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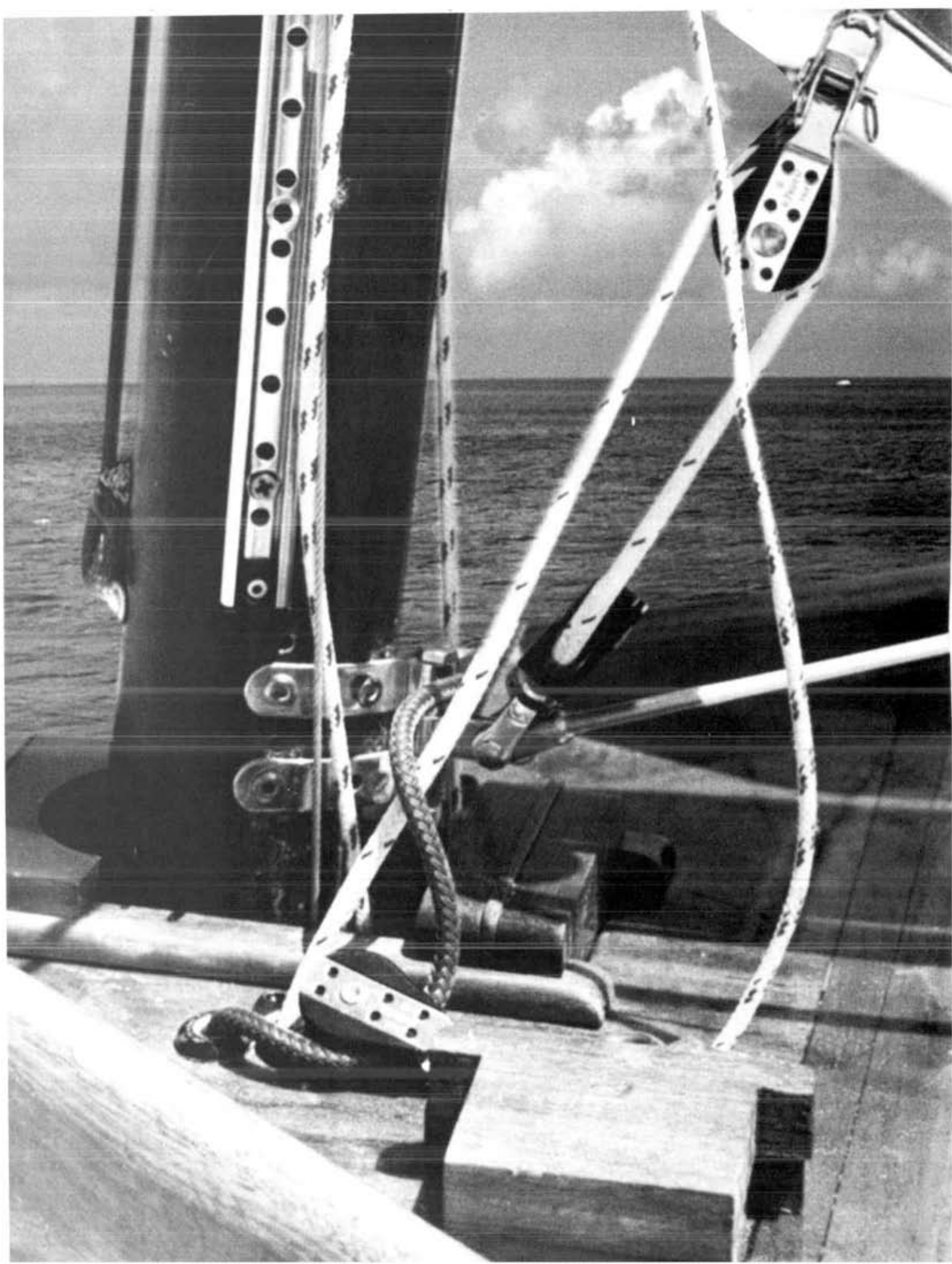


