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## Flash Blast May 18, 2016

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### Notes from the Class Office

- Next Flash Blast deadline: May 31th.
  - Next Flashes Content Deadline: Spring/Summer Issue: May 15th. Drop Date - June 1st Email, Paper Copy Mid-June. Issue will include a look ahead for 2016.
  - The remaining 2016 Flashes Schedule is as follows: Fall: Content Deadline, Sept 1st (drop late Sept); Winter: Content Deadline, December 1st.
  - 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.
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## Proposed Change to Plans and Specifications: Jib Window

The Measurement Committee and the Executive Committee would like to announce that a proposed change to the [Lightning Plans and Specifications](#) has been

submitted and will be voted on during the Governing Board Meeting in August at the NAs.

Current Class rules limit the window size, number of windows and location in the jib. Recently, some sail makers have started to develop jibs with smaller panels. The smaller panels improve the sail's shape and make it stronger. This has become practical with modern automated cutting and computer generated shaping. The



**Example of an allowable Jib window according to the proposed amendment**

smaller panels result in seams running through the ideal window location. It is more efficient to put the windows in panels prior to assembly of the panels. The one window restriction makes this impossible without shrinking the window size. Efficient production dictates having more than one window. We have found that extending the window higher in the sail, makes it easier for the helmsman and crew to see what is happening to leeward making it easier to see boats on the opposite tack when sitting on the rail. This visibility helps avoid collisions. The greater visibility leads to more involvement by everyone in tactical decisions. So it is also more fun to sail with more window area.

**Click on the heading above for more information and photos of the proposed jib window change.**



**July 23-27**

## **2016 Youth World Championship**

The on-line registration link is live! In addition an amendment has been made to the NOR. It amends the dates for registration and the late registration fee.

- **Qualified participants should log in and complete registration by May 20th to avoid paying a late entry fee.**
- **Also as a reminder each participant will need to complete and return a signed Competitor Agreement, Liability Release and Medical Information/Consent Form.**

**Please click on the above heading for more information**

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## **10th Anniversary of ILCA Boat Grant Program: 2016 North American Recipients Expansion of the Program to South America/Peru**

2016 marks the 10th Anniversary of the Boat Grant

Program! To date 29 teams/90+ participants have been introduced to the Lightning Class through the Program. Many are still actively involved in the Class and 8 recipients have purchased their own Lightning. These numbers will continue to grow as these young teams get older.



In North America, 2016 recipients of the ILCA Boat Grant Program are Gordon Wolcott of Norfolk, VA/University of VA Alumni and Andreas Adam of Annapolis, MD/SUNY Maritime. Both will represent the Boat Grant Program on the National circuit this summer. Co-chair of the Program, Matthew Schon says, "I am excited to work with Gordon and Andreas this summer and introduce them everything the Lightning Class has to offer." Gordon and Andreas both got a taste of sailing Lightnings last summer and revealed that the competitive fleets and camaraderie is what led them to apply for the program.

Team Wolcott will include crew Elizabeth "Lizzie" Chambers ( Mooresville, NC/College of Charleston Alumn) and Chris Stessing (Buffalo, NY/University of VA Alumn). "After two years of being away from a structured sailing program and being on the water almost every day, I have been exploring ways of getting back into competitive sailing in a way that it affordable." explains Wolcott. "This past fall I sailed my first ever lightning event...After two days of great sailing in various breeze conditions, I knew that I wanted to apply. The International Lightning Class Association's Boat Grant Program is the ideal way for me to continue sailing against some of our sport's most talented sailors."

Team Adam includes Zach Hill (Annapolis, MD/SUNY Maritime) and Alex Ramos (Arnold, MD/University of MI Alumn). Adam states, "Having a chance to be able to compete during the summer in a strong one-design class would be a huge asset for not only college sailing but my entire sailing career."

Both Teams have a tremendous amount of sailing experience from every facet of the sport. Their collective achievements include sailing at youth, high school, and college national championships, honors and awards for sailing abilities, leadership and sportsmanship, coaching, all American honors, multiple national championships and even a world championship.

**The Boat Grant Committee will host a 10th Anniversary party at the 2016 Samson North American Championships in Rochester, NY - August 13-19. We invite all Boat Grant alumni and mentors to attend.**

**In our 10th Anniversary year we are expanding this program outside of North America!**

Daniel Mendoza and his crew from Peru have been awarded the first Boat Grant outside North America. The grant includes the shipment of a Lightning sailboat ready to race from the US to Peru for the duration of 1 year. In order to become eligible for this program, Daniel and his crew had to provide the ILCA their sailing backgrounds and a sailing plan that includes not only local regattas but also participation in the 2016 South American Championship.

