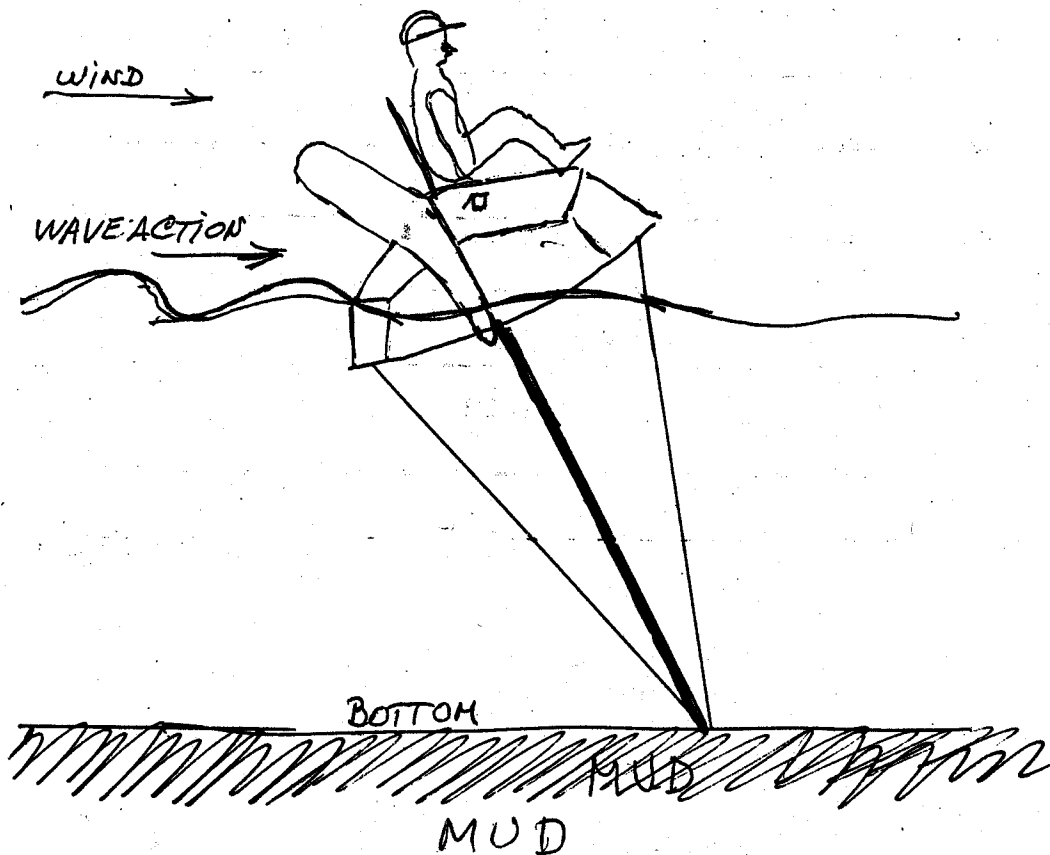


## IMPORTANT SAFETY TIPS FOR SNIPE NEWCOMERS

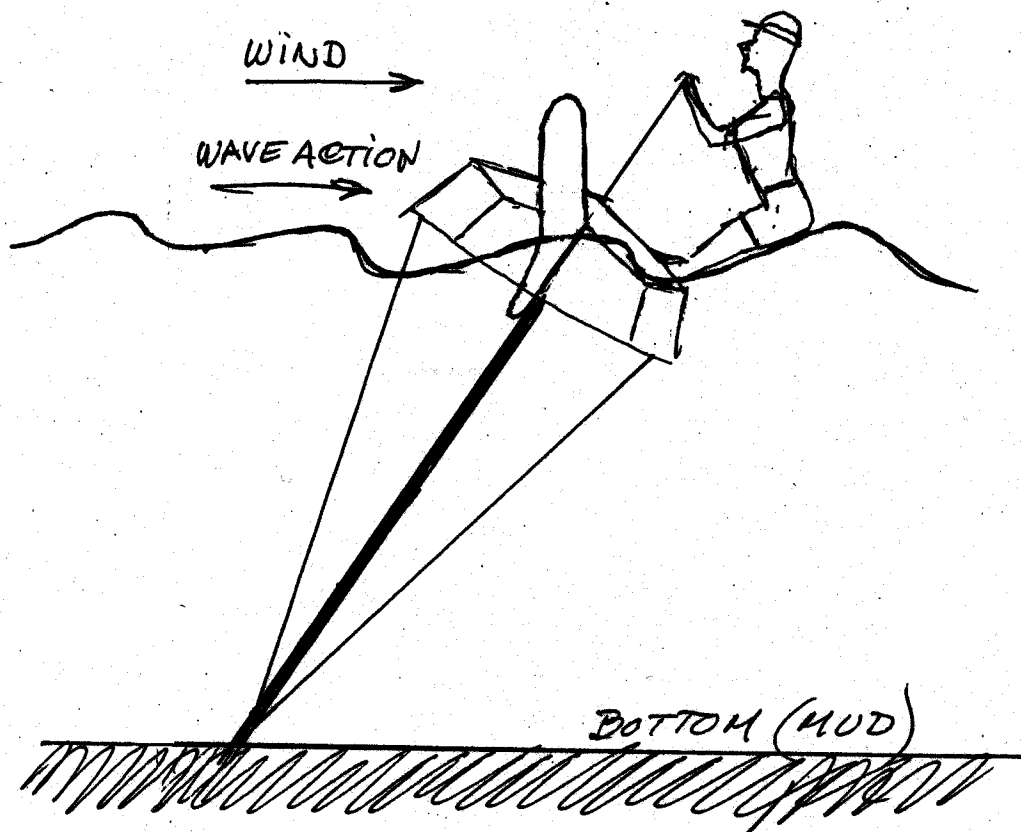
- 1.- DO NOT GO OUT IN THE SNIPE UNLESS IT IS BLOWING LESS THAN 15 MILES. TO VENTURE INTO HIGHER WINDS. PLEASE. WAIT UNTIL YOU HAVE A YEAR OF EXPERIENCE UNDER YOUR BELT AND AN EXPERIENCED CREW.
- 2.- BE SURE TO TIE YOUR BOARD WITH THE SAFETY ROPE EVERY TIME THAT YOU GO OUT!! THE ROPE HAS TO BE DOING THE JOB EVERY TIME BEFORE YOU SAIL AWAY. MAKE SURE THAT THE ROPE IS ADJUSTED IN SUCH A WAY THAT THE BOARD WILL NOT COME OUT OF THE CENTERBOARD TRUNK WHEN LIFTED AND TILTED (FORWARD AND AFT) ALL THE WAY OUT.
- 3.- LEARN WHAT TO DO IF YOU FLIP AND YOUR MAST GETS STUCK IN THE MUD. YOU AND YOUR CREW MUST JUMP IN THE WATER AS SOON AS YOU REALIZE THAT THE TOP OF THE MAST IS UNDER THE WATER AND SWIM THE BOAT AROUND UNTIL THE HULL IS LEEWARD OF THE MAST. YOU AND YOUR CREW MUST PRY HARD ON THE CENTERBOARD END UNTIL THE MAST IS LEVELED WITH THE WATER. THEN YOU ARE READY TO BRING THE BOAT UP. MAKE SURE THAT THE CREW IS READY TO HOLD ON TO THE EDGE OF THE COCKPIT. ON THE LOWER SIDE. TO STOP THE BOAT FROM ROLLING OVER!! AS YOU GO ABOUT ON ALL ABOVE. PLEASE. KEEP AN EYE ON THE OPENED BAILER. STAY AWAY FROM IT!! ON THE FIRST CHANCE PUNCH IT CLOSE. AVOID THE OPENED BAILER. IT CAN CAUSE SERIOUS CUTS!!

PLEASE. FOLLOW THESE BASIC SAFETY RULES. I KNOW YOU ARE ANXIOUS TO USE YOUR SNIPE BUT THINK HOW MANY BEAUTIFUL SAILING DAYS IN BISCAYNE BAY YOU HAVE AHEAD OF YOU AND DO NOT RISK TO TAKE A NASTY EXPERIENCE ON A WINDY DAY!!!!!!



This Snipe Sailor is waisting his time!! As soon as you flip, if the top of the mast is down, pointing towards the bottom, look around, if the wind and the wave action is driving the mast into the bottom (mast leeward of the hull) first thing to do is to SWIM THE BOAT AROUND. Don't waste any time!! To swim the boat around (and I hope you wearing your life jackets!!) you and your crew must swim to the transom of the boat (this is a good opportunity to punch open your transom holes if you have them covered) and push or pull in the direction that you see closest to position the hull leeward of the mast. Wind direction and wave action will clearly indicate which way to go!!

Close your bailer whenever you have a chance or get close to it. Punch it close!



This Snipe Sailor is doing much better!! You have to be patient and wait for the wind and wave action to help you unplug the mast from the mud. If a motor boat comes around in your help and pulls in the wrong direction, you will break your mast!! Be patient! If you decide to let the motor boat help you, make sure you tie a line under the deck, throw the line on top of the snipe hull in opposite direction of the mast and ask the motor boat to pull straight in the direction opposite to the mast (90 degrees to the hull).

Having your life jackets on during all this operation will really help!!