

March

The Snipe Class International Racing Association

This bulletin contains the news of a class of small sailboats that was started in 1931. To date there are 677 registered boats in the class with twenty-three fully organized racing fleets. Address all communications to the Executive Secretary, William F. Crosby, 9 Murray Street, New York, New York, U.S.A. All boats of the class should be registered so that owners may be put in touch with their nearest Divisional Fleets and take part in racing. Racing numbers are assigned to boats that are registered. After registration boats may join Divisional Fleets and receive measurement certificate from the measurer.

SNIPES Class Internationals will definitely be run on Long Island Sound, probably late in August, 1934. The early date is necessary in order to be ahead of schools and college openings. Each recognized fleet may hold an elimination series of about five races and the winning boat and crew will be eligible for the Internationals. Arrangements have not yet been completed, but it is believed that in some cases where the owners come from great distances, Snipes belonging to the Western Long Island Sound fleet may be chartered for the event at very nominal cost. Each divisional fleet should give the matter consideration right now in order to be prepared. All competing boats must have measurement certificates and must belong to a full-fledged member of the Association. Each boat must be sailed by the owner as well. Professionals will not be permitted either as skippers or crews.

Through the kindness of the National Association of Engine and Boat Manufacturers, the Snipe class was able to have a booth at the Motor Boat Show in New York. The booth was suitably decorated with many photographs of Snipes, a large map showing the location of every registered boat and a two inch scale model of a Snipe. Past Commodore Hub Isaacks was in charge and with him were associated J. R. G. Hardy of the Western Long Island Sound fleet and Morgan Reichner and Charles Gabor of the Lake Mohawk fleet. Dozens of Snipe owners stopped in and hundreds of others were given information regarding the class. The first annual Snipe dinner was held at the Hotel Lexington and was well attended. Six divisional fleets were represented.

Geoffrey Pout, the Association's European secretary, has been doing great work and has lined up innumerable new fleets. The most recent one will probably be formed in Abyssinia, where racing will take place in the crater of an extinct volcano! Registrations have been received from the North of Ireland fleet, the Snipe Sailing Club of Whiterock, County Down, and it is expected that there will be so many boats in the club that they will be raced in two divisions.

The Oklahoma City Yacht Club has organized a divisional fleet within its membership and is proceeding with plans for next season. An unfortunate mix-up has prevented us from printing their point scores for 1933 up to this time. Dr. E. C. Green is fleet captain and at present there are eight or nine boats in the fleet.

The Dallas Sailing Club will start its season the second Sunday in April. The Western Long Island Sound fleet will have its first race about Decoration Day. The Miami fleet has never stopped racing all the year around and Commodore Bosworth informs us that they would like to play host to the entire class at Miami some time in the middle of September. The commodore has evidently forgotten the school situation and also the fact that the America's Cup races will take place in September and every yachtsman will try to be at Newport. R. Cutler Low, Jr., of Quincy, divisional fleet captain for New England, reports the probable formation of a new fleet at Barrington, Rhode Island. Owners of Snipes in the vicinity should write to Mr. Low at 50 Glendale Road, Quincy, Massachusetts. Candlewood Lake, in the lower part of Connecticut, is forming a fleet of Snipes. At least ten will start the ball rolling and many more are expected. The racing program calls for a race every Sunday through July and August and is under the supervision of Frederick C. McLoughlin, president of the Candlewood Isle Association. The association has a New York address at 50 East 42nd Street, where information on the subject may be had.

Following is the complete list of recognized fleets of this association to date. More are being added from time to time

and as recognition is given a fleet charter is presented to each. If you have a boat eligible to race with any of these fleets, get in touch with the fleet captains, whose names and addresses are given.

