

Fire Destroys Buffalo Canoe Club Boathouse

(A familiar gathering spot for Lightning sailors)

On December 24, 1990, an arson fire destroyed the Buffalo Canoe Club's outer boathouse located on the Club's dock at Point Abino, Ontario, Canada. This eighty-seven year old classic wooden structure was considered the BCC's visual signature. The building was a familiar sight for hundreds of Lightning sailors who participated in the eleven NA's, one World Championship, two World Youth Championships and numerous Lightning District Championships over the years. Its upper deck was the location of numerous skippers meetings for these and many other regattas.

The Canoe Club has resolved to rebuild this structure and is in the process of designing a replacement which will replicate the exterior appearance of the original structure as much as possible. BCC is hoping to complete this project by the 1992 Lightning NA's to be held at its Point Abino, Ontario facilities in August.



XXIV South American Championship

by German Novion

Our team started sailing together in October 1989. After the World Championships in Athens, Greece, our middle crew began sailing his own boat. So Roberto Hill joined us, and with Manuel we were ready to go. In February we shipped our boat to Callao with another seven boats from Chile. Four of them were from the Chilean Navy School and were representing Chile in both the Lightning South American Championship and South American Championship of Navy Schools.

The regatta started at the port where, because of a strike, we had some troubles clearing customs. The "hero" was Leonardo Witting who was nicknamed "Duck face" by the strikers.

Callao was a nice place for sailing a regatta with winds from the south between five and fifteen knots. Before the first race we realized our main competitors were going to be Manuel's brother, Tito, and Fantuzzi from Chile, Juan Santos from Ecuador, and Emilio Levaggie the local hot shot. The first day we sailed two races. During the morning with a non-predominant five knots wind from the west we won the race after sailing the first beat in the middle and fighting with Santos who finished second. The second race was sailed in a 12 knot southwind. We took another bullet after passing Fantuzzi who was leading, in the second beat. Tito was third.

After the first day in the water some strange virus attacked Tito, so he started not to recognize his team and friends. His crew, after using their best psychologist knowledge, could

not beat the virus that start getting into them too. The second day we sailed only one race. The wind was blowing six knots from the southeast and during the race changed to a north. Fantuzzi won the race with the local Ayulo second, Tito was third and we were fifth.

The third day we sailed another two races, Marco Chacon representing the Peruvian Navy School won the race, we were second, Santos third, and Tito fourth. In the afternoon, with the same south wind, the Peruvians won again. We were tenth.

Going into the last race we were leading with nine points with one throw out race, Tito was second with fourteen and Santos third with fifteen. Those three boats had chances to win the series. Fighting for runner-up was Levaggie with 20 points and Fantuzzi with 20.

We started the last race in a 16 knot southwind and had no troubles because Santos and Tito were covering each other. We won the race and the Championship, Tito Gonzalez was runner-up, Juan Santos third, Emilio Levaggie fourth, and Fantuzzi fifth.

Marco Chacon, from Peru, won the Navy Schools South American Championship. Arturo Oxley from Chile was runner-up. We had an excellent race committee, who did an excellent job particularly setting the starting lines. We did not have a general recall during the six races. Thank you very much. Also the Peruvian Navy School and the Yacht Club Peruano brought us their great hospitality.

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South American Championships — 1990

Fin.	Pos.	Country	Skipper/Crew	Races							Pts.
	1	Chile	Manuel Gonzalez, German Novion, Roberto Hill	1	1	5	2	10	1	10	
	2	Chile	Alberto Gonzalez, German Schacht, Valentina Melendez	7	3	3	4	4	2	16	
	3	Ecuador	Juan Santos	2	8	6	3	5	3	19	
	4	Peru	Emilio Levaggi	4	4	14	9	3	4	24	
	5	Chile	Angel Fantuzzi	9	2	1	8	17	6	26	
	6	Peru	Hector Sabogal	6	5	16	5	2	10	28	
	7	Peru	Marco Chacon	13	7	17	1	1	13	35	
	8	Peru	Sergio Levaggi	3	9	8	12	12	7	39	
	9	Peru	Francisco Ayulo	16	12	2	7	13	5	40	
	10	Chile	Arturo Oxley	5	10	9	16	6	16	46	
	11	Peru	Luis Bryce	14	14	7	11	11	8	52	
	12	Chile	Alejandro Acosta	16	13	12	10	8	9	52	
	13	Chile	Manuel Gonzalez, Sr.	12	16	4	16	7	15	54	
	14	Chile	Jorge Opazo	8	11	10	15	17	12	55	

1990 Canadian Open Championship

Hamilton, Ontario, Canada

by David Starck

When was the last time you went to a regatta which was run by a bunch of Beavers? Well, that was the case if you attended the 1990 ILCA Canadian Open Championship regatta in Hamilton, Ont. The "Flying Beavers", led by Beaver extraordinaire Keith MacDonald, did a super job showing us all how to have fun. From great raffles to terrific cookouts and entertainment, Keith and the Beavers covered all the bases for a sound regatta.

