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President's Message



Thank you to all the Executive Committee Members and Governing Board Members for their service to the Lightning Class. These individuals and many other volunteers, from Fleet Captains to Regatta Organizers to Registration Officials, give their time and expertise to make the Class the best in the World.

It is not often that the Lightning Class puts together a husband/wife team as President and Executive Secretary. For Jan and me, it occurred at a point in our lives when we could really dedicate some time to the tasks needed and when the Class could use some extra effort. We had fun with the Quest to visit all the Districts—an uncompleted but continuing task—and thoroughly enjoyed our new sailing friends from around the globe. Also, we enjoyed the challenge of modernizing the operating systems and procedures for running the Class on a day-to-day basis.

A major focus for me was the financial health of the Class. I felt that if the Class had positive cash flow, it could afford to implement new programs and expand. During my term, the “non-profit” Class has achieved a modest operating profit and increased its cash position. The assets of the organization have increased to \$300,000 and now include boats owned. These results have permitted the Class to have and expand the Boat Grant Program, Lightning Labs and numerous other Member services.

The generosity and commitment of the Members to accomplish these results is to be commended. Over \$40,000 has been donated to the ILCA and Boat Grant Program, Historical and Limbaugh Funds over the past two years.

As to the future...the effort to build the world-wide Lightning family and its multi-generational participants must continue. New boats shipped to Finland and Chile and used sail donations shipped to Greece have stirred excitement in these Areas. The 2011 Pan Am Games and 2011 World Championship in South America are a great opportunity to expand the Class. The U.S. Southern District, post-Katrina, is another opportunity for the Class.

Care for the elders and nurture the youth. Respect the Masters, Past Presidents, Life Members and Lightning #1. Support the Boat Grant Program, Junior events and Junior sailing. It has been an honor to serve as Class President the past few years and carry on the reputation of the International Lightning Class as a leader in one-design sailing.

Yearbook Editor Dedication

As Editor of the 2008 Yearbook, I would like to dedicate this book to all the volunteers who love and support the Lightning Class. Without you all, we would not have the positive dynamic the Class now enjoys.

Major events were held in each of our three organizational areas this year: Brazil hosted the Pan American Games, Greece the European and World Championships, and Annapolis the North American Championship. Each of them was a spectacular success! The Lightning Class is so blessed to have the passionate dedication of volunteers on all three continents. This year also saw the incorporation of our Nigerian Fleet into the Lightning community with Skip Dieball and Steve Davis' Lightning Lab in Lagos and the participation of five Nigerian teams in the Worlds in Greece.

Steve and I have had a fantastic time traveling around the World and meeting so many new and graciously welcoming members of the Lightning family. It is amazing to experience the global culture of this Class; generation follows generation, sharing their love of the out of doors, their appreciation for the sportsmanship sailing cultivates and the camaraderie of team work that is part of sailing a Lightning. And, yes, the thrill of competing with a group talented friends.

And then there are the parties...I will never forget dancing in the boat yard in Pireaus in the warm evening air, Greek line dances with our PRO Paul and Worlds organizer Lisa. We toured a budding sailing school founded by a young Greek and have since sent videos and sails to help support his efforts. Our trip to the South American Championship in Colombia with Jeff and Amy Linton and Ched Proctor was a delight. The hospitality was amazing, and their lovely mountain lake made Steve and I feel at home. We loved seeing our many friends from Ecuador, who we visited last year in Salinas. To be honest...I can't keep up with the partying of the South Americans—WAY past my bed time! At the North Americans we spent two weeks with Colin and Karen Park—precious moments to be treasured always. PRO Jeff Borland made our first North American championship with radios fun and a huge success. How can you top a year like this...the 70th Anniversary Regatta and the North American Championship in Newport, Rhode Island are on the agenda for next year.

Jan Davis
ILCA Executive Secretary



Executive Officers

Steve Davis—President



Steve has been active in sailboat racing since age six. 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 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.

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 and Brian Jr, while still finding time to sail Lightnings. I think I need to find a way to work less so I can sail more!

Rob Ruhlman—Treasurer



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 American

cans 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.

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.

John Faus—Executive Committee Member



John started sailing Lightning's at age seven on his father's 10823 Helms. Growing up in the Barnegat Light Yacht Club's youth program, he later started racing Lightning's at age thirteen. His mentors, outside of his dad, have included Bill Clarke, Jack Elfman, Greg Fisher and Jim Carson. "As a junior sailor, I had no idea the gift that I was being given with learning how to sail." Unlike many other sports, sailing is a life long sport where you can always continue to learn new things and improve.

While Lightning racing is a big part of being a member of the ILCA, meeting new people, enjoying various social events, and spending time with lifelong friends and family is equally important. Growth of the Lightning Class is

important to John. Fleet Development, the Boat Grant Program, and just getting people to race or cruise is challenging, yet very rewarding. John is heavily active in recruiting and developing youth sailors and showing them how much fun sailing these boats can be. When not sailing, John likes to occasionally go fishing, work on his house and cheer for the New York Yankees and Washington Redskins. John resides in Rocky Hill, New Jersey, and spends extended summers in Harvey Cedars on Long Beach Island, New Jersey. He has worked in the sporting goods apparel business since graduating from Kenyon College. Although his yacht club is only 100 members strong, John is proud when his club is called upon to host a regatta because the membership comes together to throw a first class regatta as well as a 'not to miss' regatta party.

