

36th CAMPIONATA EUROPEO LIGHTNING

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Original Italian

Paesaggi meravigliosi, esaltati dal profondo rispetto che gli abitanti dei paesi nordici riservano alla natura, condizioni di vento ottimali, ed una organizzazione eccellente a terra ed in acqua hanno fatto degna corona al 36^o Campionato Europeo Lightning svoltosi a Tampere, Finlandia, dal 25 al 30 Luglio 1988.

Trentotto gli scafi al via, forse non tutti al meglio dell'attrezzatura o della forma ma tutti simpaticamente e sportivamente presenti in ogni condizione meteorologica.

Assente Marcello Attina', due volte vincitore nelle precedenti edizioni, e molti altri equipaggi Italiani di ottimo livello, al via abbiamo visto pero' equipaggi di ottima levatura tutti pretendenti al titolo; dai Greco' Andreadis, Tsantilis agli Svizzeri Wyler e Schmid, al campione locale Maenpaa agli Italiani Alagna e Tripoli.

Le prime tre prove caratterizzate da vento buono che variava dai 7 ai 12 m/s per giungere talvolta ai 15 m/s sotto raffica, hanno visto protagonista indiscusso lo scafo del Greco Andreadis giungere al traguardo sempre vincente e noi per tre volte secondi cercando di risolvere ancora gli innumerevoli problemi che uno scafo nuovo comporta.

Nella quarta prova con vento che variava da 1/m/s/ ai 4 m/s riuscimmo a condurre la regata in testa fino all'ultima Bolina quando ben tre scafi superandoci sul traguardo ci relegarono al quarto posto con lo Svizzero Wyler secondo e Andreadis Solo diciottesimo.

Le ultime due prove concentrata nella giornata conclusiva, vento ancora leggero, 2-5 m/s, condizioni solitamente piu' favorevoli all'equipaggio dello Svizzero Wyler piu' a suo agio di noi e di Andreadis (con questo vento). In effetti la quinta prova viene vinta da Wyler con noi quinti e Andreadis nono.

Mancava una prova e la classifica ci vedeva primi con 10 punti, secondo e' Wyler con 11 punti, terzo e' Andreadis con 12 punti; cominciammo a credere di poter vincere ma ci rendevamo conto che il campionato iniziava solo in quel momento.

Dopo essere rimasti in acqua per quattro ore perseguitati da un susseguirsi di freddi temporali, l'eccellente giuria Finlandese predispose l'allineamento e dette il via; a questo punto la tensione in barca era al massimo.

Ma, partiti, tesi ma concentrati, siamo riusciti a controllare con discreta facilità i nostri due diretti avversari riuscendo a tagliare il traguardo dell', ultima prova ancora dinnanzi a loro.

Ed e' cosi' che con la regolarita' di risultati, siamo riusciti a superare i forti equipaggi Aversari e con un pizzico di fortuna a vincere per la prima volta il Campionato Europeo Lightning.

Non posso commiatarmi senza complimentarmi con il mio equipaggio composto da Fabio Giuliani che con le sue scelte tattiche ci ha fatto trovare sempre al posto giusto al momento giusto e da Claudio Bombana un neofita della vela che ha eseguito tutte le manovre di bordo con la freddezza di un veterano.

Un arrivederci ad Atene dove mi impegnerò a difendere questo titolo e fatemi sognare!!!

English translation:

The beautiful landscapes of the northern towns are a tribute to those who have worked to preserve their nature. The excellent organization both on the shore and in the water and the optimal winds made it all worthy of the 36th European Lightning Championships held in Tampere, Finland 25-30 July 1988.

Thirty-eight Lightnings were on the starting line. Not all had the best and newest equipment but everybody was pleasant and showed good sportsmanship in all weather conditions.

Absent was Marcello Attina, two time champion of the previous editions and other top level Italian crews. At the first start however, we saw many top level skippers and crews; all wanting the European Championship title. From Greece we saw Andreadis and Tsantilis, the Swiss, Wyler and Schmid, local Champion Maenpaa and the Italians Alagna and Tripoli.

The first three trys had good winds varying from 7-12 knots and often gusting to 15 knots. The Greek Lightning of Andreadis was the indisputable winner of the first three trys. We placed second in these first three trys but were overcoming the numerous problems that a new boat creates.

In the fourth try, the wind was very light varying with 1-4 knots. We were able to lead the race until the very last when Bolina and two other boats passed us at the finish line giving us fourth. The Swiss Wyler was second but the Greek Andreadis was 18th.

For the last two trys we again had light winds of 2 to 5 knots. These conditions are usually more favorable to the Swiss and Greek. The Swiss Wyler took first place and we placed fifth and Andreadis ninth in the fifth try.

After the five races and including a drop race, the results showed that we were first with ten points, Wyler second with eleven points and Andreadis third with twelve points. At this point, we started believing that we could win the European Championship.

After being on the water for four hours and being followed by cold thunderstorms, the excellent jury Finlandese set the final starting line and the race was off. Tension on our boat was at the maximum but at the finish line we were ahead of the Swiss and Greeks to win the European Championships.

