



### About the Program:

The BCC wants to give selected young sailors and families an opportunity to experience Lightning racing at its best. BCC will provide a competitive boat, equipment, dry sail storage, and mentoring for the recipient. The grant applications will be reviewed and the grant will be awarded with preference to age, level of interest, skill level and strength of references. Applications must be received by April 15, 2019 for the 2019 sailing season.

Each applicant is expected to sail in a predetermined number of races, and maintain the boat and equipment at the highest level. The grant is for use of the boat and equipment for one season. At the end of the season the boat may be available for purchase, depending on the situation. Each recipient will be assigned two “mentor’s” for the season.

**To apply for this grant, read the Grant Requirements and Selection Criteria, print out the [application](#) and mail, Fax or email to Kevin Robinson by April 15, 2019.**

### About the Lightning:

The Lightning was designed by Olin Stephens in 1938 and quickly became the most popular boat in the US. Today there have been over 15000 built and it is still one of the strongest and most active classes in the US. It is an International Class with activity in South America, Europe, Africa and North America. In the US there are very active fleets with many weekend regattas throughout the year. The highest concentration of boats is along the East Coast and Great Lakes, but there is plenty of activity in most places where people race sailboats.

The Lightning is raced with a team of three. It is fast enough to be exciting, slow enough to be very tactical and the boat is very physical to sail in a breeze. Optimum crew weight is 425 to 475lbs. The boat weighs 700 lbs and sitting on the trailer with covers, sails and gear the all up weight is about 1100 lbs so it can be safely towed with almost any vehicle.

The ILCA has supported youth sailing for many years. Every year there is a Junior North American Championship and a Youth World Championship is held every other year. Many top sailors spent a lot of time racing Lightning’s when they were young: Andy Horton, Jay and Jody Lutz, Greg and Matt Fisher to name a few.

## Who Should Apply?

This program is geared towards younger sailors with a desire to race the Lightning, but may be granted to a family that has young sailors and a parent with a desire to race the Lightning.

You could be a sailor on a High School or College sailing team looking to augment your dinghy sailing skills in a larger boat or to test your ability against larger fleets.

You could be a recent College graduate with lots of desire to get into a competitive one-design class, but you lack the funds to purchase a boat.

You could be a junior sailing in a Lightning fleet looking to have the opportunity to race your own boat.

You could be a family with a parent and children interest in getting involved in the Lightning fleet.

## How to Apply for this Grant:

1) You must complete the grant application form and submit it to Kevin Robinson by midnight April 15, 2019. There are three acceptable ways to submit the application:

- a) You may print out the application and send it by mail  
or FedEx to: **Kevin Robinson 388 McKinley Avenue Kenmore, NY 14217**

The postmark is not controlling, the application must be in hand before April 15, 2019.

- b) You may print out the grant application form and  
submit it via FAX at 716-877-4942

- c) You may submit your application via email to:  
[kbjrobi@roadrunner.com](mailto:kbjrobi@roadrunner.com) subject line to include "Boat Grant Application".

2) You are not required to use the application form, as long as all the information is included. Incomplete Applications will not be considered.

3) Include with your application -

- a) Your sailing resume.
- b) Information about your potential teammates and their sailing resumes.
- c) Letters of recommendation and contact information from two sailing references. They can be a current or former coach, a competitor, a member of your yacht club or any other sailing references you know well.
- d) A personal letter outlining what the grant would mean to you and why you are the best candidate for the grant.

4) If you are under 18, your application must be accompanied by a signed letter from a parent or guardian in support of this application, with the understanding that they will be responsible for the boat and your activities.

Late applications will not be considered.

### **Requirements:**

- You will be required to maintain the boat and equipment in top condition and carry an Insurance Policy covering Liability and Damage.
- You will be assigned two mentors and you will be required to report to them on a regular basis.
- You will be required to write some articles about this program and your experience racing the Lightning.
- You will be required to join the ILCA as an Active/Skipper member and your Crew must join the ILCA as Crew members.

### **Selection Process:**

There is a review committee of three Lightning Sailors who will review all the applications. The members of the committee are:

Peter Jones (BCC); Paul Grenauer (BCC); Stas Balanevsky (BCC)

Completed Applications received by the Committee before April 15, 2019

Review Committee's Review April 16, 2019 to April 27, 2019

Applicants notification prior to April 28, 2019

Boats will be granted for use for the 2019 sailing season. Term of use will be through August 31, 2019 unless modified by application.

### **Selection Criteria:**

Each Applicant should submit whatever information they deem necessary to the Selection Committee above and beyond the application if they feel it necessary.

**GOODLUCKANDTHANKYOUFORPARTICIPATING!**

If you have any questions please submit via e-mail to: [kbjrobi@roadrunner.com](mailto:kbjrobi@roadrunner.com)



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## 2019 BCC Boat Grant Application

Send completed application to:

Kevin Robinson

388 McKinley Avenue

Kenmore, NY

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Fax: 716-691-0077

Email: [kbjrobi@roadrunner.com](mailto:kbjrobi@roadrunner.com)

Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State/Prov: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Yacht Club, Fleet or Collegiate Sailing Team: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Please Attach 2 Reference Letters**

Sailing Reference 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Sailing Reference 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe how you would use the Lightning, where you would keep it and what events you would attend:

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Please explain why you should be selected for this grant:

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Please add any additional information you think is critical or helpful in this selection process:

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***Please attach a Sailing Resume for you and your team.***

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Parental Signature (required if under 18): \_\_\_\_\_