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PRESIDENTS MALLET

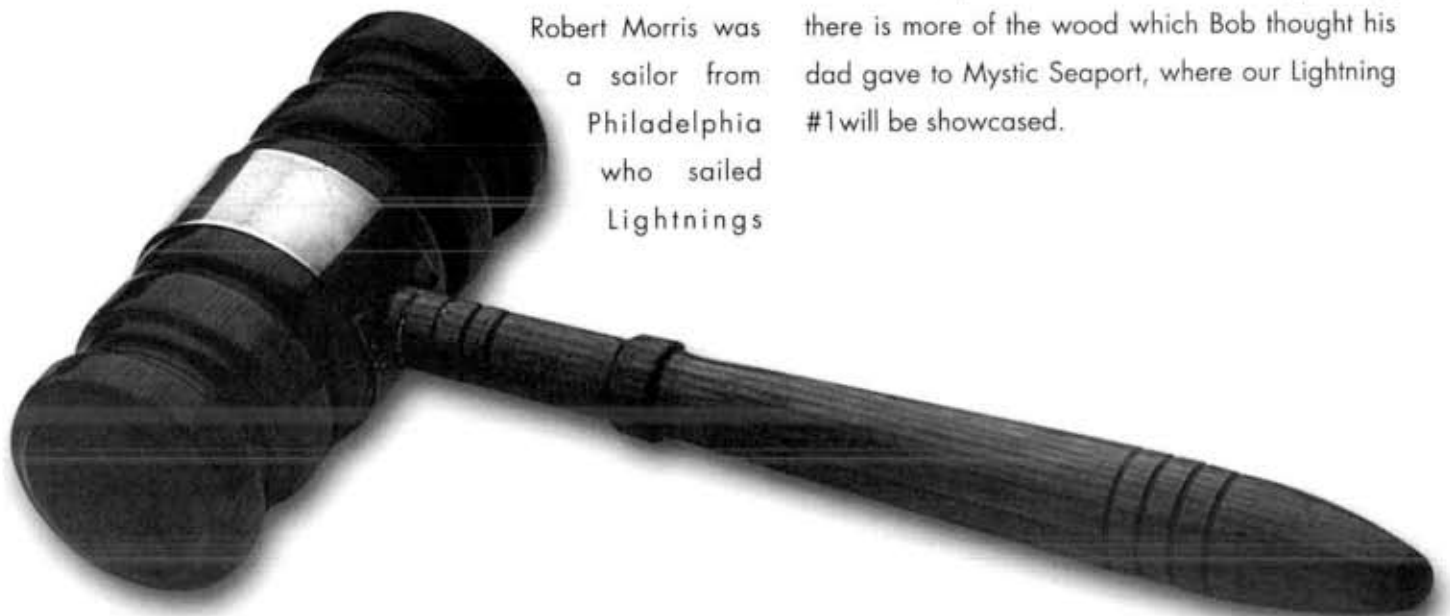
A gavel is passed from one ILCA President to the next. I had seen it in meetings before but never paid much attention to it until Colin gave it to me last year. After thoroughly cleaning it and upon closer inspection I found that the silver plaque has an inscription that reads "MADE FROM THE AMERICA'S CUP YACHT "AMERICA" 1854-1947 TO THE INTERNATIONAL LIGHTNING CLASS ASSN. FROM ROBERT F. MORRIS, L.E.H.Y.C. INTERNATIONAL REGATTA, 1958."



My curiosity was sparked and so I requested our Historian and Past President Mary Huntsman to research some more. She found out that Bob Morris had a passion for Lightnings as well as the America's Cup which she believes is why he got the wood to make the gavels in the first place.

out of Little Egg Harbor Yacht Club and when the Yacht America was destroyed in Annapolis, he took some of the wood. He made four gavels: the one he gave to ILCA, one for the New York Yacht Club (We are not sure its whereabouts), and two for his sons, Robert and William. Apparently there is more of the wood which Bob thought his dad gave to Mystic Seaport, where our Lightning #1 will be showcased.