- No. 1 *Dallas, Texas.*
Pat Tohms, 5455 Bonita Street, Dallas, Texas.
- No. 2 *San Pedro, California.*
Walter D. Staaf, 4225 Raymond, Los Angeles, California.
- No. 3 *Central Long Island Sound.*
Gus Ljunglof, 39 Penfield Place, Bridgeport, Connecticut.
- No. 4 *Sea Cliff, Long Island.*
Frank W. Campbell, 91 Shepherd Street, Rockville Center, New York.
- No. 5 *Detroit, Michigan.*
Carroll C. Ellis, 766 Vinewood Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.
- No. 6 *Western Long Island Sound*
W. F. Crosby, 9 Murray Street, New York City.
- No. 7 *San Francisco, California.*
William Weaver, 950 The Alameda, San Jose, California.
- No. 8 *The Pacific Northwest.*
Dr. A. Holmes Johnson, 418 Medical Arts Bldg., Portland, Oregon.
- No. 9 *Southern Florida.*
Henry S. Thompson, Box 950, Miami, Florida.
- No. 10 *South Boston Yacht Club.*
William Gabele, South Boston Y. C., South Boston, Massachusetts.
- No. 11 *Chicago, Illinois.*
R. K. MacFadden, 620 Linden Avenue, Wilmette, Illinois.
- No. 12 *Waco, Texas.*
C. Reed Compton, 927 N. 22nd Street, Waco, Texas.
- No. 13 *Royal Cinque Ports Yacht Club.*
J. Mannering, 4 Camden Crescent, Dover, England.
- No. 14 *Oklahoma City Yacht Club.*
Dr. E. C. Green, Oklahoma City Gas & Electric Co., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
- No. 15 *Barnegat Bay.*
Thomas V. Siddons, Island Heights, New Jersey.
- No. 16 *Denton, Texas.*
William Loveless, Texas State College for Women, Denton, Texas.
- No. 17 *Lake Mohawk, New Jersey.*
Morgan Reichner, 30 Sutton Place, New York, New York.
- No. 18 *The Argentine.*
Max S. Dorado, Pueyrredon 2324, Buenos Aires, The Argentine.
- No. 19 *Oshkosh, Wisconsin.*
Harry Lund, foot of Nebraska Street, Oshkosh, Wisconsin.
- No. 20 *Richmond Yacht Club.*
William Williams, 1314 Talbot Avenue, Berkeley, California.
- No. 21 *Santa Monica, California.*
P. H. Martin, 1221 Amherst Ave., West Los Angeles, Cal.
- No. 22 *Balboa-Newport, California.*
Walter Coursen, 2234 Chiselhurst Drive, Los Angeles, California.
- No. 23 *Northern Ireland.*
Marquis of Londonderry, Snipe Sailing Club, Whiterock Lake, County Down, Northern Ireland.

Remember, these are only the recognized fleets. There are many others and a considerable number of organized but inactive fleets have been dropped until they show signs of life. Others which are now in process of formation will be taken into the association as soon as they are definitely formed.

The Royal Vancouver Yacht Club of Vancouver, British Columbia, reports that at least six Snipes will be built and raced there.

The very active Southern California fleets are still at it. The latest is that the Santa Monica fleet is sending no less than seven boats to the Midwinter Regatta. It is probable that the California State Championship will be held at Santa Monica. On February 3 and 4 the first inter-fleet races were held for the Werner Callies Trophy. This race was between the Los Angeles Harbor fleet and the Santa Monica fleet. Results will come later. All unattached Snipes are requested to join either of these two fleets. The fleets held a dinner on February 23. Commodore Merle Davis' new Snipe is No. 600. It will be jet black and will be named Sambo. In future all Snipes will be referred to by name if possible. If your boat has a name please let us know.

The Lake Michigan Yachting Association in a recent meeting gave the Snipe class full recognition and has recommended the class to a number of clubs. The first to take official action in the matter was the Northport Yacht Club, where a whole flock of Snipes are to be put in commission next summer. The Chicago fleet, which has always been somewhat inactive, will probably be reorganized. R. K. MacFadden, the present fleet captain, has been willing enough, but could not spare the time, and it is more than likely that Ian Mackenzie, Chicago naval architect, will take hold of things until they are well under way. Mr. Mackenzie is also secretary of the Lake Michigan Yachting Association. There are dozens of registered boats in the vicinity, many of which are probably anxious to race.

