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1990 World Youth Champion Ned Roseberry (L) and Crew Randy Shore and Guy Adema. Randy holds the Hermanos Navarro-Irvine Trophy which has been presented to each winning crew since the first World Youth Championship in 1978. The trophy was given in memory of four brothers, Carlos, Julio, Felix and Tomas, all of whom during approximately twenty years participated directly or indirectly in Lightning activities in Peru.

by Ned Roseberry and Crew

The VII Lightning Youth World Championship, held July 22-27 at the Buffalo Canoe Club, got off to a rough start for us. After long days of practice, we almost missed the Opening Ceremonies, as we were out practicing in a torrential rainstorm.

As a team, Guy Adema (middle), Randy Shore (bow), and I felt confident with our boat handling and boat speed after spending a lot of quality time on the water.

An impressive fleet of teams from the United States, Canada, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Greece, Italy, and Finland had all assembled to compete for the Worlds, but we felt ready to race.

Rumors were flying about the excellence of the Finns, Runners-Up in the 1988 Youth Worlds, as well as the two Italians and the Brazilian team. The Canadians, Tony Staples, Scott Collins, and Neil Burnham, were impressive in last years Junior N.A.'s, as was Ohio sailor Sjoerd-Jan Vanderhorst, whom I sailed against in past Sears Cup regattas Tom Starck and Greg Millar, both from the U.S., were sure to sail a great regatta as well.

The practice race blessed the fleet with a great 25 knot southwest breeze. Our speed was good, and we worked well upwind to round the weather mark with a substantial lead. Unfortunately, we hadn't run the tapes of the chute, and ended up with a handful of knots in the spinnaker. We lost considerable distance, and a few boats, before we got our act together. Although disappointed, we felt good to get all of

our glitches out before the series began. Adhering to the old superstition, we didn't finish the practice race, but the Finns went on to win it, proving that they would surely be tough if the wind picked up.

The first race was very nerve racking. Having a good first race meant added confidence, while a poor result could hurt our already high aspirations. We calmed down by singing random songs and listening to Randy's stories, all the while watching the wind die from 15 knots southwest to a 10 knot breeze. Marty Essig, from Canada, sailed well, and dug out into a nice lefter, crossing the fleet on port and leading from start to finish. We sailed conservatively and rounded the weather mark fourth, and remained there until we passed Tom Starck up the final beat to end up third. The North American boats were tough, but our confidence was high.

We all rotated boats and sailed a second race, ending up second behind Starck, but ahead of Sjoerd-Jan, who was second in the first race. The other Americans looked good, but Italian Mario Noto and Essig sailed impressively also.

On day two, Guy remembered his orange CT's, and Randy had his father's yellow Aigle's worn in a worlds victory back in 1971. We had all gotten a good night's sleep, and were ready to do well on day two.

The starting lines were VERY short, so we started in clear air around the middle/pin and watched everyone else scramble for a position at the boat that just wasn't there. Only one boat in that pack broke free at the gun, and we were able to punch out and gain leverage on the fleet. Tony Staples, who had a rough first day, rallied to win this race, followed by Mario. We ended up fourth, but happy about our consistency. The fourth race was ours. We needed a win, and sailed hard to get it. We rounded the top mark first, with Sjoerd-Jan right behind. We were happy to have him right behind us, because he, like us, was more interested in getting good fleet separation than battling it out early in the race, and jeopardizing our position in the fleet. We both got well ahead before he began his attack, but we drove him left and loosely covered from the favored right side to increase our lead and win the race. Randy, Guy, and I were happy to be four points ahead after the second day, and especially glad to have been leading after both days of sailing.

On Wednesday evening, the B.C.C. had a fine barbecue on the beach, followed by some great volleyball.

Thursday, night we had a barbecue at the Allen's, hosted by Fleet 12, and then all North American contestants were challenged to a soccer game by the South Americans and the Italians. Although they wouldn't allow us to play with our shoes on, we still managed to beat them 5-4, because we played with a little American influence, and a lot more violence.