I cannot enjoy myself without congratulating my crew. Fabio Giuliani's tactics always put us at the right place at the right time. Claudio Bombana, was a novice sailor but with absolute obedience performed his on board maneuvers like a veteran.

Goodbye for now. I will be there at Athens to defend my title and let me dream....

1988 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Tampere Finland



Visiting sailors are treated to an excursion of Lake at Tampere, Finland.



Swiss crew, Regala Baumgartner shows her form at darts.



"Old Salt" Sam Hartikainen sharp at darts. Returned to Lightnings after absence of 25 years. 11th in the Europeans.



Swiss Urs Wyler was 2nd in the Europeans.



Swiss Jacques Perret, 17th in the Europeans.

36th European Championship — 1988

Tampere, Finland

Fin. Pos.	Boat #	Country	Skipper & Crew	Races						Pts.
				1	2	3	4	5	6	
1	14245	Italy	Francesco Ferrari, Fabio Giuliani, Claudio Bombana	2	2	2	4	5	(10)	15
2	13790	Switzerland	Urs. Wyler, Martin Stauffer, Beat Gasser	3	6	5	2	1	(11)	17
3	13802	Greece	Costas Tsantilis, Jacobos Kikianis, Petros Schilizzi	7	(10)	4	5	6	2	24
4	14264	Greece	George Andreadis, Leonidas Pelekanakis, Ioannis Apiranthitis	1	1	1	(18)	9	13	25
5	13706	Italy	Giuseppe Alagna, Giovanni Pulizzi, Benedetto Pulizzi	(14)	5	6	10	6	1	28
6	12914	Finland	Kari Maenpaa, Erkki Maenpaa, Kimmo Aromaa	4	4	7	9	(15)	8	32
7	13692	Switzerland	H. P. Schmid, A. Hofer, P. Taeschler	9	3	3	14	4	(19)	33
8	13481	Italy	Vito Tripoli, Francesco Parrinello, Fabio Spano	6	(19)	12	13	2	4	37
9	12952	Switzerland	Stefan Scharer, Roland Baumgartner, Regala Baumgartner	10	8	10	(15)	3	12	43
10	12860	Switzerland	Claude Lambelet, Jean Pierre Monnier, Martin Lambelet	12	12	14	1	8	(14)	47
11	14093	Finland	Sam Hartikainen, Mikko Tiilikka, Torsti Pullola	(20)	14	15	3	11	9	52
12	12753	Finland	Jyrki Maatta, Antti Lamminen, Mike Nordlund	5	13	11	11	(30)	21	61
13	14271	Finland	Hanna Hurskainen, Pekka Hurskainen, Kari Rantanen	15	17	13	7	10	(20)	62
14	12907	Finland	Leo Korhonen, Anne-Marie Korhonen, Rainer Korhonen	22	7	(DNF)	17	14	5	65
15	12995	Finland	Aulis Naykki, Reijo Ilmasti, Kari Anttila	24	(26)	20	12	13	3	72
16	14274	Finland	Hartti Nisonen, Juha Hamalainen, Asko Hamalainen	19	11	17	(31)	24	6	77
17	12951	Switzerland	Jacques Perrett, Jean-Patrice Gigandet, Thierry Monnier	(DNF)	15	8	16	20	26	85
18	13840	Switzerland	Gilbert Despland, Peter Graf, Margrit Brugger	(23)	22	18	6	19	22	87
19	14091	Finland	Terho Aromaa, Mika Aromaa, Jari Aromaa	17	16	19	19	(22)	17	88
20	12996	Finland	Samppa J. Salminen, Keijo Tulomaki, Tero Kotimaki	13	18	24	(27)	12	25	92
21	13734	Finland	Ilkka Lilka, Anssi Lilja, Katri Kupiainen	(31)	31	21	20	16	7	95
22	14269	Finland	Markku Paloma, Heikki Pajala, Antero Uitto	8	25	16	24	23	(28)	96
23	13134	Finland	Heikki Ulen, Erkki Puupera, Petteri, Haggstrom	11	20	9	33	(35)	23	96
24	12992	Finland	Aimo Jokiniemi, Tuula Jokiniemi, Tanja Jokiniemi	(33)	33	26	8	17	16	100
25	14018	Finland	Pentti Laitinen, Sirkka-Liisa Laitinen, Antti Lahtinen	18	21	23	22	18	(DNF)	102
26	14092	Finland	Jussi Karikkainen, Mikko Jaatinen, Heikki Nurmi	16	9	(DNF)	35	26	18	104
27	13438	Finland	Timo Patosuo, Mervi Patosuo, Kari Porthen	27	33	(YMP)	26	32	DNF	124
28	13413	Finland	Miimu Matilainen, Maija Pyy, Outi Haila	26	34	(DNF)	29	21	15	125
29	12918	Finland	Vesa Purokuru, Ilkka Virtanen, Taina Sneek	(29)	28	25	21	29	24	127
30	12429	Finland	Antero Punttila, Jaakko Usva, Timo Evila	25	27	(28)	25	25	27	129
31	13436	Finland	Ari Nissinen, Anti Nissinen, Seppo Nissinen	21	30	22	28	(34)	30	131
32	11544	Finland	Raimo Aromaa, Markku Aromaa, Ville Saari	32	29	29	(34)	28	29	147
33	12908	Finland	Ari Kokko, Erkki Kokko, Jouko Kokko	34	35	(DNF)	23	31	31	154
34	14179	Finland	Pertti Pyy, Leena Pyy, Petri Wikman	28	24	(DNF)	32	33	DNF	155
35	13561	Finland	Harri P. E. Raikamo, Kai Raikamo, Kari Uurtimo	30	32	(DNF)	30	27	DNF	157
36	13435	Finland	Pekka Sayra, Jukka Salmi, Matti Sayra	DNC	(PMS)	DNF	36	DNC	DNF	188
37	13130	Finland	Matt Torkkeli, Timo Rajisto, Outi Torkkeli	(DNF)	DNC	DNC	DNC	SNC	DNF	190