Robert Morris was a sailor from Philadelphia who sailed Lightnings





HOW HARD CAN IT BE?

Paco Solá- 2003 yearbook editor

You know they say around here that a man fulfills himself when he raises a son, plants a tree and writes a book? Well writing a book was keeping me from fulfilling my life, sort of.

I work in advertising and I have had first-hand experience with designing and producing books before, but one thing is to supervise it and one completely different is to design, write, get reports, edit pictures, write some more, sell advertising, infuriate dear friends, edit copy not written in your native language, chasing people around... believe me it is pretty darn hard. But let me tell you, having done it once it is an experience worth living and I fully recommend it.

Enough of that. The fact that you are reading this yearbook is my reward. But in fact this is all but a one-man-show. There are so many people that contributed to the very existence of this yearbook that I would like to mention them here.

For starters, Karen Park. I owe her a big public apology that I sincerely hope she accepts. In my desire to get things done I ended up taking over her job without wanting to. All I can say, besides I'm sorry is THANK YOU, on behalf of all the Lightning community for having edited the two previous yearbooks. After all this time I have come to understand what Colin once said to me: "no good deed will go unpunished."

Karen started this yearbook and passed on the torch to me and the team who made it happen: Juan José Matamoros, chief Designer; Caroline Hoedemaker, chief purveyor of reports and chief nagger; Mary Huntsman, Historian and helpful source of information, 24/7; Karen Johnson, the one with all the answers; Jim Carson, Carter Utzig, Bill Faude and Steve Davis, my Executive Committee who not only kept encouraging me but also got to write their own pieces (Steve didn't write but he helped with rounding up advertisers). Jaimie Brickell, John Atkins Camilo Salcedo and each District and Fleet officer who took the time to write and send their reports in record time.

This as you will find is a very different yearbook. I felt from the beginning that I needed to promote change so that the Lightning Class would see beyond the near future. The four months that took me to put the yearbook together were also the first four of my term, so I hope this work reflects some of the changes that I feel should start to happen in our class: emphasis on promoting youth sailing, international scope, find enough members enthusiastic enough to volunteer for all the work that needs to be done.

May you all have a 2003 full of sailing weekends and perfect weather!

Paco



THE ILCA FUNDS



The Helen and Jay Limbaugh Fund

Created to further an appreciation of the joys of Lightning sailing among Junior and Active Members of the International Lightning Class Association. It is meant to be funded by donations from class members in honor of Helen and Jay.

The Helen and Jay Limbaugh fund was established in memory of two of our most avid supporters. Helen was our Executive Secretary from 1965 to 1982. Jay was our class president in 1964. Both remained strong supporters of the class long after their tenures were completed.

The aim is to help junior sailors improve their boat-handling skills, teamwork and tactical abilities. Print, video and/or electronic media may supplement these efforts. Future uses of these funds could be, but are not limited to: support for the US Sailing Sears Cup, fund junior racing clinics, trophies, etc. These efforts will doubtless evolve over time as input is received and as needs change.

Only the income generated on an annual basis may be used to supplement such programs. The principal may not be spent.

The ILCA Fund

The ILCA fund was formed in 1982 to give some direction and impetus to the solicitation of charitable gifts. The Fund is directed by three former ILCA Presidents. The long term goal of the Fund is to build an endowment equal to two hundred percent of the annual operating budget. This should help guarantee that the



class remains solvent and ensure future sailors the opportunity to enjoy the excitement and fellowship of sailing a Lightning.



How to donate

When you pay your annual membership dues, include something extra as a gift to either fund. If you donate in excess of \$50 you will receive a gold sticker to place proudly on your boat that will allow others to see you love the Lightning.

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