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## EDITORS' INTRODUCTION

IN THIS, THE 2009 EDITION OF THE LIGHTNING YEARBOOK, WE CELEBRATE SEVENTY YEARS OF LIGHTNING SAILING AND, IN PARTICULAR, SHARE SOME ARTICLES AND PICTURES THAT HIGHLIGHT HOW, THROUGHOUT THOSE SEVENTY YEARS, THE MEMBERS OF THE LIGHTNING FAMILY HAVE BEEN SHARING THEIR PASSION FOR ONE-DESIGN SAILING AND INVESTING IN THE FUTURE OF THE CLASS..

WE SHARE STORIES THAT TAKE US FROM THE BEGINNING TO TODAY, INCLUDING PETER HUSTON'S WONDERFUL BRIEF HISTORY OF THE CLASS AND DESCRIPTION OF THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY. WE HAVE JONATHAN LANGE REFLECTING ON THE BIRTH OF THE LIGHTNING, THE GREAT DEPRESSION, AND ITS RELATION TO TODAY'S ECONOMIC TIMES. JON GUTH SHARES HOW HE FELL IN LOVE WITH LIGHTNING SAILING AT CAMP SEAGULL. NEIL FOWLER RELATES HOW HE REDISCOVERED THE THRILL OF LIGHTNING SAILING AS AN ADULT. AND TO BRING US UP TO DATE, ALAN TERHUNE EXPLAINS ABOUT ATTRACTING TODAY'S COLLEGE AND HIGH SCHOOL SAILORS TO THE CLASS THROUGH THE BOAT GRANT PROGRAM. THE 2008 BOAT GRANT SAILORS COMPLETE THE PICTURE BY SHARING WHAT THE EXPERIENCE HAS MEANT TO THEM. TOGETHER THESE STORIES SHOW WHY OUR CLASS HAS NOT ONLY SURVIVED BUT PROSPERED FOR THE LAST SEVENTY YEARS.

IT HAS BEEN A LOT OF FUN WORKING WITH ALL THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THIS YEARBOOK, WE ARE PARTICULARLY GRATEFUL FOR ALL OF YOU WHO SHARED YOUR PHOTOGRAPHS. THANK YOU TO PETER, JONATHAN, JON, NEIL, ALAN, SHERRYL, AND JAN FOR TURNING IDEAS INTO REALITY. THANK YOU TO ALL THE WRITERS OF FLEET, REGATTA AND CHAMPIONSHIP REPORTS YOU HAVE DONE A WONDERFUL JOB OF CAPTURING THE VIBRANCY OF THE LIGHTNING CLASS. LOOKING FORWARD TO THE NEXT SEVENTY YEARS.

ENJOY. SAIL FAST. HAVE FUN!

*PHILIP AND ALISTER*



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It is an incredible honor for me to write the President's message for the 2009 ILCA yearbook, which is dedicated to our Class' 70th anniversary. Our 70th year was celebrated, fittingly, with a celebration on Skaneateles Lake, the birthplace of the Lightning. I had been to the 40th, 50th and 60th regattas, but this one was special for me as I was able to sail with my brother and each of my kids, Brian Jr. in the first race and Olivia in the 2nd. While we didn't win, it was one of the most enjoyable weekends I ever had sailing Lightnings.

As we enter our 71st year, our Class and our members find ourselves being confronted by a challenging economic environment that presents each and every one of us with obstacles and opportunities. While very few of our members have experienced anything like the economic global challenge that has presented itself to us, there is some comfort in knowing that when things are at their lowest point the only place to go is up. It is my hope that all of us can find the opportunities and be prepared to take them and prosper. The ILCA Executive Committee, Governing Board and ILCA Fund Board worked hard during the fall and winter to create new ideas and opportunities for our current members while also looking for creative ways to encourage others to buy and sail Lightnings. I applaud the efforts of all of these Class leaders in continuing to be creative and enthusiastic in their continued support of the ILCA.

On a different note, my humble thanks go to Philip, Alistair, Jan and Sherryl. This yearbook would not exist without their efforts and skills and, as someone who "collects" yearbooks, your energies and efforts were not wasted. This book is a terrific tribute to the class. Thank you.

Lastly, on a personal note, I want to thank two people who are most responsible for my involvement in the ILCA. My parents, Janet and Dick Hayes, who gave me the gift of Lightning sailing. My dad started sailing on #137 back in the early 40s. My mom watched all the kids at the regattas while dad sailed and, progressively, we all rotated into crewing for Dad or some other fleet or district sailor. By the early 80s dad decided mom needed to sail, and they gravitated towards a big boat and then a bigger boat on which they still sail today. My sisters never stuck with the sailing thing, but my brother and I stayed addicted and, more precisely, addicted to Lightning sailing. I have had some of my greatest sailing memories and met some of my greatest friends through the ILCA and sailing Lightnings. So, Mom and Dad, all my love and thanks for introducing our family to the Lightning and supporting me all these years.