The racing aspect of this years Canadian Open was as good or better than the party. We had a terrific turnout from all levels of the class, especially the top sailors in the fleet. It was exciting sailing against the current World Champion, Peter Hall, as well as Ched Proctor, Larry MacDonald, Jim Crane, Jody Lutz, Mark Bryant, all the Fishers, and the 1989 North American Champion, Tom Allen, Jr. These guys are all very good sailors and I am proud to be in their league.

The race committee did a great job running all the six scheduled races. With the shifty and sometimes variable winds, getting off a start with the aggressive fleet was sometimes difficult. The committee was patient, however, and

ran a very successful regatta. I congratulate them on their efforts.

The crew on a Lightning, as most of you skippers out there know, is the key to winning regattas. Of course, a decent boat and fast sails play a big role, but the crew work makes or breaks a regatta. Fortunately, I had a good crew who worked the boat very well and gave me the necessary information needed to get around the course. My brother, Tom, sailed forward and local hero, Michael Montani, sailed middle. These guys did a super job on the boat and their boat handling was sensational.

If you ever have the chance, privilege, or honor of sailing with the Beavers on beautiful Burlington Bay, DO NOT give it up! With a rapidly growing Beaver fleet, your chance of sailing with these great people will soon run out. I would bet that by the year 1992, sailing with the Beavers will be invite only. Don't miss the Beavers!!!!

Thanks again to the Flying Beavers, Hamilton Yacht Club, and the ILCA for a great regatta. I look forward to next years Canadian Open in Toronto and hope the turnout is as good as this year. Thanks again.



Canadian Open Champ David Stark.

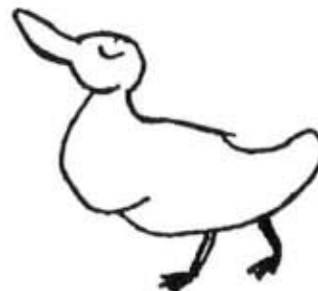
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Canadian Open — 1990

