

2009 EVENTS

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2009 LIGHTNING WOODEN BOAT REGATTA

Onondaga Yacht Club Fleet 10

Liverpool, New York

July 25–26, 2009

CHAMPIONS

Bob Astrove

Craig Thayer

Roger Slade



While prospects for two additional wooden Lightnings never materialized this season, Craig Thayer, sailing his "new" glass boat 14645, sailed in the majority of the club handicapped races and, with his wood boat #736, comprised the "fleet" at OYC.

Our annual "Woody Get Together" was held again in the middle of July, with eleven boats attending for what was perfect sailing on both days, and indisputably the finest weather ever experienced in the history of this event. The "Road Warrior" honors went to Joel Thurtell, who dragged "Plug Nickel" from Michigan. Other first timers included Roger Slade of Geneseo, New York, Scott Stafford of Dryden, New York, Franz and Sheila Schneider from New Jersey, Andrew Hagen from Syracuse, and Ed Wightman and crew sailing the recently restored #167 Skaneateles from the Finger Lakes Boating Museum in Penn Yan, New York.

Saturday morning was spent rigging boats, which was then followed by the participants each giving some very interesting background on their sailing experience and the history of their boats. During lunch the wind filled in to an ideal Lightning breeze of 8–15, providing an outstanding afternoon of racing.

Bountiful lunches and Saturday dinner were again prepared by Sue Thayer and her assistants. Bob Astrove again brought home the first place honors in #7603, Craig Thayer was second, and Roger Slade third in #8004. It was decided that on Sunday we would spend the morning daysailing, with lots of photos of these beautiful boats and their smiling helmsmen and crews reaching up and down the lake on another beautiful sunny day.

At this writing, we are again planning to host this event in July of 2010, so finish up your restoration or drag that woody out of the barn, dust off the cobwebs, and join us for a unique and fun event. Check your Flashes later this spring, or the calendar on the website for details. Hope to see you at OYC in our 125th year.

Results:

1. Bob Astrove – #7603
2. Craig Thayer – #736
3. Roger Slade – #8004
4. Franz Schneider – #6296
5. Ed Wightman – Finger Lakes Boating Museum – #167
6. Andrew Hagen – #9411
7. David Teller – #5836
8. Doug Dixon – #584
9. Scott Stafford – #6803
10. Joel Thurtell – #9900
11. Jim Herz – #561



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Carlyle Sailing Association

Carlyle, Illinois

October 13–17, 2009

CHAMPIONS

Skip Dieball

Jody Starck

Tom Starck



For many One-Design classes, one of the high points in their annual schedule is the National Championship. I had the great fortune to win both the Interlake Nationals (hosted by Grand Traverse Yacht Club) and the Highlander Nationals (hosted by North Cape Yacht Club). Both of these events were very well run and fun!

The wins meant that I could submit an entry form for the US SAILING Championship of Champions. To get into the C of Cs you not only have to win your class' Nationals, but you also have to be accepted. The organizers have an application process that is a little more formal than years past. I was excited to sail in this year's event, as it was going to be held in LIGHTNINGS!!

In early September I got word that I was accepted into the C of Cs. I immediately contacted my Lightning team that I've sailed with for a long time, Jody Swanson-Starck and Tom Starck. We've been to Europe, South America and nearly everywhere in North America together and we ALWAYS have fun. Though we'd be sailing out of our normal positions, it would be great to sail in a boat that we knew so well...and more important, have fun with two great friends.

When I saw the preliminary entry list, I was in awe! There were World Champions, Olympic Sailors, Americas Cup Sailors, and, of course, a handful of Rolex Yachtsmen of the Year. In some respects I was excited to meet and hang with these great champions, while on the other hand, I was really psyched to sail against them.

The format was for a full twenty-boat round robin. That's twenty races in two and a half days! The committee was optimistic but made it clear that they didn't want to ruin the experience of the event by cramming to get all the races in. In the end, they got seventeen races, which was a huge feat.

