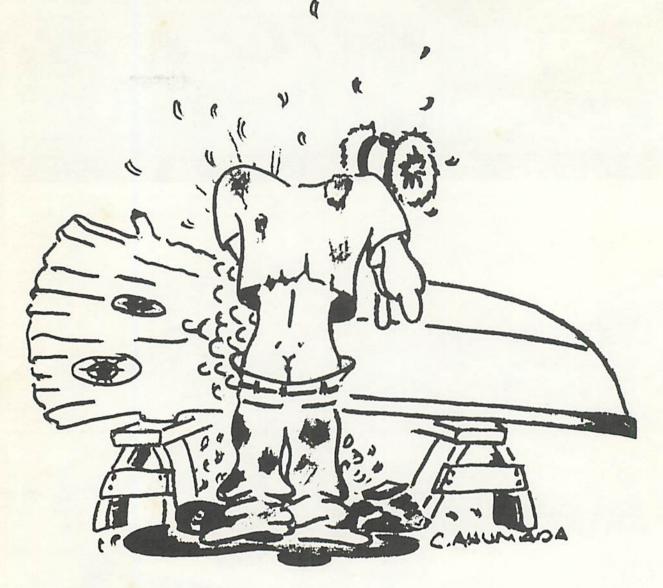


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3. Overtaking boat keeps clear.

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5. When not closehauled, if another boat tries to pass you to leeward, don't bear off; and whenever that boat actually overlaps you to leeward, keep clear of that boat's Proper Course, luffing as necessary.

6. When another boat tries to pass you to windward, you may luff him until he (right or wrongly) hails "Mast Abeam", at which moment you must stop luffing and bear off to a proper course for your next mark.

7. Don't tack or jibe too close. (And don't tack around a mark unless you would be able to tack and clear him if the mark were not there.)

8. Before you start, don't luff another boat suddenly – only slowly.

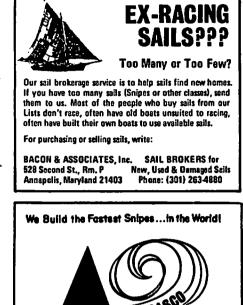
9. At the start, don't "barge". (Means don't try to squeeze in between a starting mark and a boat to leeward of you.)

10. Give plenty of room to any boats between you and a turning mark on the course; or between you and an obstruction.

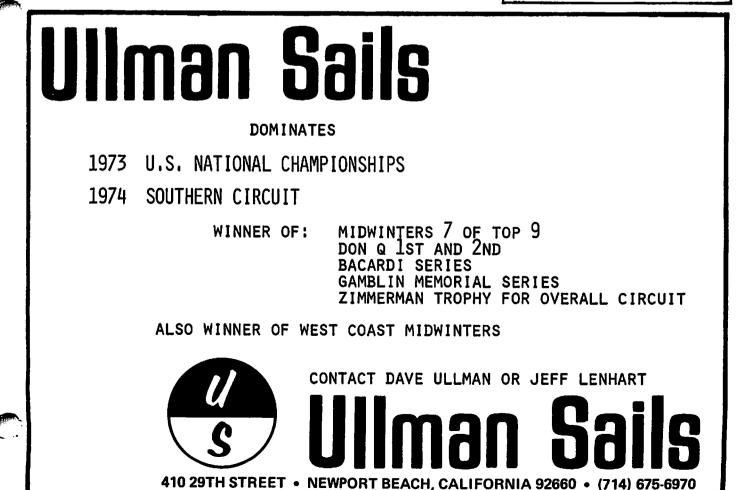
11. If recalled, keep clear of all boats that start properly. You have no rights at all over them until you are back on the "right" side of the starting line.

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## THE COVER

The cover photograph was taken by Peter Lundh, National Secretary for Sweden. Peter always has his eye out for the advantages of a Snipe. We do not know whether this is a sweet kiss of victory or whether this is a new down-wind go-fast. In any case, skipper C. H. Strom and crew Lena Bennegard seem to enjoy sailing a Snipe.

# Pan Am Trials Slated October 10-13

The U.S. Elimination Series for the Pan American Games will be held October 10 through 13 at Lake Fort Gibson, Oklahoma, sailing from Western Hills Lodge. A seven race series will be scheduled. Steve Taylor will be Race Committee Chairman.

The Pan Am Games will be held in Sao Paulo, Brazil in the latter part of May 1975. This is home waters for Flavio Caiuby, Vice Secretary for the Western Hemisphere. He states: "No wind until 2 PM. Then south from 6 to 12 miles per hour until 6 PM. Shifts of 15 degrees and waves up to 1.5 feet. Air temperature 68 degrees and water 57 degrees." This is a lake with several open areas at least 1-3/4 miles in diameter. The competition will be limited to one boat per country and this should give 10 to 12 boats on the line.

Entries to the eliminations must have, in the last three years (1972, 1973, 1974), met one of the following:

1. Qualified for Heinzerling Series in the U.S. Nationals.

2. Placed in the top 5 in a District Championship.

3. Placed in the top 3 in a sanctioned regatta.

A maximum of 8 entries from each district will be allowed to sail and the District Governor will make the selections. And only those who actually intend to go to Brazil if they win, should apply. In order to limit measuring to sails and weighing, only boats with class certificates or green cards will be allowed.

If you can meet these qualifications and would like to enter the series, send a letter to your district governor and also a copy to Stu Griffing, 1087 Meredith Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45231.

Entry forms will be in the hands of district governors August 1, and entries close August 25th.