*Brian Hayes, Sr.*





# EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

## BRIAN HAYES SR—PRESIDENT



Born into a Lightning family, Brian has been a passionate Lightning sailor for his entire life. As the youngest of four, he was last in line for crew spots on his dad's Helms #10746 but found opportunities sailing with other CT/RI district sailors at various events throughout New England.

Entering the world's second oldest profession in 1983 (sailmaking), Brian enjoys the time he can spend sailing, while also helping others enjoy their sailing opportunities.

He has served the Class as VP NAs, VP Southern Circuit and ILCA Class Secretary. A three-time winner of the St. Pete Winter Championship as a skipper, he also has won the North Americans as a crew for Ched Proctor, as well as NA runner-up with Greg Fisher and 3rd in the Worlds with past President Steve Davis.

Beyond his capacities as ILCA President his most important tasks include Little League coach for his son Brian Jr., softball coach for his daughter Olivia and house painter, lawn cutter, gardener, errand boy, etc. for his wife Kelley.

## ROB RUHLMAN—SECRETARY



Rob was literally born into the Lightning Class as well as Fleet 36 at Pymatuning Yacht Club. Rob's dad, Jon Ruhlman was already a member of both organizations and later went on to be ILCA Chief Measurer and President.

As a result of this fortuitous timing, Rob is a walking compendium of trivia useless to virtually everyone on the planet outside the Lightning class and Pymatuning Yacht Club.

Having grown up in the class as well as the Ohio District, Rob has had the pleasure of sailing with and against a veritable "Who's Who" of the class. He participated in the inaugural Lightning Junior North Americans; built Lightnings with the Mueller family; has refurbished two pre-flotation Lippincotts; participated in numerous World Championships—the first in 1975; competed in countless North Americans and has a rather large collection of antiquated Lightning fittings and hardware.

As you might imagine, Rob's family is heavily involved in the class: Abby has been sailing with Rob for over 30 years and their children, Ryan and Maegan have seen great success in local, national and world Lightning events. Periodically, Rob takes time away from racing Lightnings to be CEO of Pre-formed Line Products Company, a worldwide manufacturer of hardware for the communication and energy industry. Rob and Abby also own Sailing, Inc., a full service boat yard in their hometown of Cleveland, Ohio.

## JOHN FAUS—TREASURER



John started sailing Lightning's at age seven on his father's 10823 Helms. Growing up in the Barnegat Light Yacht Club's youth program, he later started racing Lightning's at age thirteen. His mentors, outside of his dad, have included Bill Clarke, Jack Elfman, Greg Fisher and Jim Carson. "As a junior sailor, I had no idea the gift that I was being given with learning how to sail." Unlike many other sports, sailing is a life long sport where you can always continue to learn new things and improve.

While Lightning racing is a big part of being a member of the ILCA, meeting new people, enjoying various social events, and spending time with lifelong friends and family is equally important. Growth of the Lightning Class is important to John. Fleet Development, the Boat Grant Program, and just getting people to race or cruise is challenging, yet very rewarding. John is heavily active in recruiting and developing youth sailors and showing them how much fun sailing these boats can be. When not sailing, John likes to occasionally go fishing, work on his house and cheer for the New York Yankees and Washington Redskins. John resides in Rocky Hill, New Jersey, and spends extended summers in Harvey Cedars on Long Beach Island, New Jersey. He has worked in the sporting goods apparel business since graduating from Kenyon College. Although his yacht club is only 100 members strong, John is proud when his club is called upon to host a regatta because the membership comes together to throw a first class regatta as well as a 'not to miss' regatta party.







# EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

## BILL CLAUSEN—CHIEF MEASURER



Bill started racing Lightnings in 1947 on boat #134. He's owned 1495, 7195, 10895 and still has 14495.

He grew up racing in Ocean City on the New Jersey shore. Bill crewed and worked for some of the greats of the Lightning Class: Bob Seidelman, Marcy Lippincott, John Tieglund and Jim Carson. He learned a lot about Lightnings from them and continues to enjoy being involved in measurement and photographing at major events.

His son David sailed in four Junior NAs and crewed with Bill in the last Worlds Masters at Miami.

Bill has enjoyed being a part of the Executive Committee this year and hopes to continue to serve the Class as photographer and Chief Measurer in the years ahead.

## VICTOR LOBOS — EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER



Although Victor was born in Chile, his first encounter with Lightnings was at the age of fourteen in Arcabutla Lake in Mississippi, where he met an excellent group of people who showed him how much fun the Class is. Back in Chile there was no Lightning's in his hometown of Concepción, so he continued racing on Snipes and IMS boats.