A number of yacht clubs on the West Coast of Florida have accepted Snipe as a one-design class and are proceeding at once to organize. More will be heard later on from these boats. In this respect, many of the builders of Snipe among this group decided to use wooden center-boards. They were advised that such procedure was against the rules. One of the reasons why this was made a rule was simply because Snipe with a wooden board is not stable enough to really stand up and take it when it blows. If a number of Snipes were equipped with wooden boards, they would soon establish a reputation for unseaworthiness which would injure the class. With the wooden board, the boat is not as fast and not as seaworthy and cannot be driven hard in a race without danger of capsizing. The board must be of metal either 3/16 inch thick or 1/4 inch thick. Iron, brass, bronze, Muntz metal, Monel metal or any kind of metal may be used.

Professionals continue to enter the lists and among the builders we find Samuel W. Handley of Nyack-on-Hudson, New York, who is building either complete Snipes or knock down parts for same. The Milton Point Boat Yard at Rye, New York, is also about to enter as a builder of complete Snipes. One of the largest boat building concerns in the country may bring out Snipes as a standardized boat, but no definite announcement can be made yet. No. 357 from the West Coast has been sold and her owner, A. Westermark, has bought the yawl *Hermione*, which will be used as a mother ship for the L. A. Harbor fleet. No. 172 and No. 192 have also changed hands.

Point scores for qualified boats follow:

G. I. Pout, England, 12	Gipsy	1586 5/6
Wm. Carnegie, Detroit, 6	Woogie	1586 5/6
F. Gunn, Oklahoma City, 6	Boreas	1574
H. S. Thompson, Miami, 22	Barbara	1557 9/11
J. Conklin, Sea Cliff, 11	John Doe	1556 10/11
C. E. Smith, W.L.I.S., 6	No. 327	1547 2/3
J. Mannering, England, 17	Shadow	1544 6/17
Walter Staafl, Los Angeles, 19	No. 163	1520 14/19
Nelson North, Sea Cliff, 11	Guttersnipe	1505 9/11
Bill Bracey, Dallas, 14	Pole Star	1489 3/7
L. B. Jones, Dallas, 8	Mary Vee	1485
H. E. Isaacks, Dallas, 14	Evangeline	1462 3/7
E. S. Thibault, Miami, 11	MinSnipa	1459 3/11
W. F. Crosby, W.L.I.S., 6	Snipe	1459 1/6
J. R. Steele, Oklahoma City, 6	Isobel	1457 5/6
E. S. Baker, Detroit, 5	Rednose	1456 3/5
R. Spurrell, Los Angeles, 19	Olitra	1453 17/19
H. R. Preston, Miami, 10	Lois	1453 3/10
F. M. Ellsworth, W.L.I.S., 6	Imp	1446 1/3
H. Steinbrecher, Detroit, 6	Pirate II	1420 1/3

