

Written Reports

President's Report – Bill Bogardus

The last six months have been an exciting time in the Lightning Class as we emerge from Covid-19. In October, we welcomed 2020 WJM Chair Bertie Werley as our 5th member of the Executive Committee, showing if you do a job well, we will ask you to do more work. I am really excited about our Executive Committee. They are smart, diverse, and all love the Class.

Thank you also to the members of the Governing Board, who have worked tirelessly for the betterment of the Class. Racing participation is returning to pre-pandemic levels. The highlight of the last six month was the 66th South American Championship hosted by Salinas Yacht Club in December. Congratulations to Jonathan Martinetti, John Muga Birkett and Francisco Almeida on winning a silver flash, and thank you to Salinas Yacht Club, the sponsors and the volunteers for putting on a fun, world class event.

Through the steady payment of individual and fleet dues, as well as generous donations from Class members, the financial condition of the Class remains strong. With assistance from the ILCA Fund, we were able to complete the purchase of Lightning 15619 for the Boat Grant Program without depleting our financial reserves. Please see the Treasurer's Report for further details.

Prices of used Lightnings remain strong, with competitive boats being sold quickly, while older fiberglass boats are literally avoiding the chopping block, being reborn as "fiberglassics".

The Class is also in the process of reviewing our measurement procedures, and helping our builders provide Class legal equipment. Please see our Chief Measurer's Report for further details.

Currently, the Class is in the process of providing support for our sanctioned events scheduled in the coming months. The Southern Circuit will have our perennial Winter Championship in St. Pete, followed by a return to Miami for the Midwinters.

Registration is currently ramping up for the World Championship and Masters' World Championship at Carolina Yacht Club, Wrightsville Beach, NC, USA. In early July, the Harken Blockhead Youth World Championship will be hosted by Sheboygan Yacht Club, Sheboygan, WI, USA.

Looking forward, we are in the process of final selection of our Boat Grant Recipients. In addition, planning is well under way for the ACCs in July at Metedeconk River, as well as the WJMs at my home club Cedar Point in August. I expect turnout at both events will be strong, with many junior, women and under 30 participants. I also plan to take a lot of pretty boat pictures at the Classic Boat Regatta in June. Soon we should also be ready to announce the dates for 2023 World Championship in Columbia, with the golden flash getting the regatta back on its traditional odd numbered year schedule.

So, the Class is moving forward, and the schedule is set. If you have a boat, sign up for an event, or two. Contact your friends, your crews, and let's get sailing. It going to be a great season

Treasurer's Report - David Starck

As of 2/28/22, the financial state of the ILCA is sound. We are witnessing a steady YOY rebound of membership renewals, fleet renewals, sail royalties, merchandise, and other income sources.

At the same time, our expenses are inline per our budget. Please review the Profit & Loss Report for details.

The class funds (Annual Fund, ILCA Fund, Limbaugh Fund, History Fund) are witnessing nice inflows. If you would like to make donations to the ILCA, I strongly encourage one of these funds. They all serve a purpose - all for the betterment of the class and its members. And it is tax-deductible.

On the Balance Sheet, one addition from our last meeting is asset, Lightning 15619. If you have any specific question or comments of the Balance Sheet, please let Laura or me know.

Lastly, if you have thoughts or ideas on improving class finances, I'd like to hear from you. I can be reached at treasurer@lightningclass.org

Nominating Committee Mid-Year Report

Under normal circumstances, the Nominating Committee engages in little activity except in preparation for the annual meeting. This year saw a slightly different circumstance.

Lightning Labs are a signature benefit provided by the Class. At the annual meeting Joan Hurban and Elaine Parshall were elected as co-chairs of the Lightning Lab program. Unfortunately, Elaine notified the Executive Committee that she was unable to continue in that position. Fortunately, Lisa-Marie Lane was willing to step up and join Joan as co-chair of Lightning Labs. We welcome Lisa-Marie to the Governing Board. She will be a great addition.

In anticipation of the annual meeting, if anyone has an interest, or if you know of someone who might have an interest in taking on a role on the Governing Board or the Executive Committee, please contact Laura or me with the information.

