



International Lightning Class Association Copa Hermanos Navarro Lightning Junior World Championship Trophy

Interview with Doctor Carlos E. Navarro, 1978 JW organizer and past Lightning South American Champion.

1. When was the trophy donated?

The Trofeo Hermanos Navarro, which is awarded to the Junior World Champion was donated for the first Junior World Championships by Dr. Carlos E. Navarro in La Punta, Callao, Peru. It's a beautiful trophy made of pure silver, cast from the Doctor's past trophies and design by himself.

2. When and where did you start sailing Lightnings?

I started to sail Lightnings at the age of 13 at La Punta. It was a wooden boat that was built in Callao. The boat's name was "El Peruano", and it was painted red and white, like the Peruvian Flag. At that time the Yacht Club Peruano was located inside the Port of Callao. I won my first national championship in 1955 in Callao, then 6 other national titles followed, all in Callao. Then in 1957 I was runner up at the Montevideo South American's in Uruguay crowning my Lightning achievements with the South American Title in 1958 in Guayaquil, Ecuador.

3. Can you tell us an anecdote about the first Junior Worlds?

In order to get all the boats that were needed for the World's we had to get the Naval Academy to lend us boats, if not we could not organize the championship. The international crews were already arriving and we still were short on boats. The director of the Naval Academy, Admiral Villalobos, did not want to lend us the boats. We did not know what to do, so we went to speak to the admirals wife, who was a fellow lightning sailor's sister. So a day passed and one day before the regatta started she convinced her husband to lend the boats, giving us a big relief!. We worked for almost 24 hours that day in order to get the boats ready, but we did it, and the regatta was a total success. The winner of the First Jr. World Championships was Jim Craig of the United States, who received for the first time the "Trofeo Hermanos Navarro" that was handed by myself.

4. Why is the trophy called Hermanos Navarro?

My Father had three brothers. One of them, my uncle Julio, who always supported me with my sailing, along my father sailed with me in my first years, until we won the South American's in Guayaquil. Later, my wife Elvira joined me, until I stopped sailing many years ago. Because of the support of my uncle and my father is why I named the Trophy "Hermanos Navarro" or "Navarro Brothers."