Jan Davis—Executive Secretary



I was born into a sailing family in Southern California. We all learned to sail while visiting our grandparents in Newport Harbor. It was not competitive, just fun on the water. We moved to Newport Harbor when I was in Junior High School, and I sailed in the summer Inter Club races until summer jobs and school activities took over my time. One fateful evening my Dad had a sailing friend over to dinner, who introduced me to his son and my fate was sealed. Steve and I dated, sailed, and were married two years later. Later we learned that not only our fathers raced against one another in Newport, but also our Grandfathers!

Life brought us to Denver and away from the world of sailing; we raised our children, and came to the time when it was clear the children were going to indeed

leave the nest. We saw boats racing one evening on the local reservoir and went down, met the gang and bought our first Lightning a week later. I was intimidated by the "enormous" size of the Lightning compared to what I had previously sailed, so it took a couple of years for me to figure out the spinnaker and gain confidence to begin crewing. We started traveling to national and world events, and I loved meeting the Class members and returning to the world of sailors. Life took another turn, and I am now the Lightning Class Secretary, spending ALL my time with sailors, and loving it! Steve and I are completely immersed in the Lightning Class these days, traveling around the world meeting wonderful people and hopefully sharing our enthusiasm for this wonderful sport and Class.

Executive Committee On the Water/At Work



Steve and Brian



John Faus



Rob Ruhlman



Bill measuring a grant boat at the NAS



Executive Secretary Jan Davis

Former Officers

Year	President	Chief Measurer	Secretary	Treasurer	Assistant Measurers
2007	Steven Davis	Bill Clausen	Brian Hayes	Robert Ruhlman	Buczowski, Calderon, Carson, Ruhlman
2006	Carter Utzig	Bill Clausen	Brian Hayes	Steve Davis	Buczowski, Calderon, Carson, Terhune
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	Bernal & 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 Alan	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
1956	Ross G Allen	Robert C Mann	Burrows Morley	Allen R Oberson	Carlton J Allan
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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You Can Make a Difference



How Can You Support the 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 Boat Grant Program
- The Limbaugh Fund
- The Mary Huntsman History Fund

The ILCA Fund

Charter of the Fund

The ILCA Fund was established in 1981 as a way to guarantee the long-range operations of our Class. Contributions to the Fund may be used to pay for the ordinary operating expenses of the ILCA, to advertise and promote the sport of Lightning Class sailing or for any other purpose approved by its Board of Directors.

In 2007, the ILCA Fund supported the US Sailing award winning Lightning Boat Grant Program.

The Boat Grant Program

You can donate cash, boats, covers, sails, trailers, etc. to support this innovative program to attract young racers to the Lightning. Designed to help young sailors experience the high level of competition offered by the class, this revolutionary program offers a unique opportunity among one-design classes. While many one-design classes struggle to attract and retain young sailors, the Lightning Class is taking active steps to give young adults a leg up: this past summer the class provided four fully rigged, insured and competitive boats for worthy teams for the 2007 sailing season. The recipients participated in Fleet, District and National regattas.



The Limbaugh Fund

Charter of the Fund

The Limbaugh Fund was established in honor 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.

Use of the Fund

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. Uses of these funds have included support for the Youth World Championships, the Sears Cup, funding junior racing clinics, trophies, promotion of youth regattas, etc.



The Mary Huntsman History Fund

Charter of the 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 displayed.

Use of the Fund

The Mary Huntsman Lightning History Fund was formed in 2004. Its primary objective is to help recover Lightning memorabilia and properly preserve Class heritage.

The laws of the U.S. 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.

How may Gifts be Made During Your Lifetime?

Gifts of Cash: 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 Marketable Securities and Investment Real Estate: 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 donor's 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.

Gifts through Wills: 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.

Gifts of Boats and Equipment: 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.

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Boat Grant Program



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The ILCA Fund, Limbaugh Fund and the Mary Huntsman History Fund represent a vital part of the International Lightning Class Association. These Funds provide for the long-term stability of the Lightning Class and allow the Class to support junior sailing and preserve the heritage of the Class.

In 2007 the Lightning Class Executive Committee and Governing Board approved the funding to create a Lightning Class Boat Grant Program, which grants a boat and expenses to young sailors. This program was funded by the ILCA Fund and commenced with the purchase of two boats.

Bill Fastiggi and Allan Terhune proposed, organized and managed the creation of the Lightning Class Boat Grant Program. Their efforts to enhance the visibility of the Lightning Class among young sailors and create a unique program to attract new sailors to the Lightning Class were recognized by US Sailing. Bill and Allan were awarded the US Sailing 2007 One Design Leadership Award.

In this first year of the program fifteen teams applied; applicants ranged from 14–26 years old. Nickels Boat Works donated the use of a brand new boat for the season, generating a lot of excitement around the program. North Sails, Quantum Sails and Vermont Sailing Partners each donated a new suit of sails. Jim McIntosh made his boat "Blue Jacket" available to the grant team. What we had hoped would be a two-boat program grew to be a four-boat program—in its first year! The generosity and support for the program from Lightning the community was spectacular. The organizers were flooded with donations of boats, covers and new sails. Members generously gave of their time, moving boats around as needed in order to make repairs and get them to the grantees in time for the racing season.

A committee of six volunteers evaluated the applications on a nine-point criteria and selected Bob King, Bobby Martin, Guy Tawney and Stephen Waldie to become the first grantees of the Lightning Boat Grant Program.



Guy Tawney



Stephen Waldie