() Throw-out, DNC/DNF — 38, PMS — 39

1988 CANADIAN OPEN

by: Larry MacDonald Jr.
Buffalo Canoe Club/Hamilton Yacht Club/North Sails - Canada

Since the 1988 Canadian Open held at Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club, Montreal, Quebec, June 24-26, would be the Canadian Qualifiers for the 1989 Worlds to be held in Greece, Trevor Borne, Ian Jones and I knew the competition would be difficult. We were ready for the regatta and hoped there would be good winds. If the winds were very light, we could be in serious trouble challenged by other top Canadian sailors like Peter Hall and Eddy Martin who excel in those light choppy conditions.

A total of twenty-five entries (four from the US) were on hand to help the Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club celebrate their 100th Anniversary. We were welcomed to the Yacht Club by General Chairman, Russ Scrim, playing a dual role as Regatta and 100th Anniversary Chairman. We didn't have the Royal Patron of the Club, the Duke of Edinburg present, but the Yacht Club made us feel very important with a cookout Friday night and a free 100th Anniversary Dinner on Saturday night.



Presentation of the Molson Trophy to Canadian Open Champions (L to R) Ian Jones, Trevor Borne, Skipper Larry MacDonald, Jr.

We had two good races on Friday, but only one on Saturday morning. When the heavy lightning and thunder came in, the Race Committee wisely decided to cancel the second race. We made it back to the docks just in time getting only a little wet.

Sunday was a different story. It was cool with winds 18-20 knots. Peter Hall was leading the Open with only seven points to our nine, but "this was our weather". In the first race of the day, about one-third of the fleet dumped with the

usual array of broken masts and boat damage. Trevor and Ian did their jobs perfectly and as a team, we racked up three bullets to win the Molson Trophy for the top Canadian and the Toronto Star Trophy for the winner of the Open. The Corby Trophy for the middle-of-the-fleet was awarded to Jacques Boucher.

I thank my crew for their great work, the Canadian Lightning Class and the Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club for their great hospitality.

CANADIAN OPEN 1988

Fin. Pos.	Sail #	Skipper	Races						Pts.
			1	2	3	4	5	6	
1	14134	Larry MacDonald	2	3	4	1	1	1	8
2	13968	Peter Hall	3	1	3	DSQ	4	5	13
3	11739	Jody Lutz	5	4	1	6	5	2	17
4	13927	Eddy Martin	4	6	13	4	2	3	19
5	14198	Brad Read	1	2	11	DNF	3	7	24
6	14200	Tony McBride	9	9	5	5	7	4	30
7	14211	Tom Allen, Sr.	8	7	7	3	6	9	31
8	14207	Tom Allen, Jr.	11	8	2	11	8	6	35
9	11177	Peter Sulman	12	10	14	13	13	DNF	62
10	14021	Duncan Stewart	14	13	8	15	12	DNF	62
11	13609	David Weed/Graham Jones	19	17	15	9	10	12	63
12	413	John Aitchison	20	22	17	7	11	10	66
13	9694	Jacques Boucher	18	16	16	9	14	11	66
14	14017	Russel Scrim	DSQ	15	23	7	10	13	68
15	11631	Brian Curtner	15	20	18	14	16	8	71
16	14175	Jay Mann	7	5	19	DNF	DNF	DNF	83
17	13671	Susan Rogers	13	11	10	DNF	DNF	DNF	86
18	13150	David Bourne	16	19	9	DNF	17	DNF	87
19	11289	Keith MacDonald	DNF	12	6	DNF	DNF	DNF	96
20	13260	Francois Gagnon	DNF	24	24	12	15	DNF	101
21	13280	Kai Bjorn	10	14	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	102
22	13577	Adrian Niderost	17	23	12	DNF	DNF	DNF	104
12	14174	David Sprague	6	DSQ	21	DNF	DNF	DNF	105
24	11331	Nagil Tabet	21	21	20	DNF	DNF	DNF	114
25	13519	Tim Harris	22	18	22	DNF	DNF	DNF	114



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