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Flash Blast July 6, 2016

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**PLEASE.... if you are planning to sail...
REGISTER, REGISTER, REGISTER, REGISTER...**

HELP OUT the LOCAL Organizers and let them plan the BEST EVENT for YOU!

- **Atlantic Coast Championship** - July 15-17 - Carolina YC, Wrightsville Beach, NC
Over 35 boats are expected to participate, **REGISTER ON-Line** today!
- **Samson WJM NA Championships** - Aug 10-14 - Rochester YC, Rochester, NY
LATE Entry Fee begins July 11th, **REGISTER ON-LINE** before then to save \$\$!
- **Samson NA Championships** - Aug 13-19 - Rochester YC, Rochester, NY
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Please click on each regatta heading for more information

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Atlantic Coast Championship

Carolina YC, Wrightsville Beach, NC

Friday, July 15th - **Lightning Lab** - Coached by Greg Fisher and Brian Hayes

Saturday, July 16th - Noon Warning - 3 races scheduled

Sunday, July 17th - 11am Warning - 2 races scheduled

Come and experience ocean sailing at it's finest! This is the perfect venue to bring the family! This club is right on the beach!

Click on the Regatta Header for NOR, Who's Coming List, Logistics Notice Board - note that a few people are looking for crew - and link to **ON-LINE REGISTRATION!** Please register if you are planning to come!

Also get a jump on the competition! Practice sailing at the host club of the 2017 North American Championship - Sept 21-24, 2017!

Lightning Lab's - ARCHIVED!

Watch videos taken of talks given by top lightning sailors!

<https://www.youtube.com/user/IntLightningClass>

Please contact Joan & Gary Hurban Lightning Lab, VP's if you would like more information and/or to schedule a Lightning Lab.



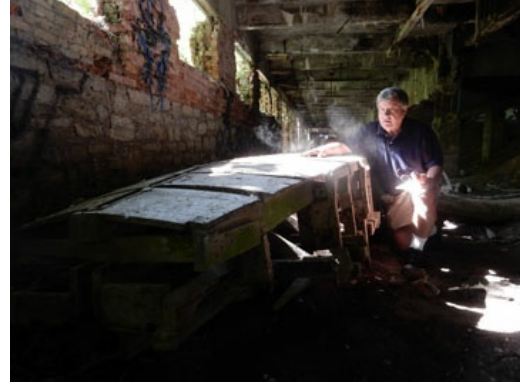
Salinas YC Lightning Lab Intro!

Can't wait for the final version to be ready! This also gives a great overview of the Salinas Yacht Club and what teams might expect at the upcoming 2016 Youth Worlds and 2017 World Championship.

Historical Find!

This past week Corky Gray (ILCA Historian) and life long Lightning sailor Craig Thayer located and went to see the original mold used by Skaneateles Boat Company that produced hundreds of

early Lightnings. The mold is in the ruin of an old structure used by the Boat Company and was abandoned about 60 years ago. Watch for more news on this incredible find soon! Plans are underway to remove the mold and get it on display for public viewing!



Class Historian Corky Gray with the historical treasure!

This project will be funded by the Mary Huntsman History Fund!
Help preserve our history by making a donation today!

Youth Lightning Sailors are invited to the:
Buffalo Canoe Club Youth Invitational
Buffalo Canoe Club- Fleet 12
Ridgeway, Ontario, Canada
Aug 6-7, 2016

The Annual Buffalo Canoe Club Youth Invitational is scheduled for Sat/Sun Aug 6-7. This is a great, low cost event for those of you on your way to the Samson Junior North American Championship in Rochester, NY which is just 90 minutes down the road.

This is also a great event for those younger Lightning sailors who still need an adult aboard to help. One person over the age of 20 is permitted on each boat, although they cannot steer. The focus is on learning, fun and socializing and the competition will not disappoint.

But wait, there's more! On Monday and Tuesday afternoon (Aug. 8-9) we will be offering free Junior Lightning Team coaching from some of the best Lightning sailors in the World! Join in our Tuesday night racing and you'll be prepped for the Junior North Americans. The timing is great - sail with us Saturday through Tuesday, head to Rochester on Wednesday for registration and measurement for the WJMs.