Our week started out slowly, as we finished the first day with a couple of deep races. I honestly don't remember what went badly in any of those races, as the racing was so tight all week. We were sitting 5th after eight races on the first day and felt reasonably comfortable with where we were. Greg Fisher (Thistle), sailing with Tobi and Dan Moriarty, had some good scores early and led Allan Terhune's team (Lightning) with Katie Terhune and Dave Perkowski as crew. Also having good races were Olin Payne's team (International FJ) from San Diego. Olin is a high school sailor and had some great crew on board helping him focus on sailing. Also scoring well was Stu Robertson's team (Lido 14). I know Stu from Thistle sailing. He's a great competitor, and we were happy he was doing so well. Augie Diaz (Snipe), Mike Martin (5o5), Paul Cayard (Mystery Guest) all had great races on the opening day and showed they would be mixing it up!

The second day things came together for us. All the boats were evenly matched, but we felt really comfortable with the boats we sailed. Maybe it was how they were rigged (i.e., spin halyard on the mast and off this skippers' tasks!).



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Whatever it was, we clicked as a team, got great starts and we were able to put together a bunch of top five finishes. At the end of Day 2, we were super psyched to learn that we moved to the top spot! Nothing like leading at the cocktail party!

Day 3 was more of the same for our team. No break-away wins but good solid scores to seal the victory. It was a very nice way to finish the event with a 2,1,3 on the last day.

A lot of the credit to our success goes to our TEAM effort. We've been sailing together for a very long time, and I'm sure that collective experience helped us get good, consistent finishes. Jody and Tom are incredible crew, but make no mistake, I am sure that our scores would have been the same if any of us switched jobs. Jody and Tom are both great Lightning skippers, and that experience, along with us switching jobs over the past decade, had our minds thinking of wind pressure and shifts, while mindlessly changing gears. All three of us have spent most of our lives sailing Lightnings too. Together the three of us won the 2004 Lightning North Americans in Buffalo. It was a HUGE victory then, and we sailed very much the same at Carlyle to win the C of Cs. They are great!

I huge thanks goes to both the Highlander and Interlake Classes. Their support of our team was incredible. Not only did they make getting to this event easy for us, but the well wishes and encouragement is a testament to the character of these classes. On behalf of our team, I thank you all!

Carlyle Sailing Association ran an incredible event. They had all the details covered, and the support of the many volunteers is greatly appreciated. Thanks to Matt Burrige, Rick Bernstein, Paul Hanson and the dozens of volunteers for being so generous with their time and making our week fun! Speaking of generosity, a HUGE thanks to those who loaned their Lightning to the event. All the boats there were really nice, and it made the event a success. Thank you!



2009 WINNERS



Deep South Regatta

Savannah Yacht Club

Allan Terhune, Katie Terhune, Collin Kirby



Winter Championship—Masters

Winter Championship—Masters

St Petersburg Yacht Club



Miami Midwinter Regatta

Coral Reef Yacht Club

Allan Terhune, Katie Terhune, Sarah Mergenthaler



Southern Circuit

St Petersburg Yacht Club

Allan Terhune, Katie Terhune, Sarah Mergenthaler, Collin Kirby



Winter Championship

St Petersburg Yacht Club

Marcus Eagan, Marc Eagan and Kippy Chamberlain



California Circuit

Mission Bay Yacht Club

Tom Allen Jr and Steve Davis

Florida District Championship

Edison Sailing Center
Steve Hayden

Mid Continent Regatta

Carlisle Sailing Association
Dan Moriarty, Tobi Moriarty, Nicholas Beckman

Long John Regatta

Monmouth Boat Club
Keith Taboada

Southern District Championship

Bay-Waveland Yacht Club
Marcus Eagan

Doc Gilbert Memorial Potomac Cup

Potomac River Sailing Association
Larry MacDonald, Julianne MacDonald, Christine Maloney