Fin. Pos.	Sail #	Skipper & Crew	Races						Pts.
			1	2	3	4	5	6	
1	1419	Dave Starck, Tom Starck, Michael Montani	1	4	2	7	(24)	3	17
2	14387	Peter Hall, Alain Boucher, Phil Kerrigan	9	1	4	1	(11)	8	23
3	14176	Ched Proctor, Doug Barlow, Marty Essig	(12)	5	7	4	8	4	28
4	14455	Jim Crane, Larry Bone, Peter Bone	(pms)	2	1	13	6	7	29
5	11486	Larry MacDonald, Kathryn Ritchie, Trevor Born	4	(pms)	18	2	3	5	32
6	14457	Jay Mann, Perry Owen, Chris Winslow	11	6	6	(22)	12	2	37
7	14347	Thomas Allen Jr., Bill Pictor, David Adams	15	7	(19)	5	5	10	42
8	14405	Greg Fisher, Joe Hunt, Greg Griffin	10	8	5	10	9	(dns)	42
9	14374	Michael Huffman, W. Faude, Mes Huffman	3	11	9	14	(16)	11	48
10	14427	Mark Bryant, Joni Bryant, Mike Poltorak	5	(pms)	10	3	4	28	50
11	14298	Mark Serti, Bob Bryant, Ellen Pfeiffer	7	10	8	15	10	(20)	50
12	14255	Dick Hallagan, Allan McReynolds, Nancy Barger	17	14	14	8	7	(dns)	60
13	14	Jim Cameron, Charles Spence, Ian Robb	(30)	18	22	11	2	15	68
14	13944	Cal Schmiege, Larissa Higgins, Bob Starck	6	19	21	(33)	29	6	81
15	14411	Thomas Allen, John Torrie, Cynthia Baker	13	16	3	(37)	28	25	85
16	14438	Tony McBride, Tom Fisher, Andrew Shea	21	28	15	(29)	14	9	87
17	14441	Jody Lutz, John Schnorr, Will Truslow	16	(pms)	13	6	dnf	1	89
18	11174	John Aitchison, Brian Milne, David Ellison	22	(31)	12	18	25	13	90
19	14353	Anthony Staples, Neil Burnham, Scott Collins	23	13	(41)	16	21	17	90
20	14450	Jon Schwartz, Eric Wauner, Kirsty Agrell	14	9	38	12	20	(dns)	93
21	1138	Hank Hodgson, Bill Thomas, Mike Thomas	26	3	11	35	22	(dns)	97
22	14194	Jill Swanson, John Swanson, Stephen Green	29	12	17	(31)	17	27	102
23	11289	Keith MacDonald, Steve McMenemy, Evelyn MacDonald	27	17	(36)	20	19	21	104
24	14174	David Sprague, Felicity Clark, Kim Brown	20	(37)	27	25	15	19	106
25	13927	Jean Francois, Simard Claude Provost, Derek Robertson	(pms)	15	25	24	34	12	110
26	14454	Jim Allen, Timothy Harris, John Cosmann	24	26	(31)	19	18	26	113
27	14045	Matt Fisher, Steve Callison, Joyce Ferguson	2	(pms)	pms	9	1	dns	119
28	14345	George Fisher, Karl Erickson, John Vanderhorst	8	(pms)	24	21	13	dns	119
29	14371	Susan Rogers, John Rogers, George Jackson	(35)	25	30	23	23	29	130
30	12216	Dennis Fay, David Fay, Charles Hanson	34	27	(35)	32	26	16	135
31	13145	Michael Morgan, John Morgan, Eric Blinkhorn	19	32	29	34	(35)	23	137
32	14338	Frank Kelly, Jr., Mark Stanley, Chandler Owen	31	20	33	17	40	(dns)	141
33	14017	Mark Gagnier, Jamie Browne, Dave Flaharty	28	24	(45)	38	38	14	142
34	11081	Ted Bowser, Karen Boswer, Julian Aziz	25	34	20	(46)	37	30	146
35	14286	Warren Emblidge, Sam deCastro, Amy Tuyn	18	35	34	36	(43)	24	147
36	11631	Brian Curtner, Ted Shore, Susan Ruptash	(43)	29	32	40	27	22	150
37	10710	Ned Roseberry, Matt Sanders, Josh Murphy	(dns)	dns	23	30	32	18	156
38	13957	Bob Cotton, Bill Paxter, Peter McDonnell	39	22	39	26	31	(dns)	157
39	11177	Peter Sulman, Kathy Sulman, Brad West	(pms)	23	28	27	30	dns	161
40	13945	Ed Roseberry, Chris Regilski, Chris Sass	33	21	37	(44)	36	35	162
41	13609	Dave Wood, Brian Webb, Graham Jones	42	38	26	(42)	33	34	173
42	11331	Nabil Tabet, Debbie Rourke, Tom Wheatley	38	36	40	28	(41)	36	178
43	14291	Judy Walker, Amy Beisel, Mark Jarosinski	(pms)	44	16	43	39	37	179
44	13267	Willie Evans, Jay Booth, Mark Sandberg	32	39	47	41	(dns)	31	190
45	14326	Russell Scrim, F. J. Gagnon, James Lacey	40	33	44	(47)	42	33	192
46	12802	Tom Ward, Kate Ward, Kathy Tocke	37	30	46	49	44	(dns)	206
47	12443	Paul Eichenberg, Helene Michaud, Paul Philips	44	43	(pms)	39	dnf	32	211
48	14410	Pascal Buckley, Amy Tillou, Jack O'Donnell	(dnf)	42	42	45	46	40	215
49	13652	John Frank, J. A. Frank, Bob Woppener	41	41	48	(51)	47	39	216
50	13515	Geoff Hall, John LooRere, Jamie Gracey	45	40	(dns)	48	dns	38	224
51	13708	Jim DeCesare, Steve Nosal, Lynn Dowling	36	(pms)	43	50	45	dns	227
52	13363	Jay Anderson, George Campell, III, George Campell, IV	46	45	49	(dns)	dns	dns	246

1990 European Championship Lake Biel

by P. Pellizzaro, F. Falcini, J. Cappucci

The European Championship was held July 7-14 at "La Neuville" on beautiful Lake Biel, in a quaint Swiss town particularly famous for the wines produced in this region. We were quite delighted with wonderful samples of their finest white wines from the opening day of the championship until the presentations.