## THOUGHTS WHILE SAILING

One frequently hears complaints (usually loud) about what miserable courses a race committee has set out for them. They also point out various violations of the rules on the part of the race committee. Obviously, courses that do not provide windward legs, too short courses, errors in timing, moving the starting line within two minutes of the start, etc. do not make for good competitive sailing. What causes this consternation?

Most skippers would rather sail, so frequently race committees consist of the uninitiated. And sometimes even the skippers are not experienced at running races. There is no question that the wind conditions are such that even the best race committees have troubles. Often the race committee gets behind the schedule and tries to get the required number of races, regardless of the consequences. On occasion the race committee and the sailors become adversaries. How do we improve this?

The first thing to recognize is that we usually get what we ask for. If we put up with shoddy courses this is what we will continue to get. If we expect good courses we will get them. However, it will not come automatically. As with everything else there is no such thing as a free lunch; we have to put forth some effort.

For gross violations one can always protest the race committee. But, there are not many rules one can rely on. Part II, Management of Races in the NAYRU or IYRU Rule Book is only 10 pages long

## THE SCORE

Finland led the list this month with a request for 20 numbers. This is a total of 70 in less than a year - a fine show of growth. The U.S. took 16 numbers with 10 for Denmark and 1 for Canada. This is a total of 47 for the month.

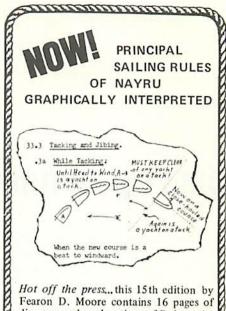
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and only a small portion is devoted to the actual mechanics such as signals, changing courses, etc. The requirements for local point-score races specify only length of course and even this is not set out in the Rules for Sanctioned Regattas. (This was done purposefully since conditions vary from one location to another.) Even if you find a rule you have to have proof.As the old saying goes - there is only one correct watch on the course and it is on the RC boat.

It seems to me the better approach is to try to educate race committees. They should understand that their purpose is to be of service to the sailors rather than consider their job a chore to be dispatched with greatest haste. Perhaps, the fleet can appoint a permanent RC advisory committee to consult with the person running the race committee for that day. Having a couple of experienced

skippers consult with the RC on the course can be very helpful. Egos get involved so it follows that this should be handled with utmost diplomacy. If things deteriorate beyond this someone can be empowered to approve whether a particular race is to be considered official. This probably will never be necessary since with a bit of effort, courses should improve.

Which reminds me of the situation at a recent regatta. The fleet drifted out on the water and were waiting for the wind to come up. A ferocious-looking squall appeared bringing some wind. The squall was heading directly towards the fleet but the RC fired the 10 minute gun. At which over half the fleet headed toward the docks. Within a couple of minutes most of the fleet had left. The RC finally abandoned the race. "They got the message".



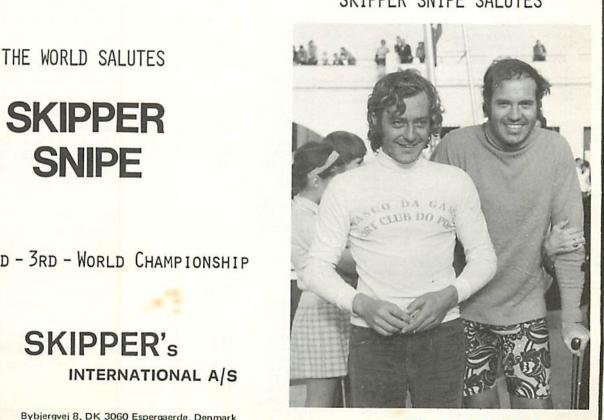
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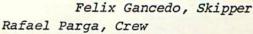
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# **Ohio Open, Riff Raff Regatta Attract 61 Entries**

The annual RIFF RAFF REGATTA was held at Cowan Lake, Ohio on June 8 and 9. Sixty-one Snipes competed in two fleets. The "A" fleet included many of the top District 3 sailors as this year the regatta was also the Ohio Open Championship.

With all members of the host fleet wearing their RIFF RAFF REGATTA T-shirts, the first of the three Saturday races began at 1:00 p.m. A 4-8 mph, shifty wind beneath cloudy skies prevailed throughout the race. Jerry Thompson from Akron worked his way past local sailmaker Bob Rowland to finish first with John Johns from Ann Arbor second. In the B fleet, Greg Gust from Muncie was first, followed by James Hill (Acton Lake) in a new gold Eichenlaub and Peter Keen, local fleet captain, was third.

Rain began to fall between races and lasted throughout the second race. The winds were very steady and continued to blow from the south-southwest at 7-9 mph. With boat speed most important, Jerry Thompson again showed the way with Steve Klotz, State College, PA, in his wood boat second and Tim Prince from the host fleet third. Hill and Gust traded positions in the B fleet and local sailor