47th Burl Harmon Memorial Indiana Open

Indianapolis Sailing Club
George Sipel, Jef Hagman, Nate Alt

Lake Lansing Sail Club Regatta

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Ernie Dieball

Hernando De Soto Regatta

Arkabutla Lake
Larry Frost, Chance Miller, Nick Underwood

No Gas Regatta

Severn Sailing Association
Jon Guth, Kat Ward, Martin Hermida

25th Anniversary Spring Classic

Pymatuning Yacht Club
Dan Moriarty, Tobi Moriarty, Stu Fisher

Early Bird

Cedar Point Yacht Club
Josh Goldman, Bill Healy, Danielle Powers, Austin Schaeffer

Salinas-Tomine Lightning Championship

Salinas Yacht Club
Juan Santos, G Vedani, L Santos

Mississippi Valley District Championship

Harbor Island Yacht Club
Chris LaBorde, Duane Hatch, Mary Schmid/Kathy Osborne

Windshift Regatta

Leatherlips Yacht Club
James Taylor, George Auer, Carl Taylor

Malletts Bay Boat Club Spring Regatta

Malletts Bay Yacht Club
Bill Fastiggi, Suzy Coburn, Kate Brush

Central New York Celebration of Spring Regatta

Newport Yacht Club
Ched Proctor, Jay Mueller, James Barnash

Lighthouse Regatta

Fond Du Lac Sailing Club
Todd Wake, Kristine Wake, Lynelle Reak

Dixie District Championship

Southern Maryland Sailing Association
Allan Terhune, Katie Terhune, Collin Kirby

California District Championship

Mission Bay Yacht Club
Jeff Coppens, Jim Sears, Evan Hoffmann

Texas District Championship

Rush Creek Yacht Club
Larry Frost, Jr., Chance Miller, Robert Grandstaff

Magnus Pedersen Regatta/ Metropolitan District Championship

Nyack Boat Club
Justin Coplan

Connecticut/Rhode Island District Championship

Niantic Bay Yacht Club
Bill Healy, Tim Healy, Meredith Killion



Ohio District Championship

Manfield Sailing Club
Matt Fisher, Lisa Fisher, Abby Ruhlman

Lake Erie District Championship

Chautauqua Yacht Club
Larry MacDonald

Midwest District Championship

Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club
Todd Wake, Kristin Wake, Lynelle Reak

Indiana District Championship

Wawasee Yacht Club
Brad Wagnon, Michael Richey, Kevin Keller

Dave Fitch Memorial Regatta

Spofford Lake Yacht Club
Bob Bush, Sterling Bush, Jeremy Rathfon

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Michigan District Championship