Daniel is a very experienced sailor, with participation in South American's, World Championships and Pan Am games sailing in the J24 Class. His front crew will be Jimena Gaviño, also an avid sailor with lots of experience in the J24 class and IRC. His middle crew will be Augusto Lafosse, bringing years of racing experience in the J24 Class, and Runner Up at the 1996 Opti World and South American Championships.

The ILCA is proud to have them join the Class and is looking forward to having them participate in our regattas.

More information on the Program:

<http://lightningclass.org/racing/boatGrant/index.asp>

Full List of Past Recipients:

<http://lightningclass.org/racing/boatGrant/bgRecipients.asp>

Informational Flyer to post at your Club:

<http://lightningclass.org/racing/boatGrant/lightninggrantflyer.pdf>

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## Recent Regatta Champions

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

**Spring Classic:** Ernie Dieball, Jacqueline Dieball, Meredith Ryan

**Doc Gilbert Memorial Potomac Cup:** Stephen Constants

**Southeastern District Championship:** Lenny Krawcheck

**Burl Harmon Memorial Indiana Open Regatta:** James Taylor, Stan Cummings, Carl Taylor

**No Gas Regatta:** Geoff Becker, Monica Morgan, Madeliene Schroeher

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

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## Burl Harmon Indiana Open

**Burl Harmon Memorial Indiana Open Regatta**

**Indianapolis Sailing Club - Fleet 270**

**Indianapolis, Indiana**

**May 7-8, 2016**



Top 3 Teams

Spring weather in the Midwest this year has been slow in arriving. At the Indianapolis Sailing Club, we start our racing season in mid April and in most years, warm weather has arrived by early May. Another unusual circumstance this year was the celebration of Mothers Day on May 8th; the earliest it can ever be. This led to only 8 boats participating, our smallest turnout during these 54 years.

Although the fleet was small, the racing on Saturday was keen. Race Committee Chairman Paul White, ably assisted by Carol Gebhardt set out the longest windward-leeward course they could with the strong northwest wind direction. The first two races went off without a hitch but conditions during the third race piped up with gusts reaching 29 knots at the start of the third leg.

This led to one capsized and two other boats quitting the race with concern about breaking their rigs. The other five boats continued racing and finished a shortened course without any damage. Not surprisingly, the boats finishing in the top three positions for the regatta, finished this wild 3rd race in first, third and fourth. Since the strong wind conditions continued during the remainder of Saturday afternoon, the Race Committee canceled any additional races.

After all the sailors had dried off, a social hour began in the Clubhouse before dinner. In recent years, we have used the Kentucky Derby horse racing event in nearby Louisville as a fun event for our social hour. Depending on the number of registered boats, each competing boat receives a blind pick or two for one of the 20 competing horses with the winning ticket receiving a bottle of KY bourbon as a prize.

Since only 3 races were held on Saturday afternoon, the RC ordered an early start for Sunday morning in an effort to complete 3 more races. Unfortunately, the breeze was zero when the sailors gathered and all races had to be canceled, sending the visitors on an early start for home.

Now that all the bad luck is out of the way, please join us next year on May 6th & 7th when we promise more wind and no Mothers Day!

Ken McGinity, ILCA Fleet 270

**Full results and a link to more photos click on the heading above.**

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## **Doc Gilbert Potomac Cup**

**Potomac River Sailing Association - Fleet 50**

**Washington, DC**

**May 14-15, 2016**

Twenty-one boats turned out for the 2016 Doc Gilbert Potomac Cup. We had fantastic weather on the first day - moderate and consistent 10-12 kt S/SW breeze with flat water -- and the RC did a great job of getting us 3 good races and also then getting us back to shore before the first storm front blew through. The wind and rain passed in time for us all to enjoy another fantastic dinner prepared by Fleet 50 Master Chef Lindsay Bach (steak, chicken, fish, homemade sides, and more!). The weather Saturday night was a bit chilly and windy for the campers, but nothing too extreme. Unfortunately the forecasts for very high winds on Sunday were correct and racing was cancelled as a second front with gusts of 30+ swept through the racing area as we started to head out to the race course. Several boats did head out to the race course and experienced some amazing wet and wild planing reaches in the wind and waves (myself included, along with hardy crew Lizzie and Lisbet) before the RC called things off for the day. All made it back to shore and we enjoyed a great awards ceremony recognizing regatta winners, the youngest sailor of the regatta (Zach Buczkowski), and a young Boat Grant team lead by Andreas Adam that sailed in the regatta.

A huge thank you to Regatta Chair Lisa-Marie Lane for organizing the entire regatta crew for another fun and successful Doc Gilbert Potomac Cup!

Aaron Boesenecker

**Click on the heading above for the complete results and link to the regatta photos.**

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## Spring Classic

**Pymatuning Yacht Club - Fleet 36**

**Jamestown, Pennsylvania**

**May 14-15,**

The 32nd annual Spring Classic was held at Pymatuning Yacht Club on May 14-15. Even with the weather forecast looking less than inviting, 21 boats showed up with sailors ready to hop in their boats. As eager as they all were, Mother Nature had the upper hand on Saturday with strong westerly winds, and poor weather conditions kept the fleet from getting any races started.



