

Turkey Regatta
Mission Bay Yacht Club
San Diego, California
November 18–19, 2006

Pos	Skipper	Total
1	Scott Finkboner	10
2	Jeff Coppens	14
3	Dan Gravatt	22
4	Kirk Johnson	28
5	Pete Bellin	31
6	Dale Bull	36
7	Mike Poltorak	44
8	Brian Anderson	49
9	Richard Hockaday	60

A couple of years ago, Scott Finkboner was driving down a street in Ocean Beach and saw an old lightning parked on the street, dirty and uncovered. A few days later, we went back and the boat was gone. A few weeks later, he saw the boat again on another street. He got out and checked the number, it was the last boat Carl Eichenlaub had built for himself in 1991. He left a note on the boat for the owners. They contacted him and told him they had just been moving the boat around public streets every two weeks for the past few years just to avoid parking tickets. Scott bought the boat for nominal fee and over the past year has totally refurbished the boat.

This weekend, he raced it for the first time winning the Turkey regatta. Scott's comment, "I was afraid the boat couldn't bear rig tension, so I just sailed it with loose shrouds." On Saturday, Scott scored a 3rd and two bullets in winds ranging from 8 knots-15 knots and building to 20 for one race. Mike Poltorak scored 2nd in both races he sailed. Boats that couldn't find three crew suffered and the standings were close. On Sunday, Jeff Coppens and Scott battled closely at the front of the fleet. Both ended with three bullets, but Scott's consistent results giving him the victory. With four new lightnings in the fleet due to the NAs, we had our biggest fleet turnout in six years!!!!