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Jerry Thompson Wins Snipe North American

Jerry Thompson and Ron Moore of Lodi, Ohio won the Snipe North American Championship series sailed off Association Island on Lake Ontario July 17-20. In third place after four races, Thompson placed first and second in the third day of racing, and rounding fourteenth at the first mark in the final race, he worked his way to fifth place and clinched the series title.

Don Hite and his son, Don Hite, Jr., might have had the series sewn up had they not, in the third race, hit the windward mark and finished eighth, which placed them second overall in the final standings.

John and Pamela Johns sailed a consistent series. In first place after four races, the Johns' fell behind in the heavier air of the third day finishing sixth and nineteenth. Their fourth place finish in the final contest gave them third place in the regatta.

The four day-seven race series was

sailed in light and moderately heavy air. Competitors raced light and variable air in the first two days of racing, and played the headers and wind shifts in hopes of gaining a top fleet position. The third day brought heavier winds; equipment failure and capsizing were commonplace and the thirty-nine boat fleet was not in full attendance for the afternoon race.

The seventh and final race was sailed in a moderate breeze of ten knots. The series was completed, the trophies were presented, and the sailors left only an hour before the uncanny reoccurrence of the storm that swept the Snipe fleet off their course during the '74 North American Championship held here last year. Fictitious tornado warnings became fact as fifty knot winds quickly kicked up heavy seas. Had the storm system hit a few hours sooner, many Snipe sailors would have had a deja-vu experience and a familiar story to tell upon arriving home.

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1975 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Boat	Skipper	Places	Points	Finish
US17387	Jerry Thompson	7-2-10-1-1-2-5	29.0	1
US19267	Don Hite	11-7-8-3-2-1-1	35.7	2
US20006	John Johns	3-3-2-2-6-19-4	37.1	3
US21888	Bill Buckles	4-6-5-11-5-18-2	59.7	4
US19392	Brownie Horner	1-9-23-6-9-5-10	67.7	5
US10111	Gonzalo Diaz	22-10-7-8-7-6-3	73.4	6
US15699	Fritz Graham	2-11-1-4-nf-nf-9	75.0	7
US21750	Norm Towle	5-15-11-10-8-4-14	85.0	8
KC21716	Dirk Kneulman	13-8-3-5-nf-14-12	86.7	9
KC20690	Jim Belford	6-13-19-17-4-3-15	88.4	10
US19055	Larry Johnson	8-20-26-12-3-10-7	92.7	11
US19177	Fred Thurston	25-16-12-13-11-9-6	102.7	12
KC21105	Rusty Baillie	20-4-13-19-ns-12-8	110.0	13
US19448	Rod Goldstein	33-26-6-9-17-8-13	114.7	14
BL12107	Eduardo Gaiuby	15-23-20-7-13-7-17	115.0	15
US18926	Lou Dixon	19-17-9-14-15-15-11	117.0	16
US19915	Eric Purdon	16-18-17-25-10-16-19	132.0	17
BL12000	Flavio Caiuby	31-21-4-15-14-17-ns	136.0	18
US21507	Joey Petrucci	9-5-25-24-12-nf-ns	136.0	19
US21463	Michael Hays	14-1-18-16-ns-ns-ns	152.0	20
US19491	Russ Cook	17-12-15-28-nf-sq-20	157.0	21
US21704	Terry Timm	12-29-16-20-nf-ns-16	158.0	22
US20685	Fred Abels	23-32-33-18-nf-13-18	169.0	23
US20822	Bill Snowden	24-24-31-23-19-20-ns	177.0	24
US21800	David Belford	10-14-24-22-ns-ns-ns	180.0	25
KC19417	Fred Hutter	28-36-29-29-22-nf-21	191.0	26
US21120	Bob Hill	35-28-36-32-16-11-ns	194.0	27
US19450	Graham Hoffman	21-25-14-27-ns-ns-ns	197.0	28
US18640	Stanley Watkins	30-34-35-35-20-nf-22	203.0	29
US20999	Ralph Swanson	18-19-27-ns-nf-ns-ns	208.0	30
US18917	Hugh Donald	27-33-21-21-nf-ns-ns	209.0	31
US19918	Noel Reed	37-27-28-nf-21-nf-ns	211.0	32
US21555	Leo Murphy	36-22-22-26-ns-ns-ns	216.0	33
US20197	Stu Griffing	34-31-32-34-18-ns-ns	222.0	34
US21465	Wm. Doherty	26-ns-37-31-ns-ns-23	227.0	35
US21460	S. Beimfohr	29-30-30-30-ns-ns-ns	229.0	36
US20689	David Schafer	32-35-34-33-ns-ns-ns	248.0	37