#### RIFF RAFF REGATTA – A FLEET (Top 20 of 34 Entries)

Boat	Skipper	Club	Places	Points	Finish	
17387	Jerry Thompson	Akron	1-1-12-1	18	1	
20007	Bob Rowland	Cowan Lake	3-5-4-3	29.4	2	
20006	John Johns	Ann Arbor	2-8-11-2	37	3	
20707	Terry Timm	Ann Arbor	6-6-5-4	41.4	4	
16228	Steve Klotz	State College, Pa.	4-2-1-DNF	43	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	
19267	Don Hite	Detroit	16-4-3-6	47.4	6	
19487	Tim Prince	Cowan Lake	10-3-9-9-	51.7	7	
21008	Jim Richter	Indianapolis	13-15-11-10	55.7	8	
18502	Steve Sherman	Muncie	5-10-2-21	56		
20908	Berkley Duck	Indianapolis	15-13-7-7	66	10	
17147	Donald Showers	Lansing	19-7-16-13	79	11	
21119	Buz Levinson	Indianapolis	12-16-22-8	82	12	
20307	Judy Corliss	Lansing	14-14-18-16	86	13	
15400	Dick Crookston	Kalamazoo	7-30-13-15	89	14	
18315	Dan Blodgett	Indianapolis	17-17-19-11	89	15	
16734	Mark Schoenberger	Cowan Lake	23-12-14-17	90	16	
13020	Paul Dovey	Indianapolis	9-15-10-DNS	92	17	
19339	Jim Menzies	Cowan Lake	26-19-15-14	98	18	
19062	Mike Zalzal	Acton Lake	8-25-8-DNS	99	19	
20004	Lee Griffith	Acton Lake	24-20-22-12	102	20	
		FF REGATTA – B H op 15 of 27 Entries)	LEET			

Boat	Skipper	Club	Places	Points	Finish	
21120	James Hill	Acton Lake	2-1-1-2	6	1	
21109	Greg Gust	Ft. Wayne	1-2-2-1	6	2	
20536	Peter Keen	Cowan	3-4-3-5	29.4	3	
20001	Lane Griffing	Cincinnati	4-9-9-3	43.7	4	
17170	Bob Langefels	Acton Lake	8-6-5-4	43.7	4	
13303	Bill Doherty	Chippewa	9-5-4-9	48	6	
19268	John Bruan	Cincinnati	5-11-10-6	54.7	7	
15168	Skip Criddle	Cincinnati	12-8-7-7	58	8	
19427	Tom Lewis	Cincinnati	7-13-11-8	63	8 9	
19425	Tom O'Flaherty	Cincinnati	15-3-6-DNS	69.4	10	
18391	Richard Richter	Cincinnati	10-14-15-12	75	11	
19361	Roy Guthrie	Richmond	6-10-13-DNS	77.7	12	
9900	Bob Forsman	Akron	11-7-12-DNS	79	13	
11795	Earl Purtee	Richmond	17-12-16-11	80	14	
16821	Bill Flack	Cincinnati	13-18-19-10	84	15	

Tom O'Flaherty was third.

The course for the third race was promptly set as the rain stopped and the wind lightened. The wind shifted to the south making the last leg a reach, and Jerry Thompson was sacked for a 12th place in the race won by Steve Klotz with Muncie's Steve Sherman second and District 3 regatta leader, Don Hite, third. Hill and Gust, in that order for the second time, led the B fleet with Peter Keen third again.

A great party followed cocktails and charcoal grilled steaks after which Arne Lundmark went hoarse calling Bingo. (He was still going strong the next morning until he broke his aluminum mast off at the deck). Most of the sailors, including many locals, camped out at the Club's expanded facilities.

Sunday morning was sunny and the wind was 10-18 mph, with gusts to 30 mph. White caps and rolling waves added to the challenge of the brisk west-southwest wind. The race committee, still favoring the athletes in the fleet, signalled three times around the triangle and about five crews took unscheduled swims. Jerry Thompson was first, capturing the Ohio Open, Acton (first from Ohio in Ohio Open) and the Riff Raff Trophy. John Johns was second, Bob Rowland Third and Terry Timm of Ann Arbor fourth.

Matching his first race performance, Gust won the B fleet with James Hill second to tie for first place in the Series. Fleet Captain, Peter Keen was 3rd, Lane Griffing, with his father Stu (S.C.I.R.A. Vice Commodore) as crew, was 4th and, Bob Langefels was fifth.

Many commented that the trophies, designed and made by Peter Keen, were the nicest ever seen at any regatta. After a quick-paced, exciting weekend, tents, boats, cars and the traditional souvenir beer mugs were packed and everyone was on their way shortly after noon.

John Eilers Cowan Lake Fleet 433



Jerry and Nancy Thompson pose with trophies won in the Ohio State Open, the Acton Trophy (first Ohio boat in the Ohio State Open) and Riff Raff Regatta.

# **Coberly Wins Governor's Cup at Island Bay**

The merit of scheduling three races the first day of a weekend regatta proved itself at Springfield, Illinois, during the Governors Cup Regatta. Saturday, June 1, was a beautiful sunny day with 75 degree temperature and 12 to 20 knot winds. Three races were easily completed with races one and two back to back at 12 noon and 2 p.m. The third race started at 4 o'clock and all boats were off the lake by 5:30.

Sunday morning, June 2, was also a beautiful day with 75 to 80 degree temperature and zero degree wind. Races scheduled at 10 and 12 were cancelled permitting early trophy presentation -a

break for those travelling greater distances.

Twenty-eight boats from five states participated. Bill Coberly won top honors with a 2-1-1 score. Lee Reichart finished second with 1-8-3. Steve Barb won third place with a 3-5-4. Phil Peterson was the host fleet's top scorer earning a fourth place; Steve Holderman from Muncie took fifth.