After being away from the Class for ten years, he was invited to go to the Southern Circuit with the Longarela brothers from Argentina, where he not only learned a lot about sailing, but was also re-captured by the spirit of the Class. It is this spirit that has provided him with the enthusiasm to get more people involved with Lightnings and to make the Class stronger in Chile and South America.

Even though his work as an architect keeps him quite busy, Victor is always imagining ways to escape and go sailing at a Lightning event, be it in Chile or anywhere in the world.

## JAN DAVIS — EXECUTIVE SECRETARY



I grew up sailing in Newport Harbor, CA. My grandparents had a home on the water, where we spent weeks every summer, sailing, swimming, and going to Disneyland. Both of my grandfathers were sailors, as is my father. I was introduced to racing as a young teen, sailing in the many kid's races around the harbor. Steve and I met through sailing, we sailed Lehman 12's while we dated, and after we were married. A business opportunity brought us to Denver, Colorado away from the world of sailing, or so we thought at the time. With young kids our lives were full with music lessons, the usual myriads of sport and school activities. It dawned on us, as the kids were getting closer to High School graduation that we needed to "get a life." We saw boats sailing on the local reservoir one summer evening and decided to check it out. A week later we were proud owners of 11457. Steve and I got involved with the Denver Sailing Association. He was racing and I was cooking the after-sailing hamburgers. It was great to "return to our roots" and hang out with sailors again. Steve gradually got more and more involved with the ILCA, I started doing some crewing...next thing you know he's the Class President and I am the Class Secretary. The Lightning Class has become a HUGE part of our lives. We have had a wonderful experience getting to know all of you, running the office is a "fast track!" I am so proud to support this outstanding organization with its dedicated volunteers and proud history in the One Design sailing community.



