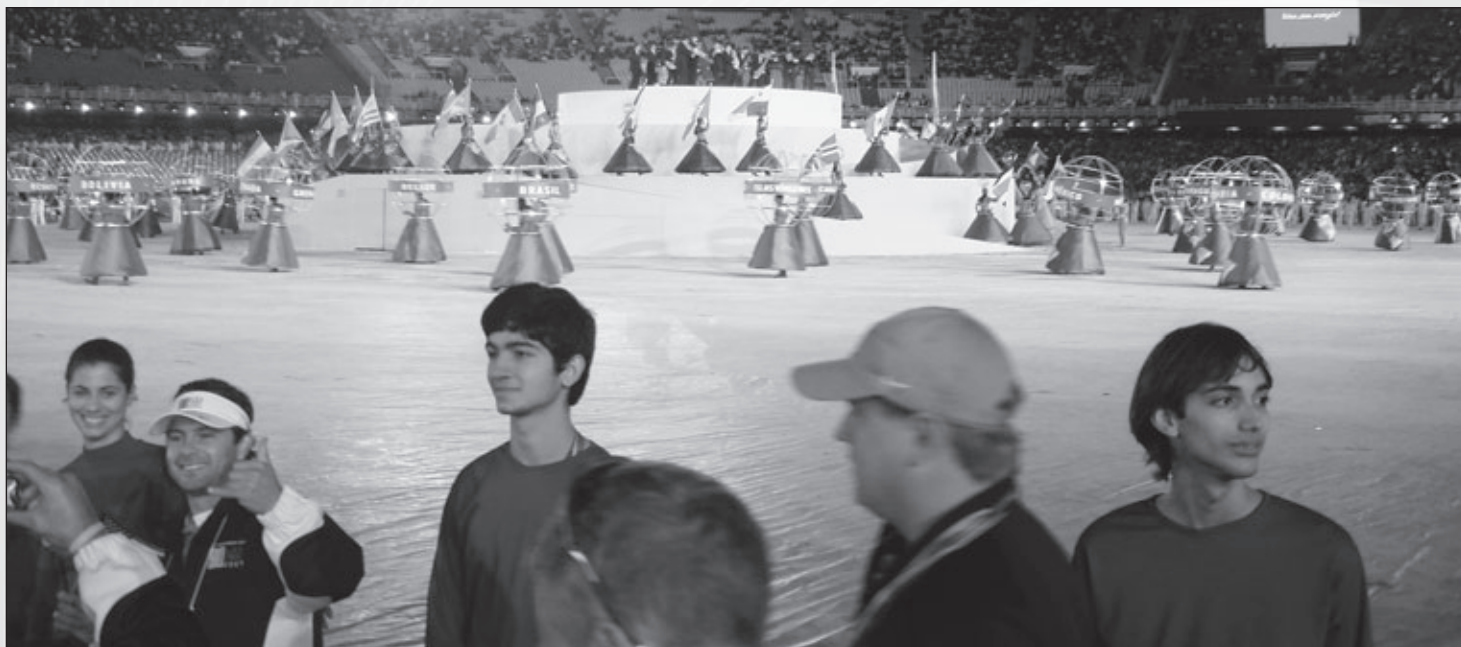


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