



The FAMOUS
SKANEATELES

Lightning

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**Designed by Sparkman & Stephens
and Pioneered by Skaneateles**

Look at a Skaneateles LIGHTNING... you'll say she's a beautiful big boat—roomy and thoroughly seaworthy. Step aboard... you'll be amazed at the stability, comfort of the cockpit and convenience of the rig—all characteristic of a safe, mild-mannered day-sailer. Then take the tiller and try her in competition with others near her size... and, whether the airs are light or the going is rugged, you'll thrill with the surprising speed, flashing performance and lovely balance. For such amazing versatility, you can credit the designing genius of Sparkman & Stephens... and the boat-building skill and experience of Skaneateles.

Racing Performance With Safety and Comfort

It's a sure bet you'll like everything about the Skaneateles LIGHTNING from her looks to how she lives up to them. Close winded and beautifully balanced, you feel that unmistakable thrill of a thoroughbred as you take her up to weather. Such willing response and effortless speed in light weather gives no hint of her reassuring stability and docile, yet awe-inspiring power in a hard blow. Lack of irritating helm is an inherent quality, while the long, narrow centerboard is designed to shift its center with the raising pennant so that, whatever the weight of wind or combination of sail, the feel of the boat may be adjusted to a nicety. Even in a normally overpowering wind, one man can sail with ease under jib alone or close reefed mainsail and so regulate the balance that he may actually leave the tiller and walk about the boat!

Whatever may be your wonder at the exciting performance and sparkling beauty of a Skaneateles LIGHTNING, the relaxing comfort of ample room so subtly blended into her trim appearance will be your most agreeable surprise. Bring along the friends who want to share your sport. Even a group of eight people will not overtax her generous accommodations. It's almost impossible to ship water, and any spray that comes on deck is stopped by the graceful vee-coaming forward. All this is worked into a deck plan and cockpit that you'll like.

Notice how the spinaker completes the picture of a fine yacht. Lacking in other classes of similar size, this kite adds that enviable touch of finesse and develops the skill demanded by the large racers.

Plenty of deck space to loll about, and new comfort in the roomy cockpit. Seats the right height for leg comfort, and coamings tilted just right for back comfort.



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ocrat of Class Racers!

Skaneateles Features Make a Difference

In **LIGHTNING**, Olin Stephens has designed a boat that is fast—distinctly faster than other boats of her size and sail area. But a boat on the drafting board has never won a race. How it's built and who builds it makes a real difference. Thanks to the largest builder of class racing and day sailing boats, you'll get soundness of construction and the exclusive features of fine boatbuilding at a lower cost only because you share in the advantage of Skaneateles' highly specialized quantity production.

The famous Skaneateles double-planked bottom has long been recognized as the finest building practice, though previously confined to the most costly yachts. This type of planking, no thicker than ordinary single planking, creates a tremendous increase in strength with no increase in weight. Not a seam runs continuously through both layers of plank, not even at the garboard . . . and no caulking or putty is necessary. These flush seams mean a fast, beautiful bottom. Not a leak from drying out. And it will stay tight for years!

Practically all hardwood parts in the Skaneateles **LIGHTNING** are built of mahogany. This has been done as a result of a long study of weights and proper weight distribution so essential to the best performance of centerboard yachts. Again, notice how the efficient centerboard winch, installed under the foredeck, makes handling the board extremely easy and possible from any point in the cockpit. The specially designed bronze fittings are attractive and do their jobs better than stock products available for the purpose. You'll like the seamanlike execution of the rigging and how naturally handy it is from the hinged tiller to the pin rail.

When you check these and the many more exclusive features of the Skaneateles **LIGHTNING** in the detailed specifications on the back, remember that long established master builders who specialize in this type of craft and who pioneered construction of the **LIGHTNING** are making such extra quality possible. And possible at a price which means fulfillment of life-long ambitions for many in moderate circumstances—to own and sail a truly fine yacht.

Active Class Organization

Because **LIGHTNING** is the answer to long-felt needs of sailors and clubs all over the world, a class organization has developed rapidly. Fleets have sprung into existence in practically every important sailing center, with keenly contested national championship regattas climaxing the busy seasons of interfleet and district races. If you seek the thrills of class racing, **LIGHTNING** is your boat. Let us send you an official class yearbook, or put you in touch with the class Secretary who can tell you where to find **LIGHTNING** fleets and skippers, or how to organize your own fleet.

• At top of page—see the distinctive character of her appearance. You'll like the graceful ends, the sheer, splendid freeboard and handsome rig. You'll like the aristocratic sail plan with its high fore triangle, permanent backstay, double jumper stays and spreaders.

• Reaching under working canvas or tearing along behind her tugging spinnaker, **LIGHTNING** is steady on her course, without yawing or rolling. That's why you'll say, in performance, she's the smaller version of a large racing yacht.



BOATS

**Fine Boats
Since 1893**



Lightning SPECIFICATIONS

DOUBLE PLANKED BOTTOM of selected vertical grain clear cedar. Each side is planked with two full length vertical grain clear cedar planks ship-lapped.

MAHOGANY FRAME AND TRIM. The keel, bottom and deck frames and practically all hardwood parts are of Philippine Mahogany, resulting in a strong, light hull of superior weight distribution.

BRONZE FITTINGS, plain finish, specially designed for **LIGHTNING.** More efficient and attractive than stock fittings. (Including Jenks sail stop.) The tiller is pivoted to permit raising and lowering. The centerboard is operated by a specially developed winch.

RACING FINISH. Three coats of the best marine finishes carefully rubbed between coats. Bottom, racing copper bronze; topsides, gloss yacht white; deck, Skaneateles gray-green; inside of hull, spars, cockpit trim, transom, rudder, tiller, gunwales, seats, floor boards and centerboard case, three coats of best spar varnish.

LIGHT WEIGHT SPARS. Expertly made of material carefully selected for greatest strength and lightest possible weight aloft.

RACING SAILS. Skaneateles Racing Sails are normally supplied. Jib and mainsail, nicely finished and of good cut and material, are standard equipment. They are complete with headboard slides on hoist and foot, battens, bag, **LIGHTNING** emblem and racing number. See separate list for spinnaker prices. Skaneateles Special Racing Sails; also available, for sails by any sailmaker specified.

RIGGING. Two lower shrouds, two upper shrouds with spreaders, two jumper stays and struts, and permanent backstay all of 1 x 19 double galvanized plow steel wire rope. Complete running rigging of Manila. See separate price list on spinnaker rigging, including double ended spinnaker boom with fittings for tack and guys at both ends; halyard with snap shackle, block and cleat; guy and sheet.

OUTBOARD WELL permitting the use of standard outboard motors can be supplied at small extra cost.

MEASUREMENT CERTIFICATE of the Lightning Class Yacht Racing Association is delivered to you with your boat. Your number is cut in the centerboard trunk as well as sewed on the sail.

WEIGHT in racing trim, approximately 725 lbs., crated for rail shipment, approximately 950 lbs.

TRUCK DELIVERY can usually be arranged to destinations in eastern United States, effecting an economy and having the added convenience of delivering the boat to the exact spot you wish, often including launching.

EASY TO BUY. We can arrange a time payment purchase plan for customers in most states which necessitates a down payment by the time of delivery, amounting to \$175. The balance may be paid over a period of ten months. Otherwise, terms are 30% with the order and the balance on delivery.

NOTE. If at any time it is, in our mind for the improvement of the boat or our service, we reserve the right to alter these specifications, within the class rules, without notice.

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