The sailors and their families enjoyed cocktails and shrimp dinner at IBYC's beautiful club house on Saturday night. Bob Donath

Island Bay Fleet No. 91

GOVERNOR'S CUP REGATTA (Top 15 of 28 Entries)						
	Boat	Skipper	Places	Points	Finish	
	18886	Bill Coberly	2-1-1	3	1	
	16796	Lee Reichart	1-8-3	19.7	2	
	21106	Steve Barb	3-5-4	23.7	3	
	13026	Phil Peterson	10-4-2	27	4	
	21114	Steve Holdeman	5-7-5	33	5	
	20302	Christopher Stump Jr.	7-3-9	33.7	6	
	18887	Tom Sly	11-11-6	45.7	ž	
	20880	Frank Vincent	12-10-7	47	8	
	19718	Brian Sherry	6-15-11	49.7	9	
	19432	Dave Chapin	4-16-14	50	10	
	15400	Dick Crookston	8-2-29	51	11	
	19794	Marvin Lee	20-6-10	53.7	12	
	18647	Jim Pyott	13-12-12	55	13	
	18043	Clifford Lynch	14-18-8	58	14	
	20821	Elinore Shames	9-14-18	59	15	



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Action at the mark during the Lansing Grand Opening Regatta.

# John Johns Repeats As Lansing Opener Winner

John Johns did it again this year, repeating as winner of the Grand Opening of the Season Sail at Lake Lansing May 18 and 19. After the first two races, it appeared he might make it as clean a sweep as last year when he was virtually never challenged. In the first two this year, he was first at the weather mark on the Olympic courses. Dick Schmidt was close behind, but not quite close enough to take the lead at any time. By the end of each race, Johns was well ahead.

During the break between the 2nd and 3rd races Bill Ticknor of Gull Lake, recently returned to the Snipe Class after many years elsewhere, asked Johns about the persistent wrinkles in Tichnor's sails. With Johns' excellent advice, Tichnor was able to beat him, and everyone else, to the first windward mark in race 3. Johns soon regained his composure and the lead, however, and went on to win.

Though the skies threatened all day Saturday, no rain fell during the races and winds held steady at 10 to 12 mph. The only wet contestants were accidental swimmers, including a pair from Chicago who amazed the local sailors with the discovery of a new deep spot – deep enough to turn turtle.

Sunday brought the first sunny day in May to Michigan. Winds were steady, 10 to 12 mph, shifting from NE to E.

Johns got his usual good start in the first race with Schmidt and several others close behind. The tussle for 4th and 5th places was close throughout the regatta, changing at virtually every mark. Meanwhile Johns was widening the margin with another first.

Even the best of them get caught



Top six skippers and their crews at the Lansing regatta.

barging. Johns did in the final race and could not make it all up in just four legs. Schmidt got the lead early and held it all the way, somehow overcoming the frustrations of the weed patches. Although the attendance was down from last year, the smaller turnout had some advantage – the keg never did run out. Judy Corliss

Fleet Captain, Lansing Fleet No. 601

### LANSING GRAND OPENING REGATTA (Top 15 of 25 Entries)

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Places	Points	Finish
20006	John Johns/Pamela Johns	1-1-1-5	10	1
19388	Dick Schmidt/Gwen Gordon	2-2-2-2-1	12	2
20307	Judy Corliss/George Corliss	3-5-3-7-2	37.4	2 3
20881	Bob Borer/Katarina Borer	9-4-9-9-6	64.7	4
20992	George Drake/Michele Drake	11-11-8-3-9	68.9	5
12099	Chuck Vreeland/Cherie Kuizema	7-9-11-15-3	71.7	6
19794	Marvin Lee/Cindy Lee	19-3-10-14-4	74.7	7
19740	Steve Smith/Betty Smith	5-7-14-10-13	78	8
17215	Tick Ticknor/Fred Vanstrean	16-8-6-5-15	78.7	9
17515	Bill Ticknor/Steve Krum	8-12-7-11-12	80	10
17513	Harrt Drake/Debbie Maas	10-15-5-16-7	82	11
		6-13-4-13-20	83.7	12
18046	Harrold Spicknall/Betty Spicknall	17-14-12-4-14	89	13
17147	Don Showers/Barb Showers	13-10-13-18-10	94	14
16957	Mark Spicknall/Mike Harvey		1.5.1.5.1	15
18910	Joe Panian/Darlene Panian	4-17-DNS-12-11	90	15

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Champions Marco Paradeda and Herber Heidrich of Brazil (F. Ashby photo)

# Brazilian Snipers Dominate VI South Atlantic Championship

Olivos, Argentina was the site of the sixth South Atlantic Championship April 6th through 13th. Brazil dominated the action, taking the top six places in the 65 boat fleet. Marco Paradeda was first followed by fellow countrymen Ostergrin, Piccolo, Bier, Ramos and Franzen in that order. Uruguay's Horacio Pastori broke in at seventh and Argentine National Champion Louis Orella was 8th. Chili also was represented by three boats at the regatta.

Fredrick T. Ashby, National Secretary for Argentina, received a special commendation for the excellence of organization of this regatta from Admiral Vago, President of the Argentine Yachting Federation.



Horacio Pastori of Uruguay (above) and the Orella/Soiza team from Argentina. (F. Ashby photo)





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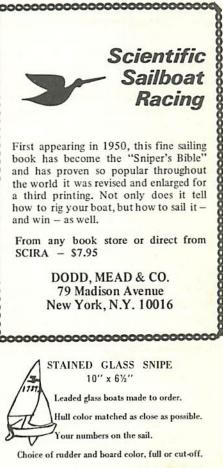
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# Van Wesley Wins Light-Air **District IV Series**

Twenty-year-old Van Wesley, Privateer Yacht Club, with crew Karen Gregory, put together an impressive 2-2-1 series to win the District IV Championship June 8-9 at Florida Yacht Club on the St. John's River. Bruce Cochran, Clearwater was second with 1-5-4, and Bob Cook, also of Clearwater was third with 3-1-11. John David McGowan, Jackson, MS won the Hook Junior Trophy.