Donald Lapp, Miami, 20	Naughty Lady	1412 9/20
A. C. Rusack, England, 17	Monk	1410 2/17
J. B. Brickell, Miami, 10	Silver Heels	1408 9/10
H. Goff, Oklahoma City, 5	Jane	1401
H. T. Corson, Detroit, 6	Jane	1394 2/3
H. B. Houston, Dallas, 7	Narca Neith	1390 5/7
Dr. Ivie, Los Angeles, 7	Native	1387 5/7
Dr. C. H. Adamson, England, 14	Dolphin	1387 3/14
C. C. Ellis, Detroit, 5	Donez	1385 1/5
W. R. Williamson, England, 11	Rikki-Tikki	1377 1/11
A. O. Lohrke, Sea Cliff, 7	Skippy	1371 4/7
W. A. Tomlinson, W.L.I.S., 5	Bozo	1356
J. M. Martin, Dallas, 8	Silver Spray	1352
Francis Downs, Miami, 13	Spiffy	1351
Dr. J. R. Richardson, England, 9	Gurnet	1347 5/9
V. Cotter, Los Angeles, 12	No. 313	1341 11/12
S. H. Leigh, England, 12	Fenella II	1341 5/12
Karl Kohler, W.L.I.S., 5	No. 128	1330
F. W. Campbell, Sea Cliff, 9	Spray	1331 2/3
W. Ribble, Oklahoma City, 5	Uhlan	1326 4/5
G. S. Kelley, Jr., Sea Cliff, 11	Imp	1323
R. E. Collins, Miami, 15	Callas	1322 13/15
T. H. Young, Sea Cliff, 11	Black Arrow	1320 9/11
Tom Calvert, Miami, 7	Blue Devil	1319 5/7
J. Delahay, England, 9	Buta	1301
Gus Frias, Los Angeles, 18	No. 355	1295 7/18
A. Angus, Los Angeles, 13	Sun Dot	1288 4/13
C. Woodman, Dallas, 9	Georgia W.	1280 2/3
W. S. Bell, Sea Cliff, 10	Mrs. Joe	1271
John Bullen, Miami, 10	Gay B.	1269
W. Nordland, W.L.I.S., 5	No. 391	1268 2/5
E. I. Gibson, Miami, 5	Stardust	1255 4/5
Don Williams, Los Angeles, 17	No. 300	1249 5/17
A. A. Young, Sea Cliff, 11	Gnat	1181 6/11
F. Edmonds, Sea Cliff, 7	No. 439	1160 4/7
J. C. Terry, Dallas, 7	Star Dust	1147 2/7
J. R. G. Hardy, W.L.I.S., 5	Taeping	1145 4/9

As can be seen, we have given the names of boats in place of racing numbers except where names are unknown. The Oklahoma City Yacht Club point scores have been included also. The official racing season for the year ends on March 31, the new season starting on the following day.

The Minneford Yacht Yard at City Island has offered the full facilities of the yard to Snipes that are shipped to Long Island Sound for the internationals in August. According to Gene Rowan, Snipes may be put overboard, hauled out or moored off the yard for the races without charge. However, if repairs, painting, etc., are necessary a small charge must be made. Boats being shipped to take part in the internationals should be sent directly to Minneford's. The yard is about six miles from the course.

The Southern California Snipe fleets are well dated up for many months to come, according to dope sent in by Paul H. Martin, editor of *The Scupper*, mimeographed Snipe news published for the benefit of the boys out there. There will be team races between the Harbor fleet and the Santa Monica fleet at Cabrillo Beach in March. On April 15 the Harbor fleet starts the spring series which run until June 3. June 26 is the last day for registration for the Catalina race, inspection on June 29 and on June 30 at eight a. m., the race starts off San Pedro Light. The midsummer series will start on July 14 and will continue for two days. Each two day series will be run on July 21 and 22 and July 28 and 29. August 11, 12 and 13 are the dates of the Santa Barbara regatta, at which time the championship of Southern California will be fought out. Further dates will be published from time to time.

Lack of space prevents listing all the new boats registered since last month. Forty-five new registrations have come in from widely scattered areas mostly. A new fleet has registered en masse from the Northport Yacht Club in Michigan with eleven actual registrations and nine additional numbers reserved for future use. Another boat has been registered from Miami, making eleven in all and another boat in Hawaii gives a total of three toward their divisional fleet. New numbers have also been assigned to boats in Norwalk, Connecticut, giving the new Stamford fleet about seven boats in all. The Western Long Island Sound fleet has also received several new boats giving a total of 677 boats at this writing. This makes an average for the month of one and a half new boats every day.