Boyne City Yacht Club

James Allen

Italian National Championship

Circolo Velico Marsala

Roberto Giacalone, Pasquale Prinziavalli, Guglielmo Maggio

European Championship

Circolo Velico Marsala

Urs Wyler, Gilbert Durr, David Durr

Canadian Open Championship

Buffalo Canoe Club

Ched Proctor, Jay Mueller, Jim Barnash

Central Atlantic District Championship

Ocean City Yacht Club

Jody Lutz, Jason Lutz, Matt Schon

New England District Championship

Squam Lake

Brian Gibbs, Mike Boardman, Beth Holland



New Jersey States

Barneget Light Yacht Club

Jody Lutz

Long Island District Championship

Orient Yacht Club

Malcolm Hendry, T Hendry, Kalynee Reichel

Equador District Championship

Salinas Yacht Club

Juan Santos Garces, Juan Rafael Santos, Juan Andres Santos

Atlantic Coast Championship

Toms River Yacht Club

David Starck, Jody Starck, Ian Jones

Brotz Regatta

Sheboygan Yacht Club

Todd Wake, Kristine Wake, Lynelle Reak



2009 BCC Youth Invitational Championship

Buffalo Canoe Club

Connor Godfrey, Henry Ring, Griffin Orr



Tawas Bay YC 2009 Lightning Regatta

Tawan Bay Yacht Club

Jim Allen, Jane Allen, Tyler Allen

Connecticut Governors Cup

Niantic Bay Yacht Club

Dave Peck, Nina Peck, Sarah Peck

Carolina Yacht Club

Carolina Yacht Club

Marcus Moehlman

Wooden Lightning Get Together

Onondaga Lake

Bob Astrove

Great Lakes Championship

North Cape Yacht Club

Ernie Dieball, Jacqueline Dieball, Mark Presley



New Jersey State Junior Championship

Metedeconk River Yacht Club

Arielle DeLisser Juniors' North American Championship

Sodus Bay Yacht Club

Connor Godfrey, Griffin Orr, John Ring

Masters' North American Championship

Sodus Bay Yacht Club

Terry Burke, Dan Moriarty, Tobi Moriarty

North American Championship—Qualifying

Sodus Bay Yacht Club

Marcus Eagan, Kippy Chamberlain, John Bowden

North American Championship

Presidents Cup

Sodus Bay Yacht Club

Justin Coplan, Alex Feldman, Mike Carney

North American Championship

Sodus Bay Yacht Club

Marcus Eagan, Kippy Chamberlain, John Bowden



Havre de Grace Duck Challenge Regatta

Havre de Grace Yacht Club

Steve Constants, Todd Johnson, Sarah Evans



Wooden Boats

Onondaga Yacht Club

Craig Thayer, Brian Colvin, Tim Rupprecht

1st Annual Lake Delta Yacht Club Lightning Regatta

Lake Delta Yacht Club

Dan Pope, John Bloom, Logan McReynolds

International Masters' Championship

Malletts Bay Boat Club

James Crane, Brenda Crane, Tom Allen Jr

2009 Lightning World Championship

Malletts Bay Boat Club

Matt Fisher, Dan Moriarty, Tobi Moriarty

Skaneateles One-Day Regatta

Skaneateles Country Club

Dick Hallagan

LEHYC Down Bay Regatta

Little Egg Harbor Yacht Club

Bill Bogardus

Bow Lake Ed Hinds Memorial

Bow Lake—Delta Sailing Association

Bob Bush, Sterling Bush, Erin Gershuny/Pay McQueen



Bruce Goldsmith Memorial Regatta

Devils Lake

George Sipel, Jeff Hagman, Chris Snyder

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Manahawkin Bay Club Regatta

Surf City Yacht Club

Keith Taboada, Russ Schon and Tim Crann

Fall Classic Regatta

Cedar Point Yacht Club

Jay Mueller, Bill Dodge, Mary Mueller

Red Flannels Regatta

Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club

Bill Faude, Jared Drake, Andy Kamarda

Last Blast!

Nyack Boat Club

David Peck, Sarah Peck, Andrew Mollerus

Atlanta Cup

Lake Lanier Sailing Club

Bill Hofmeister

55th Annual Hoosier Regatta

Wawasee Yacht Club

Ernie Dieball, Bryan Bahler, Steve King

Chilean National Championship

Club de Yates el Venado

Cristobal Perez, Phillipp Goyeneche, Francisco Martinez

Frigid Digit

Severn Sailing Association

Geoff Becker, Tim Healy, Krista Hankins

Pennsylvania Governor's Cup

Susquehanna Yacht Club

Dick Hallagan



Houston Turkey Day Regatta

Malletts Bay Boat Club

Clarke Newman, Deanna Newman, Ralph Bilnoski

South American Championship

Club de Yates Marina Pingueral

Alberto Gonzalez, Cristian Herman, Diego Gonzalez

Hot Rum Regatta

Mission Bay Yacht Club

Peter Colantuono

Sugar Bowl Regatta

Southern Yacht Club

Andrew Eagan, Marc Eagan, Kippy Chamberland



Hampton Fall Fling

Hampton Yacht Club

Steve Constants, Dave Constants, Chloe Constants

Bluenose Regatta

Houston Yacht Club

Ernie Dieball, Brian Bahler, Steve King

BOAT GRANT PROGRAM

The ILCA wants to give selected young sailors an opportunity to experience Lightning racing at it's best. ILCA provides a competitive boat and pays for insurance and substantial regatta expenses. The grant applications are reviewed and critiqued with regard to the listed selection criteria. Applications must be received by December 31 to be considered for the following sailing season.