Lake Biel has a long and narrow shape characterized by a peninsula in the center. The race area was located more than four miles from the host yacht club, so we had to organize ourselves in order to arrive on time. The efficiency and organization of the Swiss, (which is quite exceptional) was demonstrated through measurements which were done very quickly and without any problems; unlike the stressful measurements we are used to.

During the trials day, the wind was almost non-existent. We predicted a championship characterized by a constant change of front runners and most of all one lead by luck.

Actually, things went quite differently as we found many changing conditions in the wind. The hills around the lake would change the wind at various deviations, resulting in the technical selection between the various crews. This lake is a bit small for the regular triangle course that we are accustomed to, especially considering the long narrow "windward lake." We immediately recognized the high degree of professionalism, and would like to offer thanks to the committee for allowing us a championship particularly challenging, where each crew is able to demonstrate their value and ability.

In fact, in the first race, there were very weak winds, and we placed 15th. We were trying not to take fliers, a tactic which can be very penalizing. Fabio, the tactician said, "The next race I want to attack and not defend."

The same day, at the beginning of the second race, we were next to the committee boat, while all the others were starting at the buoy end. We wanted to get out near the coast immediately, in fact we crossed the fleet at the first cross, an advantage we held until the end of the race. We were in front of the other Italian crews: Rustichelli, Alberti, and Scarpocchi, the latter being one of the frontrunners of a regatta characterized by a strong comeback. After the first day, we had a first place and a 15th place finish. However, the day prior, Wyler had won the race and gave the impression of being the dominator of the championship. We remained confident and relied on a great deal of concentration. In retrospect, we couldn't make another mistake.

We adopted a particular mode of training which included, eating our favorite Italian foods, and hanging out with our friends, Ricardo, Massimo, and Eugenio who were disqualified earlier due to an accident. They remained a big support

for us. It was a matter of these "psychological tactics" adopted that we were able to focus and concentrate.

Third Race

A very difficult race from the tactical point of view in that the wind came and went in bands on the lake and always changed direction. At the end of the first windward leg we were near others he followed. The last leg was characterized by a constant change of leaders. At the finish line it was Noto followed by Schaer and Tripoli, and finally, Us!

Fourth Race

The wind has arrived! We are more than aware of our speed in these conditions. At the start, Wyler was in front, followed by Schaer, and then us. By now everyone knew that the championship would probably be decided between these three crews.

It was July 12th, and because of the forecast for no wind, the committee decided to have the remaining two races on the same day, weather permitting. The wind was less intense than the preceding days. We started first, and lead until the beginning of the last leg, when the wind dropped and Schmidt and Schaer passed us. We didn't give up, tack after tack, yard by yard, we clawed our way back into position behind the Swiss crew. We now needed to observe the Swiss crew and pay particular attention to their precision.

At this point we were in first place, Wyler was in second, and Schaer was third. We started like this for the last and deciding race, which was noticeably full of tension, demonstrated effectively by the general recall of the first start.

We knew that the regatta could be difficult because of the attention paid to the Swiss crews, who were favored for the title. Therefore, the first windward leg, all the boats started with maximum precision and speed.

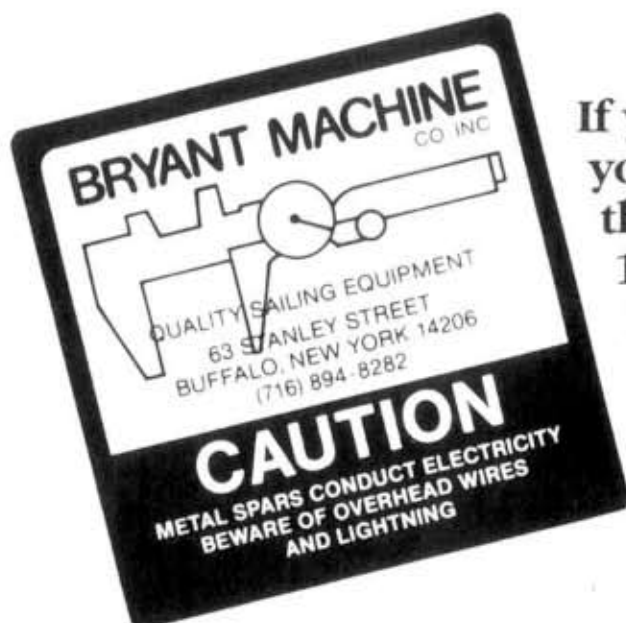
At the first buoy it was the young Noto followed by Urs Wyler, and then us. On the first reach, the wind built up and the lightweight Sicilian crew extended their lead from Wyler. We defended the third position which represented a victory in the Championship, and more to the point, we were happy to follow these two crews. However, we started nearing Noto and before we knew it, we had even passed him. Wyler seemed miles away, but with the wind to our advantage and the desire for a victory, we were able to pass him right at the finish line and win the European title.

