ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGATTA

The 28th Rocky Mountain Snipe Championships was held August 28-29 at the Grand Lake Yacht Club. Saturday’s races began at noon with a good breeze and continued strong until after the third race. At the end of the day, Doug Goppert from Lake Lotawana was the leader, with Rick O’Brian from Boulder running a close second. A dinner Saturday evening gathered all sailors and even some “oldtimers” who reminisced about previous races on Grand Lake and Shadow Mountain Lake. The next day’s races began with light winds and a shortened course, but the winds and RC Chairman Bob Ewoldt started our second race on time and gave us a close finish.

--Carl Lundstrom

URUGUAY TAKES SOUTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Forty two crews took part in the 15th edition of the South American Championships, organized by the Club de Veleros Barlovento in Buenos Aires, Argentina. 5 were from Brazil, 5 from Uruguay and the rest from the guest country. Light breezes and sometimes complete calm jeopardized the task of the Race Committee and only 4 races were performed. Ricardo Fabini-Ivan Guicheff won all the races and added a new trophy to the showcase of the fleet 506 of the Yacht Club Uruguyo. Fabini was escorted by the current World Champion Axel Rodger and Jorge Quiroga of Argentina.

Results

1. Ricardo Fabini/Ivan Guicheff - Uruguay
2. Axel Rodger/Jorge Quiroga - Argentina
3. Guillermo Parada/Pablo Weber - Argentina
4. Johnny MacCall/Jorge Ripoll - Argentina
5. Federico/Jorge Engelhard - Argentina
6. Andres Domato/Marcel Cichetti - Argentina
7. Marco A. Parada/Alfredo Correa - Brazil
8. Edgardo Lozano/Martín A. Gnoleti - Argentina
9. George Nelem/Fernando Krake - Brazil
10. Pablo Contours/N. Propst - Argentina

In spite of the fact that the South American Junior Championship is conducted every two years, prior to the South Americans, the Club Veleros had the excellent ideas of organizing an out of schedule Juniors event of 4 races a couple of days before, allowing teenage sailors to race both Championships. Fifteen Junior crews attended the event, with the Club de Veleros Barlovento doing an excellent job under very difficult conditions.

Junior Results

1. Matias Pereira/Santiago Miguez - Argentina
2. Nicolas Gonzalez/J. Sterovich - Uruguay
3. Roberto Fabini/Ivan Guicheff - Uruguay
4. Hernan Peralta/Nicholas Mendez - Argentina
5. J.P. Calabrese/Juan de la Fuente - Argentina

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA OPEN

Hackworth/Rogers Qualify for W. Hemispheres

1992 U.S. National Champion Bart Hackworth and Jon Rodgers were the 1993 Northern California Open Regatta winners held September 18 & 19. More than the usual hardware was at stake in this regatta hosted by Richmond Yacht Club, with the first place crew earning the right to compete at the next Snipe Western Hemisphere Championships to be held in Uruguay.

The sailing was intense as 24 Snipes raced five races over the two days. Almost every race had at least one general recall as the racers aggressively fought for clear air at each start. Saturday’s conditions were on the light side as the expected sea breeze failed to fill in on the South Hampton Shoals. Sunday started slowly as the fleet drifted, or was towed, out to the start wich was set further towards the Berkeley Circle. As usual, a moderate 15 knot afternoon breeze made all the sailors hike harder upwind and enjoy the ride more downwind, surfing off the chop.

Boats came from all over California with multi-boat trailers from San Diego, Newport Beach and Alamitos Bay. The local fleet fielded 10 boats, placing three in the top 10.

Hackworth’s eventual victory by 5.75 points over his nearest competitor looked anything but certain on Saturday. Long time Snipe sailor Craig Leweck was hot on the water on Saturday (with 2 firsts) only to find at the dock he was second in both races. The two PMS’s effectively ended his chances to place in the money and putting Hackworth in solid first place with three firsts. The only other boat to take a first was Jeff Lenhart with two time U.S. Snipe Junior National Champion Mark Ivey crewing for him.

--Vince Casalaina

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