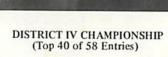
The weather dominated the regatta for the 58 boat fleet to the point that it appeared for a while there wouldn't be a regatta. On Saturday the fleet drifted out to the starting area and waited for wind to start a race. The wind, the ten minute gun and lightning and thunder arrived at the same time. At the five minute gun, the race committee abandoned the race and the fleet (many of whom had already abandoned on their own) reached back over the two miles to the clubhouse. Because storms threatened to continue for the entire afternoon further racing for the day was called off at 4:30 with the announcement that the races on Sunday would start at 9:00.

Sunday morning was hot and still. The tide was running out and the crab pot buoys added a special hazard to the course. In the shifting, vacillating, winds it was impossible to get a line and course set before a change became necessary. Finally, at about 10:30 a start was made and a shortened race of one triangle plus a windward leg was completed.

This race was followed immediately by a second race which after several recalls got off to a slow start and was finished at the end of one triangle.

As the third race started, a little breeze had come up, and the entire Olympic course was completed by those who remained for the bitter end. There were a good many drop-outs as it was after 3:00 before this race was finished and boats had left the dock before 8:00.

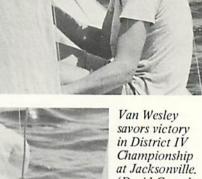
> Marge Lamb Privateer Fleet 142



Van Wesley savors victory in District IV Championship at Jacksonville. (David Cox photo)

"We got a fourth!" Pat Slaughter of Clearwater exclaims the fact to husband John. (David Cox photo)

Boat	Skipper	Club/Town	Places	Points	Finish
11468	Van Wesley	PYC	2-2-1	6	1
20221	Bruce Cochran	Clearwater	1-5-4	18	
16104	Bob Cook	Clearwater	3-1-11	22.7	2 3 4
21544	Augie Diaz	Miami	15-3-2	29.7	4
19056	Brad McFadden	AYC	8-7-7	40	5
19091	Pete Duvoisin	PYC	10-6-17	50.7	5
7428	Buzz Lamb	PYC	19-9-6	51.7	7
20002	Bruce Colyer	Miami	16-20-3	53.7	8
19437	Dick Tillman	Orlando	13-16-8	55	9
19387	Francis Seavy	Clearwater	9-25-10	62	10
20231	John Slaughter	Clearwater	4-27-15	62	11
19795	Don Cochran	Clearwater	14-28-9	69	12
12884	Means Davis	AYC	25-8-19	70	13
20304	Bob Dean	Ft. Myers	6-34-14	71	14
18424	Danny Miles	Jacksonville	18-15-20	71	15
19844	Bryson Lesley	PYC	11-18-25	72	16
19896*	John David McGowan	Jackson	31-4-22	73	17
16995	Dan Brown	Miami	38-14-5	74	18
19020	Bill Simons	PYC	5-45-12	79	19
20427	Milo Vega	Tampa	17-23-21	79	20
20262	Albert Lamar	Jackson	23-13-28	82	21
16853	Charlie Fowler	Miami	29-22-13	82	22
21112	Herb West	AYC	27-17-24	86	23
20629	Andy Fox	Jacksonville	20-31-18	87	24
19747	Dan Williams	PYC	21-32-26	97	25
8569	Bo Cline	PYC	39-11-29	97	26
21101	Kerry Lamb	PYC	12-19-NF	103	27
20387	Sue Mitchell	Clearwater	22-14-27	108	28
20220	Scott Cline	PYC	26-43-23	110	29
20309	Fred Spriggs	Valdosta	40-24-30	112	30
19489	John Mulhausen	AYC	34-10-NF	116	31
14789	Mark Swanson	Miami	36-49-16	119	32
19899	Ray Deschenes	Jacksonville	32-40-31	121	33
20827	Charles Batchelor	Jacksonville	42-21-42	123	34
10111	Gonzalo Diaz	Miami	7-46-NF	125	35
9123	Quin Dennis	Jackson	43-12-NF	127	36
20816	Gabby Bustamante	Miami	30-26-NF	128	37
20889	Bert Verwey	Jacksonville	33-48-32	131	38
20822	Bill Snowden	Atlanta Barefoot	24-38-NF	134	39
21001	Phil Blair	Clearwater	48-29-41	136	40
* Hook J	unior Trophy			150	10



# Sequoyah Invitational Held at Tulsa

The Sequoyah Yacht Club was host to the 34th Annual Sequoyah Invitational Regatta sailed June 1st & 2nd at Lake Yahola in Tulsa, Okla. The Otto Wiesener Memorial Trophy was won by Mike Choquette of Snipe Fleet 68 of Tulsa. Second place was taken by Lawrence Theriot also of Fleet 68, third place went to Martin Bebb of Tsa-La-Gi Yacht Club, Fleet 720. Steve Snider of Fleet 68 took fourth while Jim Bagley of Oklahoma City, Fleet 14, took fifth.

The first race, three triangles with a wind leeward windward course, was won by Mike Choquette, who got the lead at the start and never lost it. Scott De Arman was second and Martin Bebb third.

The same course was sailed for the second race, with the same wind conditions prevailing. Choquette again with a great start got the lead and crossed the finish line first, his lead never threatened. Steve Snider was second and I was third. Steve and I had a great tacking duel on the last beat to the finish line. Three boat lengths from the finish, I luffed Steve head to wind and fell back on starboard to cross the line. At that moment the wind chose to veer to the left and I was headed: Steve was lifted and crossed the line ahead of me. Jack Zink, broke away from the pack and closed fast to finish fourth.

