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Dedication

It's great to see so many people enjoying their Lightning, whether it be on the water, day sailing or racing—or maybe shore side, restoring, building or just talking about Lightnings. It is wonderful that after seventy-five years this design is still going strong. The boat is well designed, but it is the people that make the Class great. You can't have a successful boat unless you have good people to guide her. Throughout our history, the Class has been fortunate to have excellent leadership and membership support. As times change, you and the fellow Lightning sailors beside you continue to support the Class and keep our beloved boat afloat for the next generation.

This book is dedicated to all of our members who share their love of the Lightning and sailing.

I hope you enjoy this double edition covering two years of Lightning sailing. The covers are flanked by custom artwork provided by two very talented artists. Sharon McIntosh is part of the McIntosh Lightning family from Savannah, Georgia. She has been painting Lightnings for many years and gathers inspiration from the annual Deep South Regatta. We hope you enjoy a portion of her watercolor entitled "Oh Chute."

Our other cover was designed by Jan Mattix from Fleet 262, Harbor Island Yacht Club on Old Hickory Lake in Tennessee. In honor of our 75th Anniversary, photos were collected from members and pulled from our archives. Jan put them together to create an amazing mosaic photo. This design was used in a commemorative 75th Anniversary poster. Symbolic, as the individual photos and memories were put together to replicate a photo taken at the Youth Worlds—as it is our youth teams that will lead us into the future.

Here's too many more wonderful years!

*Laura Jeffers
Executive Secretary and Editor*



The International Lightning Class Association offers you a variety of ways to stay current with Class members and activities.

This annual production, either paper or CD, serves as an ongoing historical document. The Yearbook chronicles the regatta venues, the Champions, the District and Fleet reports, Boat Grant recipients, the Governing Board, Class Officers, members and boat owners. Photos of boats, smiling members receiving trophies, and parties are sprinkled throughout the book.

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With three issues per year, the Flashes Newsletter keeps members up to date on ILCA activities and events. Information on our worldwide fleet activities, go-fast tips from the sail makers and champions, wooden boat projects and history of the Lightning are regularly featured. The full color electronic version of Flashes are distributed via e-mail to all ILCA members: Active, Associate, and Crew. Paper copies are available for an additional fee.

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*John Faus – President*

John started sailing Lightnings at age seven on his father's 10823 Helms. Growing up in the Barnegat Light Yacht Club's youth program, he later started racing Lightnings 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.

Debbie Probst – Secretary

Sailing for me started very young, on our family Highlander and progressing through Optis, Sunfish and Lasers at Cowan Lake in Southwestern Ohio. The fierce competition and camaraderie amongst the juniors on Sunday afternoons was always the highlight of my week. My love for this sport and the people it attracts is deeply rooted in Cowan Lake Sailing Association and the incredible volunteers there.

Junior Sailing led to four years on the University of Michigan Sailing Team and meeting fellow Wolverine Jody Swanson. What followed has been twenty-five years (and counting!) of sitting next to Jody on J-24s, J-22s, and 470s. As teammates we can list quite a few Rolex Women's Keelboat Championships, an Olympic Campaign, multiple North American and World Championships, to say nothing of thousands and thousands of miles on the highway (yet somehow, never running out of dialogue!).

In 2000 my husband gave me Lightning #14678 for my birthday to sail with our young family on nearby Lake Wawasee. Considering we had a three-year-old, a two-year-old and a nine-month-old, the number of races we participated in was limited, and yet we were able to forge strong friendships with some great Hoosier sailors—Bill Allen, Jeff Schmahl, Brad Wagnon, etc. The majority of my Lightning sailing in those years came from regattas, where I learned to truly embrace this Class. Bill Faude, Larry MacDonald, Brian Hayes, Colin Park—these people encouraged me, answered my many questions, and most importantly made me feel part of the Lightning Family.

Our family has now spent ten summers at the Buffalo Canoe Club, and we just recently moved to Buffalo year-round. I have been a part of the Lightning Boat Grant Committee for five years, a program that I feel is a reflection of the Lightning Class' dedication to our sport, youth sailing and our Class itself. As an Executive Committee Member this past year I have greatly enjoyed the shared responsibility of keeping our Class strong.

Victor Lobos – Treasurer

Although Victor was born in Chile, his first encounter with Lightnings was at the age of fourteen in Arcabutla Lake in Mississippi, where he met an excellent group of people who showed him how much fun the Class is. Back in Chile there were no Lightnings in his hometown of Concepción so he continued racing on Snipes and IMS boats.

After being away from the Class for ten years, he was invited to go to the Southern Circuit with the Longarela brothers from Argentina, where he not only learned a lot about sailing but was captured by the spirit of the Class. It is this spirit that has provided him with the enthusiasm to get more people involved with Lightnings and to make the Class stronger in Chile and South America.

Even though his work as an architect keeps him quite busy, Victor is always imagining ways to escape and go sailing at a Lightning event, be it in Chile or anywhere in the world.

Bill Clausen – 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.