The Championship ended with a most pleasurable evening of dancing. We would like to thank all the people who contributed to our victory. A special thanks to the technical support of Bryant Spars, Fisher Sails, North Sails, and Nickels Boats.

European Championship — 1990

Fin. Pos.	Boat #	Country	Skipper & Crew	Races						Pts.
				1	2	3	4	5	6	
1	14243	Italy	Pellizzaro, Falcini, Cappucci	(15)	1	4	2	1	1	9
2	13790	Switzerland	Wyler, Duerr, Duerr	1	5	(8)	1	5	2	14
3	13161	Switzerland	Schar, Huber, Schar	4	3	2	3	4	(9)	16
4	13455	Italy	Rustichelli, Alberti, Sauro	6	2	(17)	7	7	8	30
5	13099	Switzerland	Luthy, Merz, Briker	8	4	14	(dnf)	10	3	39
6	13692	Switzerland	Schmid, Zeier, Gerber	(19)	12	16	5	3	6	42
7	14271	Finland	Hurskainen, Hurskainen, Salminen	5	(30)	15	11	14	4	49
8	12572	Switzerland	Wuethrich, Markau, Moeri	2	(24)	13	14	17	5	51
9	13878	Italy	Fornich, Paxia, Ottovoggio	3	11	9	13	(30)	15	51
10	13481	Italy	Tripoli, Parinello, Tripoli	16	13	3	(17)	8	12	52
11	13345	Italy	Valenti, Puletto, Pulizzi	10	7	21	4	(29)	13	55
12	14274	Finland	Korhonen, Korhonen, Salloni	7	9	22	21	2	(25)	61
13	12951	Switzerland	Perret, Monnier, Merieult	13	(25)	11	6	16	17	63
14	14361	Italy	Noto, Tramati, Alagna	29	18	1	(dsq)	11	7	66
15	14430	Finland	Nisonen, Hamalainen, Hamalainen	27	(31)	12	12	6	10	67
16	14239	Italy	Giondi, Giondi, Gavelli	22	16	6	(dns)	22	11	67
17	13706	Italy	Marino, Zerlli, Messina	17	8	(29)	9	13	21	68
18	14364	Finland	Maenpaa, Maenpaa, Maatta	(28)	20	10	8	12	24	74
19	12952	Switzerland	Scharer, Baumgartner, Baumgartner	9	6	23	22	(31)	14	74
20	12860	Switzerland	Lambelet, Monnier, Lambelet	14	(29)	7	19	23	16	79
21	13066	Switzerland	Kunzer, Spinnler, Kunzer	(30)	10	18	18	15	20	81
22	13840	Switzerland	Despland, Graf, Bruegger	26	17	5	16	18	(28)	82
23	14091	Finland	Aromaa, Aromaa, Aromaa	12	19	(27)	10	19	23	83
24	12914	Finland	Asko, Antero, Heikki	(21)	27	20	15	9	19	84
25	14269	Finland	Paloma, Puntilla, Kalapuro	18	15	24	20	20	(27)	97
26	14406	Finland	Pyy, Pyy, Pyy	11	22	19	23	24	(26)	99
27	14018	Finland	Herttua, Hannila, Lapplainen	20	26	28	(dns)	26	18	118
28	13091	Switzerland	Taschler, Stauffer, Gasser	25	14	(dns)	dnf	27	22	120
29	12571	Switzerland	Herzog, Trueb, Gallagher	23	28	25	25	21	(30)	122
30	14245	Italy	Branca, Magnanini, Ceconi	24	21	26	(dns)	28	29	128
31	14403	Finland	Jokiniemi, Jokiniemi, Jokiniemi	31	23	30	24	25	(dnf)	133

() Throw-Out dnf/dns = 32 dsq = 33



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