After two races Choquette was first, De Arman second and Snider third. That evening Commodore Ed Butler presided over a fine dinner of roast beef and all the trimmings for the contestants provided by the Sequoyah Yacht Club.

If Saturday's races were a test for light wind techniques, Sunday was the final exam. The race committee took pity on us and shortened the course by one triangle. Choquette proved he could handle the agonizing zephyr-like wind and won the race to make it a clean sweep. I was second with Martin Bebb closing in to finish third. Scott De Arman suffered the greatest loss with a thirteenth finish, combined with a second and ninth dropped him out of second to eight overall. Lawrence Theriot

Sequoyah Yacht Club, Fleet 68



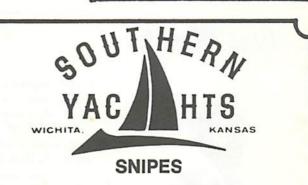
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### 34TH ANNUAL SEQUOYAH INVITATIONAL

Boat	Skipper	Club	Places	Points	Finish
17240	Mike Choquette	Sequoyah YC	1-1-1	0	1
19176	Lawrence Theriot	Sequoyah YC	8-3-2	22.7	2
15951	Martin Bebb	Tsa-La-Gi YC	3-8-3	25.4	3
19283	Steve Snider	Sequoyah YC	10-2-8	33	4
20249	Jim Bagley	Okla.City BC	6-5-7	34.7	5
17151	Bruce Hurst	Sequoyah YC	4-7-9	36	6
16492	Joe Cacoperdo	Sequoyah YC	9-6-5	36.7	7
14767	Scott De Arman	Sequoyah YC	2-9-13	37	8
17152	Jack Zink	Windycrest SC	14-4-6	39.7	9
19330	Bob Peugh	Wichita SC	13-11-4	44	10



Invitational winners, from left: front row, Mark Theriot, Barbara Raynolds, Vernon Moore, Kelly Davis, Jennifer Bagley; back row, Lawrence Theriot, Mike Choquette, Martin Bebb, Steve Snider, Jim Bagley.



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# **Bob Miller Tops District VII** Competition

DISTRICT VII CHAMPIONSHIP

Places

2-1-1-1

3-4-3-1

5-4-5-4

3-8-8-2

7-3-9-4

8-6-9-5

14-12-8-2

11-7-17-3

DSQ-7-6-7

DSQ-9-10-6

4-5-8-DNF

14-17-13-5 15-12-15-12

12-13-17-16

16-25-14-6

9-10-21-22

17-18-22-11

19-20-18-8

DNF-23-19-7

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(Top 20 of 28 Entries)

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The District VII championship was held at Clear Lake, Ca., on June 15 and 16th. Although Clear Lake does not quite live up to its name in clarity, it is a superb sailing lake. The winds for the first day's three races were a steady 12 mph building to 18 mph in the afternoon. The first race was a windward-leeward course. The second and third races were olympic triangles. There was ample wind in the

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afternoon for us all to enjoy planing. Saturday evening was a hit with the BYOM (bring your own meat) barbecue, which allowed time for good Snipe talk with good Snipe people.

Sunday's sailing was anything but that which was expected. Everything learned on Saturday had to be turned around as the wind did a 180° turn due to an approaching front. The beginning of the fourth race showed a steady 22 mph which made beating a supreme effort to keep the boat flat and running was like balancing a ball on a razor blade. The quality of the sailors showed as there were only two turn overs with both boats righting themselves and completing the race. As would be expected with the size of the lake and its depth there was considerable chop with the waves running in the area of 2 to 2 and 1/2 feet.

The winner of this series and hence the District VII Champ was Bob Miller and his wife Betsy who sailed an almost perfect 2-1-1-1. Second place went to Jack Huthsing with a 3-4-3-1 and the defending champ Jorge Brown picked up a third with a 1-2-2-10. The junior championship was won by Tryg Stratte. Anthony I. Picciano Gov. Dist. VII

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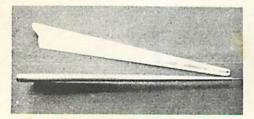
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### THE POWER OF THE PRESS

Don't underestimate it. A few months ago, I made some remarks about the Iowa-Nebraska fleet becoming prosperous, complacent, and not going to regattas. Five boats showed up from there at Wichita's Midwestern Championship last weekend. See what I mean?

They should feel that we appreciated their coming. Henry Davis took home first place, Paul Festersen, District 2 Governor took third. And we had real Regatta Weather – which by definition is anything not normal. In this case – that's good. It was cool (in the 80s Saturday, 70s Sunday) with a north wind Saturday of fifteen to twenty two. (We seldom have a north wind.)

On Sunday we had a wind from the north east for the first time ever at a regatta – something I have nightmares about. The longest beat is about a city block long and the docks are such that you can tie up about two boats conveniently. We had thirty-five. Also, I have often stated positively that our next drifter is not due until 1982 (we had one in 1946, one in 1958 and one in 1970). At the skippers meeting Sunday, it looked like 1982 had arrived a little early, but things picked up. The course was the standard plains states small lake X - in this case 11 beats and 10 reaches – starting with about 5 mph wind finishing with about 20.

### SAIL AWAY ABILITY TEST

In Wichita Saturday there were occasional sharp gusts - so infrequent that people were not sailing as cautiously there as normal, so there were a few capsizes; all boats involved recovered immediately without incident.