Each applicant is expected to sail in a predetermined number of races, maintain the boat and equipment and exhibit the highest level of sportsmanship. The grant is for use of the boat and equipment for one season. At the end of the season the boat may be available for purchase, depending on the situation. Each recipient is assigned a "mentor" for the season.

GRAHAM LEONARD

Henderson Harbor Yacht Club

ILCA Mentor: Jack Jones

Graham and his team grew up sailing Lightnings. His parents bought him an old Lippencott when he was fifteen. He eventually sold it and bought a competitive Laser where he has developed his racing skills. Graham, an '08 SUNY Albany grad, currently serves in Buffalo, New York, with AmeriCorps VISTA combating poverty. With plans to attend law school in 2010, he has an impressive history promoting and growing sailing in the Henderson Harbor area.

Crew Eliza Pope-Collins, 20, is a Junior at Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts, where she studies Government and French. She just recently completed an internship in Washington DC at the National Women's Health Network.

Crew Andrew Leonard, 19, is a finishing his second year at Jefferson Community College where he studies Art and Design. He plans to attend Buffalo State College and attain a BA. Andrew has restored two classic cars and currently plays and records in a local band.

JESSICA LOMBARD

Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club

ILCA Mentors: Mike and Valerie Holly

Jessica Lombard and her all-female crew of Stephanie Boucher and Caroline Trottier are motivated to be the best-prepared team on the race course. They will build their skills racing with a powerful local group of Lightning sailors, including Peter Hall, Jamie Allen, Jay Deakin and Mike Holly.

In addition to weekly fleet racing and the Canadian Open Championship, Jessica plans to race in the US at the ACCs and North American Championship. Coaching in the Montreal area has given her the experience to know the benefits and balance of on-water training, fitness and mental preparation.

Keep your eyes to the North—Jessica's influence coupled with the spark from the 2008 Lightning Junior Worlds (held in Montreal) should ignite some new interest from the youth in this area!

JAMES MORTON

Orient Yacht Club

ILCA Mentor: George Koch

Currently attending Union College in Schenectady, New York, James Morton has spent quite a few summers making his rounds of the Orient Yacht Club Lightning Fleet. Whether it be as steady crew or stand-in skipper, his enthusiasm has overflowed into club's junior sailors.

James is really looking forward to skippering a top quality racing boat and enthusiastically wants to attend every regatta he can. Kyle Fast and Jay Greenfield will crew for James. They all have impressive racing resumes.

With a goal to compete in the North Americans, this team should be a common sight, especially in the Long Island and Connecticut /Rhode Island Districts, as well as other "big" regattas like the ACCs.

DAN THOMPSON

Annapolis and Sodus Point

ILCA Mentors: Mike Healy

As the assistant sailing coach with one of the top sailing schools in the country, Dan Thompson knows the dedication and preparation necessary for sailing success. In his case, Dan's goals are not purely results-driven; he wants to find a class to settle into. We are confident he will find the dedicated, friendly and competitive atmosphere of the Lightning Class to be amongst the best!

Dan's crew will include Austin Kana ('09), Josh Parks ('09) and James Landi ('08). Dan and his crew are all four-year members of the Hobart and William Smith sailing team.

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AINSLEY THOMSON

Annapolis and Rochester

ILCA Mentor: Alan McReynolds

Ainsley Thomson is an active high school sailor, participating in both fall and spring series. She is also a US Sailing Level 1 sailing instructor. Through high school sailing and being an instructor, she has a list of more than a dozen experienced 420, Laser, J22 & J24 sailors that will serve as crew, some of whom have also sailed Lightnings with her. Ainsley's primary crew will be her sister Linnhe (16) who has been sailing since she was eight.

As a graduating high school senior, Ainsley's list of quality references only seemed to be outdone by her list of potential crew. With the enthusiasm she has shown for furthering her sailing career, we can only expect that a new crop of Lightning sailors will be coming from upstate New York!

Ainsley has an ambitious schedule of over a dozen regattas than she would like to attend. You'll find her in the

Annapolis during the spring and fall events and in Central New York in the heart of summer.