Bill Faude – Executive Committee Member

I did not grow up in a Lightning family. I began sailing Lightnings in 1987 after finishing grad school and doing a somewhat formal review of affordable one-design classes that offered a lot of competition. It's probably an enormous rationalization, but I don't think I could have made a better choice. This beloved square boat and the people who listen to it slam through waves have become my tribe. To quote the immortal words of Stuart Nickerson, "I LOVE THIS CLASS." In the intervening years, I have owned Lightnings 13686, 14530, 14740, 15260 and am currently sailing 15480. I have been active on the Lightning Governing Board virtually non-stop since being elected Secretary in 1995. I was Class President in 1996 and 1997. It is a joy to serve in every capacity. And I particularly thank my long-time teammate Jared Drake for rigging or derigging our boat at every big regatta for the last twenty years while I was listening to myself talk in some meeting.

The last two years I have been elected the 5th "At Large" or "Fifth Wheel" member of the Executive Committee. I'm here to tell you that today that the Lightning Class is operated in a manner we would not have recognized in 1997. There is not a week when we don't have at least two Skype calls among the headquarters and members of the Executive Committee, and I'd say we average thirty emails between us a week. There is an incredible amount of activity that goes on, which is largely why our hard-chined beauty is still a vital class.

In 1995, I was living in a small apartment in Chicago with two cats and a pile of rolled up sails. I bought a new truck in order to drive thirteen hours to Thunder Bay for the Canadian Open. I didn't own a TV. Today, I live with my wife Julie and our two kids with a bunch of furniture and flat screens and Legos and American Girl Dolls. The sails are now out in the attic of the garage. That truck is still out there too. It has 255,000+ miles on it. I'm planning to drive it thirteen hours to Thunder Bay this summer for the Canadian Open. The more things change, the more some things are gonna stay the same.



Laura Jeffers – Executive Secretary

I am from the beautiful state of New Hampshire. I was introduced to the Lightning in the fall of 1987. I had just returned from my first sail ever on a Cal 21 and thought that was the coolest thing ever—until I walked up the dock. There were four or five Lightnings that were just getting in from an evening sail. My friend Amanda and I stopped to look, and we were "invited" to join them the next Sunday to race. I remember hearing, "Come on down, someone always needs crew!" Every Sunday that fall we sailed Lightnings on Lake Massabesic with Fleet 273—we were hooked. The Deyett Family took us under their wings. The following summer we sailed every afternoon during the week, training for the Junior Districts and then the Women's Districts. On most weekends I traveled all over New England sailing in various regattas. I have so many wonderful memories from sailing Lightnings. I remember how excited I was to go to my first North Americans and first Southern Circuit. My "Lightning Story" illustrates the fleet development that our Class continues to be built upon. My sailing mentors include Ken Deyett, Brian Hughes, Jack Elfman, George Fisher and Brian Hayes.

My husband Will is a life-long Lightning sailor from New Jersey and, like many other Lightning couples, we first met at a regatta—the Winter Championships at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club during a Southern Circuit. We have a Labrador Retriever named Salty who loves the water.

Our beloved square bottomed boat unites us all and keeps us coming back for more. I am very excited to be in a position to give back to an organization that has provided me with so many wonderful friends, memories and opportunities.





Year	President	Chief Measurer	Secretary	Treasurer	Assistant Measurers
2013	John Faus	Bill Clausen	Debbie Probst	Victor Lobos	Buczowski, Carson, Hayes, Reiting, Ruhlman, Schmitt
2012	Robert Ruhlman	Bill Clausen	John Faus	Victor Lobos	Buczowski, Carson, Hayes, Reiting, Ruhlman, Schmitt
2011	Robert Ruhlman	Bill Clausen	John Faus	Victor Lobos	Buczowski, Carson, Reiting, Ruhlman, Schmitt
2010	Brian Hayes, Sr	Bill Clausen	Rob Ruhlman	John Faus	Buczowski, Carson, Hayes, Ruhlman
2009	Brian Hayes, Sr	Bill Clausen	Rob Ruhlman	John Faus	Buczowski, Carson, Hayes, Ruhlman
2008	Steven Davis	Bill Clausen	Brian Hayes	Robert Ruhlman	Buczowski, Calderon, Carson, Ruhlman
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



ILCA President John Faus with past presidents Steve Davis, Rob Ruhlman, Bob Harkrider and Bill Faude

Year	President	Chief Measurer	Secretary	Treasurer	Assistant Measurers
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
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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
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1979	David O Peters	George V Fisher	Donald P Delome, MD	David W White	Buckley, Huntsman & Schmiede
1978	John S Schneider	David O Peters	Donald P Delome, MD	John R Nixon	Fisher & Schmiede
1977	Robert R Adams	David O Peters	John S Schneider	Donald P Delome, 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 Coxa	Floyd R Arnold, DDS	Scott & Walton
1964	Jay Limbaugh	Mulin & Swanson	Hamilton G Ford	Floyd R Arnold, DDS	Swanson & Fisher
1963	Martin O'Meara	Herman Henschen	J R G Bleasby	Hamilton G Ford	Mulin & Powless
1962	John M McIntosh	Herman Henschen	Martin O'Meara, Jr	Hamilton G Ford	Bernel & Olsen
1961	Thomas D Fallon	James G Carson	Martin O'Meara, Jr	Hamilton G Ford	Herman Henschen
1960	Burrows Marley	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
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