There was a lot of pressure on our shoulders as we sailed out to the race course on the final day. We had a fine boat draw, but so did everyone else. The breeze was very sparse, blowing 3-5 from the southwest. We had a great start at the pin, but allowed Tom Starck to break free and get right before we did. As we crossed back on port, Tom, approaching on starboard, tacked illegally on our bow. We'd all been in protests involving this instance before, especially in college racing. Therefore, we put up the flag and protested Tom. Although we led around the whole race course, we were being tightly covered by Mario Noto, and lost Tom up the last beat. We ended up sixth in the race, our worst race,

but with a protest pending.

We started conservatively in the last race, but didn't keep enough contact on the first beat, allowing Sjoerd-Jan and Tom to sneak ahead, with one Italian ahead of us, and one behind. We ended up passing Mario on the tail end of a dying lefter up the last beat, securing at least a tie for the title. We entered the protest room well prepared. After long deliberation our protest was allowed and we became the 1990 Youth World Champions.

We'd like to congratulate Sjoerd-Jan and Tom and their crews on an excellent regatta.

Thank you also to Regatta Chairwoman Anne Allen and the Buffalo Canoe Club for running a great regatta, and to the Race Committee for excellent work in some trying conditions. Tom Allen also did a great job getting 15 new Lightnings together to make the series totally equal for all competitors. Thanks to our parents for all of their support, time, and guidance in the past, as well as those who have encouraged us and taught us in the past.

It was a true privilege to represent the United States in such a prestigious regatta. We are proud of each other, and proud to be the Lightning World Youth Champions.



Ned, Guy, and Randy — A nerve racking first race, watching the wind die to a 10 knot breeze.

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Pos.	Country	Skipper/Crew	Races						Pts
			1	2	3	4	5	6	
1	USA	Edwin C. Roseberry, III, Randy Shore, Guy Adema	3	2	4	1	(5)	5	15
2	USA	Sjoerd-Jan Vanderhorst, Kathy Dressel, Matt Berrisford	2	3	7	2	(12)	1	15
3	USA	Thomas Starck, Jim Starck, Martha Wilson	4	1	3	6	(dsq)	2	16
4	Italy	Mario Noto, Piero Tripoli, Guisepe Alagna	5	(6)	2	4	4	6	21
5	Canada	Marty Essig, Kirsty Agrell, Sean Tigchelaar	1	8	6	5	(11)	3	23
6	Italy	Stefano Reina, Massimiliano Paxia, Antonino de Benedetto	6	5	5	7	1	(9)	24
7	USA	Greg Millar, Frank C. Ernst, Gretchen Jehle	9	4	(10)	3	9	10	35
8	Finland	Ville Lahteinen, Antti Lahteinen, Juha Ruskeepaa	7	(dsq)	11	9	2	7	36
9	Canada	Anthony Staples, Neal Burnham, Scott Collins	(13)	11	1	8	7	11	38
10	Canada	Jeremy Crowder, Jennifer McQuistan, Colin McQuistan	(12)	9	9	10	10	4	42
11	USA	Warren Emblidge III, Sam De Castro, Amy Tuyn	11	7	8	11	8	(14)	45
12	Brazil	Fabio Prada Ferreira, Cristiano Frederico Ruschmann, Marcello Fellipeli Sansone	8	10	(15)	15	6	12	51
13	Colombia	Marcela Recaman, Juan Carlos Recaman, Luis Miguel Gonzalez	10	13	12	(14)	14	8	57
14	Chile	Pablo Ramirez M., Hernan Holch S., Joaquin Valdes, P.	(14)	14	14	13	3	13	57
15	Greece	Dimitris Tsaltas, Vasilis Christophorakis, Alexandro Stokko	(dsq)	12	13	12	13	15	65