The real Capsize Championship and Sail Away Service Test occurred Sunday morning two weeks earlier at Lake Quivera near Kansas City, KS. You can always count on Quivera having either too little or too much wind and they had both – too little on Saturday and too much on Sunday. Saturday also had copious rain, thunder and lightning. In the first race it rained buckets, but no lightning. At the start of the second race, there was enough lightning and thunder around to convince me that my curiosity had been completely satisfied by the thunderstorms I've been caught in without starting a race looking for more. We went to shore a hundred feet or so from the starting line, found a friend with a car, and were warm and dry while we watched the race go half a lap before it was called because a bolt of lightning struck close enough to give a very uncomfortable jolt to some crews who were hanging onto a stay. Lesson 1: Don't sail when there is lightning around. Lesson 2: If you do - don't hang onto a stay and keep away from any hardware.

On Sunday there was a lot of discussion about wind velocity. The committee boat was a pontoon job with an awning, from which you can't get an accurate velocity reading without standing on the top which is canvas and you can't stand on it.

George Croasdale won the regatta, and was the only boat that sailed the two Sunday races without capsizing. Jim Hoyt claimed the Capsize Championship with eleven, but he was disqualified as most of his capsizes were really only one or two which were aggravated by the fact that his life jackets were plugging the transom drains. The real champion I believe was Henry Davis who did four separate and distinct capsizes, including one complete turtle job. His self bailing Skipper may provide the best answer to the sail away ability problem. Of course, Henry and his crew are young, husky and skillful which makes a difference.

I won the prize for shortest sail before capsizing – about 100 feet from the docks. At that point – on a broad reach, we were hit by a gust that was so strong that the mast tip was in the mud at about  $30^{\circ}$  from vertical before we could even move. Those on shore said they saw this gust go down the lake and we were the fourth boat to go over. I had added flotation bags in the sides but we couldn't get the boat back up. We were so close to the dock we just got towed there where we righted the boat – and climbed into warm dry clothes and cold dry martinis. I'm not sure just what the age of discretion is, but I think this regatta proved that I have arrived.

All of the other boats with supposed sail away ability did sail in - but some had outside assistance in getting right side up. At least they lessened the need for being towed in a swamped condition, which is a help.

### RULES COMMENTARY

The anticipated hassles resulting from the new Rule 34 and Appeal Decision 157 are starting. There should have been a protest under this rule or under rule 67 in the Wichita regata – a port tack boat thought he could clear a starboard tack boat by about two lengths, before a shift of about  $30^{\circ}$ . (There were plenty of those.) The final result was that the starboard boat hit the port tack boat about two feet ahead of the transom (all of this is one person's version and you can't render opinions on this.)

Under rule 67 in the 1973-77 rules both boats could have been disqualified. No protest was filed so no decision – but there are going to be some interesting protest meetings coming up. I heard a port tack boat yelling loudly at a starboard tacker – "Don't head up on me or I will protest." In this case – there was no wind shift, the starboard boat bore off, and the port tacker clearly won a gamesmanship match. It may be a busy summer for protest committees.

### **PRECAUTIONARY 720s**

Several clubs out here have put into their sailing instructions (believe it or not some of us small Insignificant clubs follow all the rules) the fact that the  $720^{\circ}$  option is in effect and a precautionary 720 does not admit guilt. Sailing instructions can overrule any NAYRU rule not in part I and Part IV and rule 68 is not in either. So – us provincials and the Snipe Nationals are seceding from the Union in this respect.



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SEPTEMBER 21-22, LAST CHANCE REGATTA, Crystal Lake Fleet No. 267, Wally Broadhead, 347 Lee St., Crystal Lake, IL. 60014.



From left: Dave Bouckhuyt, highest finisher from CLYC; winners Suzie and Ross Cook; Gweneth Crook and father Ed, part of the 5-boat contingent from Canada.

# Weather Curtails Northeastern Regatta

Russ Cook with Suzie crewing aboard Suzie Q won the abbreviated Northeastern Regatta held at Chautauqua Lake June 1st and 2nd. John and Pamela Johns of Ann Arbor were second, Fritz Gram of Keuka Lake Third, and Jim and Dave Belford, Oakville Canada fourth, in the thirty one boat fleet. good winds but the two scheduled for Sunday had to be cancelled for lack of wind.

Three SCIRA Past Commodores participated in the regatta: Buzz Levinson and Harold Griffith and Red Garfield of the host club who were in charge of the event.