Hugh Hutchison
Chair, ILCA Nominating Committee

VP-PanAm Report

Laura and I have been in contact with Fred Hagedorn regarding the qualifying events for Panam Games in Chile next year. Here is what the Class proposed to him and in turn he has officially proposed to Panam Sports, pending approval:

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2022 World Championship	1
May 16-21, Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina, USA	
2022 North American Championship	2
September 14-18, Long Island, NY, USA	
2022 South American Championship	2
TBA, Brazil	
2023 "Pacific Cup"	2
April 6-9, Algarrobo, CHI	
Host Country	1
TOTAL	8 boats - 24 athletes

This is a more balanced distribution, per Fred's words: "Initially, we had 1 slot at the 2022 SAs, and 2 at the Worlds, but some of the Panam Sailing Executive felt that there are fewer NA Countries involved in the Class, and that more slots should be determined in SA Countries. So, 3 slots are being determined in NA located events, and 4 in SA located events."

Submitted respectfully, Paco Sola

Youth Worlds Report—Debbie Probst

The Youth Worlds is finally going to be held July 6-10 in Sheboygan, Wisconsin after being postponed, canceled and then rescheduled due to the pandemic. 7 countries have committed to sending teams, 4 of which will have 3 or more teams at the event. We will see sailors from Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Greece, and the USA.

The Sheboygan Yacht Club and Sail Sheboygan will be hosting with 3 dedicated Lightning sailors leading the committee: Jason Bemis, Whitney Kent and Todd Wake. Harken is the title sponsor; thus the regatta will be referred to as the Harken Blockheads Lightning Youth World Championship.

Thank you to those country representatives who have worked hard to keep youth Lightning sailing going strong in their home countries!

North American Championships

Planning is well underway for the 2022 Lightning North Americans, Sept at Sayville YC in Blue Point, NY on Long Island and the WJM NAs at Cedar Point YC, Westport, CT. The PRO for the NAs is Todd Fedyszyn and for the WJMs is Chip Till.

The planning committees are hard at work finalizing the details for these events.

We have received interest from Metedeconk to host the 2023 WJMs and Toms River to host the 2023 NAs. This would be a return to the classic back-to-back schedule in early August in New Jersey.

More to follow. I look forward to seeing you out on the water. Josh Goldman

VP – World Sailing

Governance reform at World Sailing is being worked on where the organization is trying to look to the future. It is dominated by Country issues and Olympic rivalries and machinations which means that Classes and the interests of the non-Olympic sailor are routinely ignored or encroached on. WS recognizes it must be more sailor driven but the organization has a very hard time dealing with the conflicts. The Classes have been working hard to be better recognized and there seems to be more awareness than before but the Executive have been very reticent to share directions of the consultations. We hope to see more progress or resolution in the next few months.

The Russian Invasion of Ukraine has been sort of condemned by WS but along the lines the IOC did with a number of loopholes. We shall see how this all plays out as the organization is no longer built around "sailing for the sailor" but "national interests sailing for the Olympics".

David Sprague

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Lightning Labs

There were no formal Lightning Labs held in 2021, due to Covid. There was one lab scheduled at Wrightsville Beach in North Carolina in conjunction with the Southeast Districts, but it was canceled due to bad weather.

During the 2022 season, Nick Turney will be running the mentor program again at the Southern Circuit. This is a great way to start the season. We are looking at the possibility of running a lab at Wrightsville Beach in April, prior to the World Championships and Master Worlds which will be held there in May. We are also considering one at Metedeconk, NJ in July in conjunction with the Atlantic Coast Championships, and in Sayville Long Island in conjunction with the North American Championships.

Lisa-Marie Lane has agreed to help with the Lightning Labs program this year. If anyone would like to have a Lab run at their Club, or would like to help present a Lab, they should contact either Joan Hurban (by email at jghurban@gmail.com or by text /phone at 845 558 7558), or Lisa-Marie Lane (by email at lisamarie_lane@me.com or by text/phone at 703 209 3653).

Joan Hurban, VP Lightning Labs
Lisa Marie Lane, VP Lightning Labs

Long Island District – George Koch

2021 was a somewhat shortened season due the Covid situation. We were able to hold the District event with Fleet 506, Orient, NY hosting, during July with tight racing. First and second place were tied with the winner being decided by the finishing order of the two boats.

For this season we are excited as there will be a combined LI, MET and CT/RI District Championships at the Sayville YC on June 18,19. Additionally the North American's will be held at the same club in September.

New England District

28 February 2022

Commodore: Bob Shapiro

Secretary: Nathan Cunningham

In 2021 all District regattas were successfully resumed. We had 2 regattas at Malletts Bay, Districts and a One Day regatta at Squam Lake, and regattas at Newfound Lake, Bow Lake and Lake Massabesic. Covid caused the Malletts Bay June regatta to be switched to a One Day to eliminate the need for hotel stays, but all other regattas were held as planned. Attendance was a bit down overall, especially since none of the Canadians were able to come to MBBC regattas.