**Champions - Team Dieball**

Sunday provided a small window to get a shortened race in; however, all competitors and on-the-water help had to deal with rain, snow, sleet, hail and fog from start to finish. Visibility was low, but Ernie Dieball, Jacqueline Dieball and Meredith Ryan were able to come out with the win!

A huge thanks goes out to all of the club members at PYC for their help and support throughout the regatta! PYC also greatly appreciates all the competitors coming from as far as North Carolina and Rhode Island for braving the weather to come play in the snow on your sailboats! I guess next year might need commemorative snow globe trophies!

Samantha Maras

**Click on the heading above for full results.**

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## Upcoming Events

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

### May

48th Hernando De Soto Regatta	Hernando, Mississippi	May 21 - 20
FL District Championship	St Pete, Florida	May 21 - 22
Great Lakes Leukemia Cup	Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan	21-May
Mini Off Shore Regatta	Voula, Greece	21-May
Southern District Championship & Juby Wynn Regatta	New Orleans, Louisiana	May 28 - 29

### June

Lighthouse Regatta	Fond du Lac, Wisconsin	June 4 - 5
Bayview One Design Regatta	Detroit, Michigan	June 4 - 5
Magnus Pedersen Regatta	Nyack, New York	June 4 - 5

Fleet 301 Spring Regatta	Colchester, Vermont	June 4 - 6
Mississippi Valley District Championships	Carlyle, Illinois	June 4 - 5
Neuse River Cup*CANCELED	Oriental, North Carolina	June 4 - 5
Ohio District Championship	Jamestown, Pennsylvania	June 4 - 5
California Districts	San Diego, California	June 5 - 6
Indiana Districts	Indiana	June 11 - 12
NE District Championship	Hingham, Massachusetts	June 11 - 12
Newport Celebration of Spring	Rochester, New York	11-Jun
Dixie District Championships	Havre de Grace, Maryland	June 11 - 12
James Island YC Open Regatta	Charleston, South Carolina	June 18 - 19
New Jersey Governor's Cup	Riverton, New Jersey	18-Jun
Lake Erie District Championship	Chautauqua, New York	June 18 - 19
Central Atlantic District Championship	Ocean City, New Jersey	June 25 - 26
CT/RI District Championships	Westport, Connecticut	June 25 - 26
48th Annual Champagne/Classic Boat Regatta	Hammondsport, New York	June 25 - 26
Low Country Regatta/Beaufort Open	Beaufort, South Carolina	June 25 - 26
Midwest District Championship	Sheboygan, Wisconsin	June 25 - 26
Great Lakes Championship @ North Cape YC	Lasalle, Michigan	June 25 - 26
European Championships	Marsala, Italy	June 29 - 3

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Rochester Yacht Club

## Samson 2016 Lightning North American Championships!

**Rochester YC/Fleet 52**

**Rochester, New York**

**WJM's Aug 10-14**

**NA's Aug 13-19**

Rochester YC is looking forward to hosting Lightning sailors in August! We are pleased to announce Samson Rope as the title sponsor. Samson is partnering with APS/Annapolis to offer line packages for the Lightning. Event shirts and gear will be available on site at the Coral Reef Sailing Apparel store.

Sailing on Lake Ontario in August is warm, fresh water accessible re: a short sail out the Genesee River.

**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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## **2016 Lightning Lab Schedule** (updated 5/18/16)

**Click the above link for more information**

**May 6th** (Dixie District)

SSA in Annapolis, MD. Friday Before the No-Gas Regatta

Coached by Geoff Becker : Contact Joan and Gary Hurban at [jghurban@gmail.com](mailto:jghurban@gmail.com)

**May 21st -22nd** (Ecuador District)

Salinas, Ecuador

Coached by David Starck: Contact Juan Rafael Santos at [juanrafaelsantos@gmail.com](mailto:juanrafaelsantos@gmail.com)

**June 10th** (Dixie District)

Havre De Grace, Md, before Dixie Districts

Contact Tom Compton at [comptont@concentric.net](mailto:comptont@concentric.net)

**July 15th** (Southeastern District)

Carolina YC, Wrightsville Beach, NC before Atlantic Coast Championship

Coached by Greg Fisher and Brian Hayes

**August 10-19** (Central NY District)

Daily debriefs after sailing at the WJM's and NA's.

The Southern Circuit Mentor program is like a 4 day Lightning Lab. Videos taken of talks given by top lightning sailors at the 2015 Southern Circuit Mentor program are posted on the ILCA youtube website for you to watch at any time. <https://www.youtube.com/user/IntLightningClass>

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

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