The Notice of Race is on the BCC website www.buffalocanoeclub.com

Contact Debbie Probst for more information DKProbst@gmail.com

Notes from the Class Office

- Next Flash Blast deadline: July 14th.
- The remaining 2016 Flashes Schedule is as follows: Fall Issue: Content Deadline Sept 1st (drop late Sept); Winter: Content Deadline, December 1st.
- The Class is looking for bids to host the 2017 and 2018 Women's, Junior and Master NA's within the first two weeks of August. Please contact VP of NA's Josh Goldman if your club would like to host or if you have any other venue ideas.
joshua.goldman@cushwake.com
- 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.



2017 Southern Circuit

March 18-21, 2017: 70th Anniversary Winter Championships
St Petersburg Yacht Club
St Petersburg, Florida
March 22-25, 2017: Mid-Winter Championship
Coral Reef Yacht Club
Miami, Florida



Coral Reef Yacht Club

2016 Youth World Championship July 23-27 - Salinas Yacht Club, Ecuador

- JUST 18 Days away....20 Teams from 3 Continents representing 9 Countries will make there way to Salinas, Ecuador! [See the full listing of Teams](#)
- Reminder each participant will need to complete and return a signed Competitor Agreement, Liability Release and Medical Information/Consent Form.

July 23-27

Please click on the above heading for more information

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Now Available in RED!

Sun Block Hat - The perfect hat for sailing!

Our most popular hat is now available in RED! Four-panel, low-profile cap made of UV protective fabric, with an elongated bill for sun protection. Mesh on the two side panels for extra breath ability. Flexible nylon webbing outside Velcro® closure.

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[check out the Class Store Now!](#)

Surge in youth presence at District Championships!

The Lighting Class has seen a surge in the presence of younger participants at many of our District Championships this year!

Many college students and recent grads from the University of South Florida (St Pete) participated in the Florida District Championship and from the University of Wisconsin at the Midwest Districts.

The New England Districts had one of the best turnouts in years and that included many first time and younger Teams at a new host venue too!

The Lake Erie Districts turned into a big family affair! Many of the Teams were sailing with young kids aboard to get them out on the water. The Starck/Whistler Family had 15 family members sailing!



TEAM WISCO at the Mid West Districts

We have some excellent regatta reports and photos posted along side of the results. Click on the link below to see the full report from each regatta.

Recent Regatta Champions

[Click the above link for full details on all regattas including Report and Photo Links!](#)

Canadian Open: Jamie Allan, Jay Deakin, Chantal Leger
Great Lakes Championship: Ernie Dieball, Jacqueline Dieball, Lauren O'Hara
CT/RI District Championship: Nick Serl, O. Farrell, H. McMahon
Central Atlantic District Championship: Billy Martin, Janel Zarkowsky, Isabelle Luzuriaga
Copa Salinas: Jonathan Martinetti, Francisco Almeida, Juan Rafael Santos
Low Country Regatta/Beaufort Open: Bill Wiggins
48th Annual Champagne Regatta: Travis Odenbach
Champagne Regatta Classic Boat Division: Laura Jeffers, Steve Slade, Jennifer Frazer
Midwest District Championship: Todd Wake, Kristine Wake, Bret Leibmann
James Island Yacht Club Open Regatta: David Van Cleef
Caz Flash Bash: Clay Murphy, John Steiner, A.J. Murphy
Campeonato Salto Grande: Gualicho Patagonico
Lake Erie District Championship: Jimmy Barnash, Kelly Barnash, Skylar Mungar
47th Annual Vancouver Lake Sailing Center Regatta: Philip Parshley, Nanis Gilmore, Scott Barrar
Dixie District Championship: Justin Coplan, Danielle Prior, Michael Constants
New England District Championship: Ched Proctor, Charlie Proctor, Paula Grassbarger
Mallets Bay Spring Regatta: Michael Zonnenberg, Michael Booker, Monica Morgan
Magnus Pedersen Regatta: Bob Sengstacken, Dan Zitin, Jan Crittenden
MV District Championship/Mid Continent Regatta: Matt Burridge, Patrick Burridge, Roselyn Schillibeckx
CA District Championship: Bob Martin, Brian & Becca Genovese
Lighthouse Regatta: Todd Wake, Kristine Wake, Jason Bemis
Ohio District Championship: James Taylor, Carl Taylor, George Auer
Bayview One Design Regatta: George Sipel
Nigerian Nationals: Mike Barnes
Spring Classic: Ernie Dieball, Jacqueline Dieball, Meredith Ryan
Doc Gilbert Memorial Potomac Cup: Stephen Constants
Southeastern District Championship: Lenny Krawcheck