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Year	President	Chief Measurer	Secretary	Treasurer	Assistant Measurers
2008	Steven Davis	Bill Clausen	Brian Hayes	Robert Ruhlman	Buczowski, Calderon, Carson, Ruhlman
2007	Steven Davis	Bill Clausen	Brian Hayes	Robert Ruhlman	Buczowski, Calderon, Carson, Ruhlman
2006	Carter Utzig	Bill Clausen	Brian Hayes	Steve Davis	Buczowski, Calderon, Carson, Terhune
2005	Carter Utzig	Bill Clausen	Brian Hayes	Steve Davis	Buczowski, Calderon, Carson, Terhune
2004	Francisco Solá Tanca	Carter Utzig	Jim Carson	Steve Davis	Buczowski, Burke, Calderon, Clausen, Huntsman
2003	Francisco Solá Tanca	Carter Utzig	Jim Carson	Steve Davis	Buczowski, Burke, Calderon, Clausen, Huntsman
2002	Colin Park	Carter Utzig	Francisco Solá Tanca	Bob Harkrider	Buczowski, Burke, Clausen, Hayden, Schmitt
2001	Mary Huntsman	Colin Park	Francisco Solá Tanca	Bill Fastiggi	Alman, Burke, Hayden, Schmitt, Utzig
2000	Mary Huntsman	Colin Park	Francisco Solá Tanca	Bill Fastiggi	Alman, Burke, Hayden, Schmitt, Utzig
1999	Calvin H Schmiede	Colin Park	Francisco Solá Tanca	Mary Huntsman	Alman, Burke, Schmitt, Utzig
1998	William Faude	Calvin H Schmiede	Matt Burrige	Frank Mergenthaler	Alman, Burke, Schmitt, Utzig
1997	William Faude	Calvin H Schmiede	Matt Burrige	Frank Mergenthaler	Atkinson, Ruhlman & Schmitt
1996	Paul Gelenitis	Calvin H Schmiede	William Faude	Frank Mergenthaler	Atkinson, Ruhlman & Schmitt
1995	Robert Harkrider, Jr	Paul Gelenitis	William Faude	Frank Mergenthaler	Atkinson, Ruhlman & Schmitt
1994	R A "Tony" McBride	Paul Gelenitis	Robert G Ruhlman	Robert Harkrider, Jr	Atkinson, Schmiede & Schmitt
1993	Michael Huffman	Christopher "Kip" Hamblet	R A "Tony" McBride	Robert Harkrider, Jr	Gelenitis & Schmiede
1992	Michael Huffman	Christopher "Kip" Hamblet	R A "Tony" McBride	Robert Harkrider, Jr	Gelenitis & Schmiede
1991	Fisk Hayden	Christopher "Kip" Hamblet	Michael Huffman	Robert Harkrider, Jr	Schmiede & McBride
1990	Jack Tibbs	Carl Clipp	Michael Huffman	Fisk Hayden	Clausen & Hamblet
1989	Robert Wardwell	Carl Clipp	Jack Tibbs	Fisk Hayden	Clausen & Huffman
1988	Anne Allen	Robert Wardwell	Fisk Hayden	Jack Tibbs, Jr	Clipp, Clausen & Huffman
1987	David Sprague	Robert Wardwell	Anne Allen	Jack Tibbs, Jr	Clipp & Clausen
1986	Richard Guinan, Jr	David Sprague	Anne Allen	Jack Tibbs, Jr	Clipp & Wardell
1985	George R Hatfield	David Sprague	Anne Allen	Richard C Guinan, Jr	Clipp & Wardell
1984	Djoerd Hoekstra	George R Hatfield	Anne Allen	Richard C Guinan, Jr	Sprague & Wardell
1983	Paul A Huntsman	George R Hatfield	Richard C Guinan, Jr	Djoerd Hoekstra	Sprague & Wardell
1982	George V Fisher	Paul A Huntsman	Richard C Guinan, Jr	Thomas R Bierman	Hatfield, Hoekstra & Norstrom
1981	George V Fisher	Paul A Huntsman	Djoerd Hoekstra	David W White	Gotschalk, Hatfield & Norstrom
1980	Donald P Delorme, MD	George V Fisher	Djoerd Hoekstra	David W White	Brush, Huntsman & Schmiede
1979	David O Peters	George V Fisher	Donald P Delorme, MD	David W White	Buckley, Huntsman & Schmiede
1978	John S Schneider	David O Peters	Donald P Delorme, MD	John R Nixon	Fisher & Schmiede
1977	Robert R Adams	David O Peters	John S Schneider	Donald P Delorme, MD	Fisher & Schmiede
1976	Robert K Smither	Robert R Adams	F C Jacobson	John S Schneider	MacDonald & Peters
1975	Gary A Cameron	Robert K Smither	F C Jacobson	John S Schneider	Adams & Hamblet
1974	Charles N Howe	Robert K Smither	Gary Cameron	Robert R Adams	Hamblet & Buckley
1973	C O Jones, Jr	Robert K Smither	Charles N Howe	Charles N Howe	Hamblet & Buckley
1972	Arnold Schwartz	C O Jones, Jr	Charles N Howe	Walter B Jacobs, Jr	Smither & Hamblet
1971	James G Carson	C O Jones, Jr	Arnold Schwartz	Walter B Jacobs, Jr	Spitz & Maltbie
1970	Charles H Schreck	James G Carson	Arnold Schwartz	Walter B Jacobs, Jr	Jones & Scrim
1969	Stuart Anderson	Charles Schreck	E C Roseberry, Jr	Walter B Jacobs, Jr	Grinnell & Carson
1968	Jon Ruhlman	Stuart Anderson	Charles Schreck	David M Peterson	Llovet & Grinnell
1967	Wilson R Scott, MD	Jon Ruhlman	Stanley Brander, Jr	David M Peterson	Anderson & Llovet
1966	John Swanson	Wilson R Scott, MD	G J Blake	Alan S Raffee	Walton & Ruhlman
1965	Hamilton G Ford	John Swanson	Alfred Coaha	Floyd R Arnold, DDS	Scott & Walton
1964	Jay Limbaugh	Mulin & Swanson	Hamilton G Ford	Floyd R Arnold, DDS	Swanson & Fisher
1963	Martin O'Meara	Herman Henschen	J R G Bleasby	Hamilton G Ford	Mulin & Powless
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1954	C B Crittenden	Clifford J Prados	Jay Donovan	Len Ladenburger	Ross G Allen
1953	H Richard Krauss	C B Crittenden	Len Ladenburger	Charles H Dore, III	Clifford Prados
1952	Wayne L Brockett	H Richard Krauss	C B Crittenden	Charles H Dore, III	Clifford O'Kane
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1950	LeRoy Amy	Walter E Swindeman, Jr	Wayne L Brockett	Alfred V Amy	
1949	Karl Smither	Walter E Swindeman, Jr	Wayne L Brockett	W A Grimm	
1948	Edward McCain	Arthur Burtcher	LeRoy Amy	Henry Williams	
1947	John W Orelup	Arthur Burtcher	Edward McCain	Karl Smither	
1946	Len Ladenburger	John W Orellup	Edward McCain	Edward McCain	
1945	James Trenary	John W Orelup	Len Ladenburger	Len Ladenburger	
1944	Ted Siferd	A J Webb	James Trenary	James Tranary	
1943	Hon L Stauffer Oliver	A J Webb	Henry L Schimpf	Henry L Schimpf	
1942	Hon L Stauffer Oliver	E Graham	Henry L Schimpf	Henry L Schimpf	
1941	C L Nicholson	Hon L Stauffer Oliver	E Gordon Conk	E Gordon Cronk	
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