Saturday's three races were sailed in

#### NORTHEASTERN SNIPE CHAMPIONSHIP (Top 20 of 31 Entries)

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Club/Town	Places	Points	Finish
19491	Russ Cook/Suzie Cook	Keuka YC	2-11-2	23	1
20006	John Johns/Pamela Johns	Ann Arbor	9-2-3	23.7	23
16699	Fritz Gram/Sage Cutler	Cuba Lake YC	3-1-14	25.7	3
20690	Jim Belford/D.Belford	Oakville YC	14-3-1	25.7	4
19793	Tersh Bugbee/R.Schroder		6-4-8	33.7	4 5
16333	Dave Bouckhuyt/G.Kunke	ICLYC	4-5-11	35	6
21119	Buz Levinson/P.Levinson	Indianapolis SC	5-13-4	37	7
20370	Ted Haines/Ian Brown	Oakville YC	1-16-10	38	8
21455	Bill Buckles/Ed Coulter	Cleveland YC	8-7-9	42	9
20222	Mike Haves/Mae Haves	Cuba Lake YC	13-6-19	55.7	10
17546	D.Kweolman/L.Kweolman	Oakville YC	10-21-7	56	11
11392	Gweneth Crook/E.Crook	Oakville YC	17-10-3	58	12
21105	Rusty Baillie/P.Belford	Oakville YC	12-9-20	59	13
17018	Alvin Bugbee/T.Bugbee	Cuba Lake YC	19-17-6	59.7	14
20185	Lance Rittman/C.Tice	Newport YC	15-12-16	61	15
11389	Howard Fletcher/C.Munge		25-14-5	61	16
20292	George Drake/M.Drake	Lake Angelus YC	7-15-22	62	17
19396	Jack Pearce/G.Gavder	Barrie YČ	22-8-23	71	18
19450	G.Hoffman/M.Hoffman	Keuka YC	20-19-17	74	19
20303	Dave Schafer/A.Schafer	Burnham Park	11-25-21	75	20

September 21-22, JOE RAMEL MEMORIAL REGATTA, Missouri Y.C. Fleet No. 49, Dick Goppert, K-18 Rt. No. 1, Lake Lotawana, MO 64063.

SEPTEMBER 21-22, MASSACHUSETTS BAY OPEN, Cottage Park YC, Mass Bay Fleet No. 244, Mike Goll, 16 Johnson Ave., Winthrop, MA 02152.

SEPTEMBER 28-29, CALL-OF-FALL, Bantam Lake Fleet No. 301, Al Birmingham, Camp Hill Rd., Litchfield, CT 06708.

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NOVEMBER 1-10, WESTERN HEMISPHERE CHAMPIONSHIP, Club Nautico San Isidro Fleet No. 274, Rio Platte, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

November 2-3, HALLOWE'EN REGATTA, Atlanta Fleet 330, Bob Dean; 1317 Brooklawn Rd., NE, Atlanta, GA 30319.

# Perfect Weather, Tom Nute, Prevail at North-South Regatta

The following is an article written by one of the participants. He did such a good job that I felt I could not improve it so here it is in its entirety.

Tony Picciano Lake Yosemite, (Governor District VII)

FANTASTIC! What else can you say about a near perfect Regatta?

The Third Annual North-South Regatta was held on Lake Yosemite in Merced Ca. on May 11-12. Over 20 Snipes participated.

A word about Lake Yosemite is in order. At first glance, Lake Yosemite appears to be somewhat unworthy of a three hour trip to get there. But if the prevailing wind prevails (as it has for the last three years), the locals manage to squeeze a course onto the lake that is close to - and sometimes surpasses, the professionalism applied to the courses at the Snipe Nationals.

This year was no exception. As a matter of fact, the experience gained by the locals over the past years was reflected in this Great, Smooth-Running regatta.

Of course, the weather helped a bit. Both days ran the thermometer reading in the low ninetys but it was comfortable because of the presence of the sometimes rascal variable – GOOD WIND.

Saturday's first race blew 5-8 mph. The second and third race blew 10-15 mph. Although the wind was fairly steady, there were gigantic shifts that befuddled us all. Saturday night we all participated in the Third Annual Stuff at the lakeside pavillion area, gorging ourselves with Merced delicacies and pitching a horseshoe or two.

Sunday brought on near perfect winds of 15 mph but with occasional short lived hurricanes which will be attested to by those who received bent whiskers, broken halyards, and water-filled aluminum masts. Races were completed by 1:30 Sunday afternoon.

Why was the regatta so good? Analysis shows the following reasons: Warm weather, Good wind, Good courses, Great

### NORTH-SOUTH SNIPE REGATTA (Top 15 of 20 Entries)

Boat	Skipper	Club	Places	Points	Finish
20562	Tom Nute	Mission Bay	3-1-1-1-1	5.7	1
16228	Steve Klotz	Mission Bay	1-2-15-2-4	35	2
20259	Robin Gales	Lake Merced	2-4-6-8-2	39.7	3
16112	Jorge Brown	San Francisco	4-5-4-5-3	41.7	4
20261	Eric Conn	Long Beach	8-3-2-7-6	47.4	4 5
19061	Jack Huthsing	Lake Yosemite	7-8-3-4-9	55.7	6
20306	Dave Schibler	Mission Bay	9-12-5-3-5	58.7	7
16422	Jerry Zanzinger	Lake Merced	11-13-7-6-8	74.7	8
16204	Jerry Weber	Lake Merced	6-9-13-9-18	84	9
18040	Anthony Picciano	Lake Yosemite	15-6-9-10-16	85.7	10
13201	Pierre Cayard	Lake Merced	13-7-10-DNF-7	88	11
20354	Carlos Mattson	Lake Merced	5-18-12-12-13	89	12
19331	Earl Levesque	Lake Yosemite	17-10-8-13-14	92	13
12976	Jim Bewley	Lake Merced	12-14-11-11-15	93	14
16548	Collins Orton	Lake Merced	16-16-14-15-11	102	15

race committee (they called the length of the races beautifully), Great hospitality, Punctual races, Good competition (four boats came from the San Diego area), Nice setting.

Tom Nute from Mission Bay ran away with the regatta with a 3-1-1-1 record. Steve Klotz, San Diego, got second, and Robin Gales, a new Lake Merced S.F. member who is from San Diego, took third. Jorge Brown, San Francisco was fourth.

The popularity of this regatta is bound to increase because of the excellent conditions and top competition. Next year the number of boats participating will probably double.

Jerry Zanzinger

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