We had 34 boats participate in the 2021 NE District Circuit Championship, attending at least one of its seven regattas. Bob Shapiro won by attending 6 of the regattas and doing well in some of them. Rob Donle and Nathan Cunningham tied for second place with Rob winning the tie breaker. Ten boats attended at least 3 of the regattas!

Malletts Bay swept the 2021 District Championships hardware with Justin Coplan winning, Don Brush in second and Bill Fastiggi rounding out the top three.

The Squam Lake and Lake Massabesic fleets continue to grow, and we're hoping that some of the new members will travel to other regattas as well. In 2021, we did have 3 boats travel to the ACCs, a couple to the NAs and a couple to the NA WJMs.

We will have one fewer regatta in 2022 as our "sponsor" at Newfound Lake, where there is no Lightning fleet, has moved on. The Newfound Lakes Challenge was won by Bow Lake again in 2021 – retiring the trophy with wins in all 3 years it was awarded! This was a "team" race where the top 3 scores of participants from each lake were included.

At our just held Winter New England District meeting, we decided to modify our criteria for the District WJMs, aligning with trends and events elsewhere. We have usually not had any participants for Women's or Juniors in the last 10 years, and are hoping for an increase. Masters will now allow a multi-generational family boat (3 or more generations) even if the 130-year threshold is not met. "Juniors" will now include boats where total boat age is under 60 by the end of the year, with preference given to "true junior" skippers. "Women" will include boats with at least 2 women on board, with preference given to boats with a woman skipper. We'll try these changes for one year and then re-evaluate.

Last year we decided to try out using Slack for District (and some fleets) communications and we will continue that experiment this year. It was well used and very positive for some and

others did not use it. District members who used Slack found it to be more convenient to post photos, find last-minute crew, buy and sell boats and equipment, and organize upcoming events. It was especially successful with those who have used Slack at work. One issue is that we have 4 channels of communication – web page, Facebook page, Google Group email and Slack. It's a lot to maintain, but does allow each person to get info in their desired format. Although it is very easy to use, the techno-phobic seem unlikely to adopt it.

We agreed to a 4-tier set of "labs" to help educate and inform and encourage participation.

- A community event at each lake to encourage non-sailors to see what it is all about
- A racing intro debrief at Squam Lake regatta to including racing and rules basics
- Debriefs at the conclusion of each regatta where the top 3 boats talk about what made them do well
- A lab put on by experts at our Districts to go over some tuning and speed tips

2022 Schedule of NE District Events:

MBBC Spring Regatta June 4-5

NE Districts, Lake Massabesic June 25-26

Squam Lake One Day August 20

Bow Lake Ed Hinds Memorial and District WJM September 10

Lake Massabesic September 17-18

MBBC Leaf Peeper October 1-2

Greek District Report

After almost 2 years without racing activity, we held our first regatta post Covid in December 2021. In mid-January we had the second and in February the third one. In all these events the interest kept growing indicated by the increasing number of participants at each event. This weekend 5-6-7 of March the Yacht Club of Greece is hosting the first National Championship after a decade with the support of the Greek Sailing Federation. We expect to have 12 or more participants. During the same event we are going to have the qualification for the Youth Worlds. Three teams have signed up already. Since 3 slots have been allocated to Greece, we will seek that all the teams participate.

We had some very positive news that will benefit Lightning sailing in Greece. The board members of the two Athens clubs Yacht Club of Voula and Yacht club of Greece have changed. This is positive because now at the board level of each club there are people that want to help our class even more than before.

See you on Saturday. All the best, Nick Vazakas

Peru District Report

2021 –

Local championships on August, September & October. 9 boats at starting line.

National Championship in November. 10 boats at the line

2 crews participated in the South American Championship at Salinas.

2022 –

1st local championship on 5-6/March. Sailing week at Club Regattas Lima.

We already have an annual regatta schedule. One Championship per month until December

Two crews are training for Bolivarian games in Jun/2022 at Colombia (Tominé).

No crew for the Youth Worlds. We couldn't find budget and not a youth crew either

We hope to participate in NA's and SA's at Brazil, in order to get a spot for Panamerican games

Best regards, Jaime Calderón Romero