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

July

Michigan Women & Jr. District Championship	Bay City, Michigan	8-Jul
Hobcaw Open	Charleston, South Carolina	July 9 - 10
Michigan District Champoinship	Bay City, Michigan	July 9 - 10
MET District Championship	Red Bank, New Jersey	9-Jul
L.I. District Championship	Southampton, New York	9-Jul
Pacific Northwest District Championship	Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada	July 9 - 10
NEW DATE-Indiana District Championship	Indianapolis, Indiana	July 9 - 10
Area E Sears Cup Qualifier	Michigan	July 11 - 12
US Sailing Area K Sears Cup Qualifier	Racine, Wisconsin	July 13 - 15
Atlantic Coast Championship	Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina	July 15 - 17
Charleston YC Open	Charleston, South Carolina	July 16 - 17
Bay Series	San Diego, California	17-Jul
		July 23 -

2016 Youth World Championship	Salinas, Ecuador	27
Poquoson Challenge and Crab Kill	Virginia	23-Jul
Chaumont Invitational & CNY Districts	Chaumont, New York	July 23 - 24
Tawas Bay Regatta	Tawas, Michigan	July 23 - 24
Evans Regatta	Green Bay, Wisconsin	July 30 - 31
Buffalo Canoe Club Tom Fallon Club Championship - Open Regatta	Crystal Beach, Ontario, Canada	July 30 - 31
Carolina YC Open Regatta	Charleston, South Carolina	July 30 - 31

[It's Alive!!](#) [Fleet 52 Making a Comeback](#)

Read Christine Moloney's latest post on the NA's Blog!



Fleet 52 representing at the Champagne Regatta

For those Lightning sailors who have been members of the class for a long time, you've seen the rise and decline of fleets in various areas, but in one area in particular, the Lightning is making a comeback.

Fleet 52 at the Rochester Yacht Club in the Central New York District is seeing a revival with some fun, young sailors! According to John Newell, a recent Lightning owner and Fleet 52 member, Lightning sailing in Rochester is gaining momentum.

"Fleet 52 at Rochester YC was an active Fleet back in the 1940s but died out at some point. With several active RYC members owning Lightnings and the upcoming NAs, the fleet was re-activated this spring," John says....

[read the full article on how the Rochester Fleet has been re-born!](#)

Samson 2016 Lightning North American Championships!

Rochester YC/Fleet 52
Rochester, New York
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These products are all available through [Annapolis Performance Sailing](#)

The Executive Committee has approved a 1:1 ratio so to qualify for the NAs you must register for your District Championship. The WJM's are an open event.

Rochester YC welcomes all sailors and family members to enjoy the facilities and will offer guest charge privileges during the event. The club has a swimming pool/snack bar, tennis courts, bar and dining room. Those who are not sailing can enjoy sitting on the deck right on the river and watch boats sail out and come in each day. RYC Sailing program, led by Holly and Liam are putting together a great week for Lightning Kid's Camp Monday-Friday during the NA's featuring a mid-week adventure to Rochester's famous: Strong Museum of Play. Kids Camp will include a mix of many fun activities for kids age 5 and up. **Kid's Camp Registration is open!**

Skip Shumway and Shumway Marine, the club's neighbor to the South has offered to make arrangements for those wishing to bring an RV and stay close by. Contact Skip at Shumway Marine to make arrangements directly with him: 585-342-3030.

The Housing Committee is making every effort to fill requests for housing for all junior teams who request housing by July 1st as well as to match up club members willing to host sailors in their homes or staying aboard boats in the basin. There are several recommended hotels with special rates for the event.

Saranac Beer has come on board as the event beer sponsor. The beer truck will be open for 2 hours after racing each day with free beer and soft drinks. **Daily debriefs with snacks included will be scheduled after racing each day along with drawings for give away items from our sponsors.**

Come for the **Womens, Juniors and Masters** and enjoy an evening at Seabreeze Amusement Park Friday evening. Welcoming meeting Thursday night includes food and drink, RYC cookout Saturday night and Awards party Sunday after racing. NA's begins with a practice race on Sunday afternoon August 14th with an Opening Ceremonies party (food and drink), a Monday night dinner after the debrief featuring entrees from two of Rochester's famous food trucks, Wednesday RYC cookout, and Awards Friday evening followed by a buffet meal and entertainment.

The club setting is a perfect place to enjoy socializing after sailing each day.

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