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78 years young and the Intl Lightning Class is still a leader in One-Design sailing!



Flash Blast December 20, 2016

Help support the ILCA - Sponsor a Flash Blast!

Single advertisements are available for each Flash Blast. For more information or to reserve your spot please contact Laura in the [Class Office](#) or at 727-942-7969.

The Lightning Class needs your help!

We are compiling a cheat sheet for Fleets and Districts to use to stimulate growth. If you are passionate about the Lightning Class, we invite you to participate in a short survey.

It only takes a couple minutes to fill out:

<https://lightningclass.typeform.com/to/ktyxyV>

This is your chance to share your ideas
with Lightning Districts around the World!



Congratulations to

Claudio Biekarck, Gunnar Ficker and Marcelo Batista from Brasil the 62° South American Lightning Class Champions!

We are excited to announce that for the first time in 20 years we had representation from 6 South American Countries - Argentina, Brasil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru!

14 teams traveled to Sao Paulo, Brasil for the three day championship. 7 races were held in excellent wind conditions 12-15 knots on the first two days and a little lighter on the third day. Besides the great competition a nice time was had shore side with dinners every night including happy hour and cocktails. A fun time was had by all and more photos will be coming soon!



Top Three Teams

2017 Boat Grant Program

We are now accepting applications for the 2017 Lightning Boat Grant Program. This award winning program is celebrating its eleventh year and presents recipients the opportunity to compete in our fine Class from June-October 2017.

Two select teams will be chosen. These teams will receive a Lightning with all of the equipment necessary to compete, reimbursement for entry fees and gas and a mentor for the season. Candidates must be 19 years old and need some sailboat racing experience, enthusiasm and a desire to compete in local, regional and national events.

Applications and proposals are due by January 31, 2017. Please visit the [ILCA website](#) for more details on how to apply or for a 1 page info sheet to share or post at your club.

In the words of 2016 recipient Gordon Wolcott, "Applying for the Boat Grant Program turned out to be one of the best decisions my team and I made this year. I encourage anybody wanting a "FANTASTIC" summer sailing opportunity to apply. You never know what can happen in just a few short months."

So, talk it up with the younger generation in your area! Encourage them to put together a team. This program is like leasing a new



car without having to make any of the payments. It doesn't get much better than this!

Over 10 years we have immersed 96 sailors into the Lightning Class - of which many are still active in the Class and 9 have purchased a boat! We have seen a few weddings and now even babies from our Boat Grant Alumni! We are truly building the next generation of the Lightning Class. **Help us spread the word on this great program and help someone from your area APPLY!**

LOOKING for DRIVERS to help MOVE CLASS BOATS!

The Class has two Lightnings that are in need of getting to Moorestown, NJ. One is at the Severn Sailing Association in Annapolis, MD. The other is at Nickels Boat Works in Fenton, MI.

While there is not immediate pressure to have these boats moved by a specific date we do want to get them there fairly soon. If you have any interest in helping out the Class please contact Laura in the Class Office at office@lightningclass.org or 727-942-7969.

Gas \$\$ can certainly be provided!

Notes from the Class Office

- Next Flash Blast deadline: December 30th.
- Next Flashes Newsletter Deadline: 2016/2017 Winter: Content Deadline, January 9, 2017
- We are looking for more articles and stories to use in all of our publications - short, long or anything in between... if you don't have something to tell, what type of article(s) would you like to see? Please send your thoughts to Todd Wake or the class office.
- Looking for a new boat? Check out the [Classified Section](#)! There is a lot of activity happening right now! Also check out the Sail Classified or Other Items Classified pages.

8 Bells:

Herb Jestel - Lightning Fleet 36 lost one of its most-loved members this fall, Herb Jestel. If you aren't from the Ohio District, you might not know Herb, but his story is an important lesson for all of us.... [read more about Herb's story](#)

John Cuccio Sr. - John was the spark plug for Lightning racing at Cedar Point Yacht Club (CPYC) in the 70's and 80's. If you set foot on the club grounds with the possibility of joining a fleet or buying a boat, you probably left with a membership application and firm plans to buy a Lightning... [read more about John's story](#)

Support the ILCA via the Class Store!
LAST MINUTE Holiday Shopping -
Lots of inventory IN STOCK to ship today!
***note last day to ship before Christmas is 12/21.**

NEW Long Sleeve Tech Shirts!

*"Never Underestimate an Old Man
with a Lightning"*



Large two-color image on back and smaller one-color image on the right front area. Classic Lightning Image. Sport-Tek, long sleeved, light gray Tech shirt.

Available in Small, Medium, Large, XLarge \$25 plus shipping.

Belts, hats, T-Shirts, Tech Shirts, Sweatshirts...

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"Never Underestimate an Old Man with a Lightning"

Hats, Belts, Sweatshirts, Tee's, Winter Hats, Dog Collars and Leashes and Much, Much More! Sizes for EVERYONE - Kids, Women and up to XXL!





Recent Regatta Champions

Click the above link for full details on all regattas including Report and Photo Links!

Voula Regatta: Dimitrios Stamatiadis, Nikos Mazos, Chrysanthos Papamichael

Southwest Circuit: Larry Frost

Kettle Cup/FL Winter Series Regatta 1: Eric Oetgen, Bill Wiggins, Jordan Wiggins

Pacific Coast Championship: Bob Martin

Colombian National Championship: Santiago Uzcategui, Johan Uzcategui, Jochen Raute

Jubilee Regatta: Jackson Benvenuti, Heather Funkhouser, Baker Potts

Hampton Fall Fling: Trevor Prior

57th Annual Midlands Regatta: David Van Cleef, Margaret Bost, Johnny Fewell

When sending in regatta results PLEASE try to list all crew members as well!

Upcoming Events

Click on the title for more information on a single event for for the full schedule of events

ADD all your 2017 events to the calendar! Please contact the Class Office if you have any trouble accessing the calendar.

January - 2017

New Year Regatta Winter Series Race 2	Sanford/Orlando, Florida	January 13 - 15
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February - 2017

NOOD Regatta	St Petersburg, Florida	February 16 - 19
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March - 2017

70th Anniversary Winter Championship	St Petersburg, Florida	March 19 - 21
59th Annual Midwinter Championship	Miami, Florida	March 23 - 25

April - 2017

Spring Championship	Mooresville, North	April 29 - 30
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Mid-Continent Regatta

Carolina
Carlyle, Illinois

April 29 - 30

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