

## Hains/Mann Team Win Leckie - Canadian National Snipe Championship



Chris Hains and crew Barb Mann demonstrated light wind tactical proficiency to lead the fleet with the lowest score winning the Canadian National Snipe Championships. The Hains/Mann team finished with three first places and one second place.

Canadian trophy has a significant history of Canadian, International and Olympic sailors winning this trophy over its history of 63 years. The Canadian Championship trophy dates from 1948. It was donated by John Leckie & Company, a Halifax marine supply store. Until 1962 the trophy was a Maritime Provinces monopoly since no one from Ontario went to the regatta, which was always held at a club in Nova Scotia. Don Scarfe of Armdale won it an unequaled 6 times. Doug Keary was the first from Ontario to attend in 1962 and he won it. He subsequently went to the Western Hemispheres in Brasilia where he made a successful bid for the Western Hemispheres for 1964 at Oakville. After 1962 the Canadian Nationals rotated between the Maritimes and Ontario. With rare exceptions it has been won by someone from Ontario since 1962. The demise of the Northern Yacht Club fleet in the early 1980's meant that the regatta would have to be in Ontario from then on. We took the step of making it a weekend event instead of the three or four day event that it had been in the past. It was often combined with the Ontario Open. Notable winners include Howie Richards, Ted Hains, Doug Nugent and Ian Brown. All have won it at least twice. All have represented Canada at World, Western Hemisphere and Pan-American Games regattas. Ted also represented Canada at the 1972 Olympic Games Regatta at Kiel in the International Tempest. Another notable winner is Dirk Kneulman who has represented Canada at the Western Hemispheres and Pan-Am Games and is a former World Champion in the International Etchells.

The regatta was sailed on Saturday and Sunday July 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> at a smaller lake in the Province of Ontario near Guelph but unfortunately no races were held on Saturday due to a lack of sufficient wind on the race course. The race committee held the sailors back until early afternoon Saturday, waiting for the wind to pick up and steady a little before sending the sailors out on the lake. Following a late lunch the race committee sent the fleet out onto the lake with a little more wind than had been seen all day long in anticipation of getting one or two races completed. Extremely light and very shifty conditions continued to prevail for the rest of the afternoon until the committee abandoned the attempt late



in the day. Snipe national races are not allowed to be run if the wind velocity is not above the 4-5km level. Serious racing was put on hold until Sunday but that didn't stop the serious fun part of sailing snipes.

Racers were greeted on shore with a terrific social hour sponsored by Wellington Brewery – a very good Micro brewery in Guelph Ontario with lots of beer and the opportunity to spend time with sailors and friends re visiting old times.

Chris Hains ran a beer tasting with some very interesting brew. And results!

-Black Butte Porter by Deschutes Brewery, Bend, Oregon

Critics choice, good body ,not too hoppy , hint of coffee:

-Full Sail Bump in the Night by Full Sail Brewing, Hood River, Oregon

Very hoppy, bitter aftertaste, some liked it – some not

-Dead Guy Ale by Rogue Ales, Newport, Oregon

Not so hoppy, quite pleasant

The tasting was followed by live music from a bluegrass Band called The HOOFBEATS and our own National Secretary Harri Palm as a guest guitarist. The HoofBeats graced the sailors with their music for over 1 1/2hrs until the barbeques where charged up and ready for the Famous Guelph Community Boating Club's BBQ Your Own Steak Dinner.



Day two saw an early start to racing and a much fresher breeze for the sailors to work with. The first race began at about 10:30 am in 4 to 6 kms wind with small gusts to 10 kms in a standard windward/ leeward race course. These races were all hard fought with the positions changing constantly. Very seldom would any one boat take the lead and be able to keep it through a complete race. Mark rounding capability quickly became a place where many boats could quickly change positions. It was not uncommon to have mark rounding with half the fleet bunched at the windward or leeward mark and 5-6 boat lengths from the leaders. Reading the wind direction and pressure was also critical in any one race – choose the wrong side and it quickly put you into a hole. The wind and pressure continued to increase all day long and in the fourth and final race it was up 10 – 12 kms with shifty gusts 12 -15kms.

Hains and Palm sailed very consistent series first and second place finishes but after that the

positions changed a lot. Brad Anderson finished in third place with crew Kirstain Palm. Followed by Colin May/Claire Hughes from Husdon Yatch Club – Hudson Que. and Gord Richards/Molly Kurvink -GCBC

Barb Mann is recognized as the winingest female skipper or crew in both the Canadian Championships and the Ontario Championships which were sailed at the same time as the Canadians.

The Ontario Snipe Championships are usually sailed about this time of the year and is an open regatta and so includes guest sailors from out of province or out of country.

Dane Kirtpatric is recognized as the youngest Junior sailor in the fleet.



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Class: Canadian Championships

Ran k	Sail No	Helm	Crew	Club	Race_ 6	Race_ 7	Race_ 8	Race_ 9	Nt Pts
1	2931 8	Chris Hains	Barb Mann	GCBC	1	1	1	2	5
2	2931 7	Harri Palm	Mike Ostler	GCBC	2	2	2	3	9
3	2804 5	Brad Anderson	Nathalie Gringras/ Kirsten Palm	Royal Hamil- ton YC	3	4	4	1	12
4	2639 9	Colin May	Claire Hughes	Hudson YC	4	5	3	4	16
5	2931 4	Gord Rich- ards	Molly Kurv- ink	GCBC	7	3	8	5	23
6	2567 8	Adrian Danger- feild	Amy Dan- gerfeild	GCBC	5	10	6	8	29
7	2610 6	Marcel Schlaf	Joanne MacKinnon	GCBC	10	7	7	6	30
8	2803 3	Francisco Perez	Joel Caro	Etobicoke YC	8	8	5	11	32
9	2878 0	John Heizer	Dane Kirkpatrick	GCBC	6	9	9	9	33
10	3078 3	Peter Grif- fioen	Gordie Milley	GCBC	9	6	10	10	35
11	2673 6	Andrew Milley	Simon Milley	GCBC	12	11	11	7	41
12	2753 4	Jules Vranckx	John Doe- herty	Royal Hamil- ton YC	11	12	12	12	47

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Special thanks to our Race committee, Gary Goodman , Rob Barrett, Sam Simpson who ran a very successful regatta and set some really good lines given the extremely challenging wind conditions.

