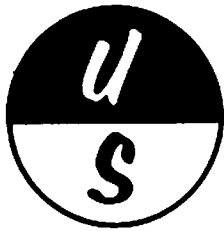




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Mark Townsend (24153), 1st place, leads 2nd place Dennis Humphrey (20255). (Colin Brookes photo)

Townsend tops 17-boat line-up

Fleet Battles Flukey Weather at Stone Open Regatta

Sign of the times, only 17 boats entered for this year's Snipe Open Meeting at Stone, Essex, over the weekend of 14/15 June. Stone Sailing Club officials made a big effort to ensure an enjoyable meeting by arranging committee boat starts and Olympic-type courses away from the area of the large programme of club racing, and it was disappointing not to have had more entrants.

Extremely squally conditions prevailed on the Saturday with a forecast of up to Force 9 which ruled out the possibility of any racing. The race committee rearranged the programme and were able to hold races 2, 3 and 4 on the Sunday, race

1 having been abandoned. The three races were run in Force 2-3 South-westerly winds which became flukier as the weather mark was approached. In spite of the windshifts and good luck/bad luck experienced by the tail-enders it was no fluke that the leaders always managed to be in the right places at the right times to pick up the favourable lifts and shifts. The consistency of the first five overall shows in their results.

National Champion Mark Townsend, crewed by Gillian Martin, sister of a previous Snipe Champion, scored two firsts and a third to win overall. Stone member Dennis Humphrey crewed by wife Pat

showed their usual good form by gaining second place with a fourth and two second places. Third placed crew Graham and Janet Farrar from Stone were the most inconsistent of the leaders as they improved from fifth to fourth then first.

The first all-male crew Tony Statham and Jonathan Sharp also showed consistency by finishing with two thirds and a fourth. In fifth place we had Richard Martin and Raymond Johnson with a second and two fifth places.

It was heartening to see the success of mixed crews as this shows that the Snipe can be successfully raced by man and wife or girlfriend. With the introduction of prizes for junior crews (under 18) this Snipe regatta became an affair for the whole family.

In 7th place overall and winners of the Junior event were Peter and Christine Brookes, the brother and sister crew from Maldon. 8th overall and second Junior event were brothers Charles and Peter Frost of Stone who retired during the final race when their rudder fitting snapped.

David Lewin
Stone SC
Essex, England

STONE OPEN (Top 10 of 17 entries)

Skipper	Club	Places	Points	Finish
M. Townsend	Budworth S.C.	1-1-3	5.7	1
D. Humphrey	Stone S.C.	4-2-2	14	2
G. Farrar	Stone S.C.	5-4-1	18	3
A. Statham	Budworth S.C.	3-3-4	19.4	4
R. Martin	Budworth S.C.	2-5-5	23	5
R. Bowerfield	Stone S.C.	9-6-7	39.7	6
P. Brookes	Maldon S.C.	7-10-8	43	7
C. Frost	Stone S.C.	6-7-r	46.7	8
J. Donnelly	King George S.C.	11-14-6	48.7	9
D. Lewin	Stone S.C.	10-11-10	49	10

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THOUGHTS WHILE SAILING

Another rule change! In this case it will be because of a racing rule change. The IYRU has revised its "Wet Clothing" rule and will vote on it in November, more than likely approving it. The old rule was felt to be unworkable so they have now provided a maximum of 15 kilograms of weight for all clothing when wet, unless the class rules specify a lesser weight. In the past no clothing could be worn to increase weight unless specified in the class rules; so we had no specified amount.

It appears that some research will have to be done to see what the average clothing weighs when wet, to see what weight maximum the Snipe class should adopt. I'm quite sure it will be less than the specified 15 kilograms. There has been a great deal of discussion and written material regarding back injuries caused by supporting too much weight while hiking out.

National Champion Update Sought

The February 1981 issue of the BULLETIN will contain the usual updated SCIRA Directory and a listing of 1980 Championship trophy winners. We need information from all SCIRA countries on National Champions as well as winners of principal international events. Deadline for receipt in the office is January 1, 1981.

North Americans To Be Sailed On Lake Erie

Terry Timm will be regatta chairman for the 1980 North American Championship to be held at North Cape Yacht Club, Monroe, Michigan, October 3-5.

North Cape, one of SCIRA's newest fleets which received charter 762 in June is described by Fleet Captain John Johns as having "possibly the best sailing in North America . . . only an hour from our homes."

Sailing will be on Lake Erie. At that time of year the weather should be sunny but cool, with plenty of wind.

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Boat X-Change Listings Needed

The March 1981 issue of the BULLETIN will feature a listing (free) of any Snipe for sale anywhere. We would like to get as many as possible of the unused Snipes back on the water for our 50th anniversary.

Information should include: Number, builder, material, location, phone number, and asking price.

The deadline for inclusion in this listing is February 1, 1981.

THE COVER

Matt and Karen Gregory in 21021 lead Pete and Jane Duvoisin and Greg and Patti Fisher in the 1980 Snipe Southern Championship which Dave Chapin won. Duvoisin was second. Photo by Rick Owens.

THE SCORE

Twenty-two new numbers were issued last month. 20 went to Spain and one each to England and U.S.A. It is interesting to note that we have already issued more numbers so far this year than we did all of last year.

Three new fleets were chartered during the month. Charter number 763 was issued to Korea. This represents a new country and Mr. S.G. Yoo of the Korean Sailing Association is organizing the fleet.

Charter 764 went to a new fleet in London, Ontario, Canada, with Gordon Richards, 129 Baffin Road as organizer and fleet captain.

Number 765 went to a new fleet in Tacoma, Washington. John Rose, 1823 N. Mildred is fleet captain. Congratulations and best wishes to these new fleets.

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Duvoisins Overwhelm District IV Challengers

Wicked, witchy west wind greeted 51 District IV boats competing for the 1980 District Championship on Lake Chickamauga at Privateer Yacht Club June 12 and 13. Dr. Pete Duvoisin with his daughter Jean as crew won with 1-2-4 finishes, and his son Marc finished 4th overall, winning the junior title for the 4th time. Marc's sister Anne is his crew.

Lulls, lifts, and shifts complicated the racing, and at least 5 boats held the lead at different times in the first race, as some boats managed to plane on the reaches, while others were caught in holes. At least two boats capsized when caught by unexpected puffs. Pete Duvoisin led across the finish line followed by Past Commodore Bruce Colyer. Matt Gregory was third.

The second race was in less wind, but the puffs and shifts continued. A lull just before the gun left 2/3 of the fleet still planning a start long after the lucky 1/3 was moving toward the first mark. A decided shift on the last beat gave the boats which went to the left side of the course a port tack lift into the finish line, with Bill Simons just nipping Pete Duvoisin at the line for the win. Mike McLaughlin was 3rd.

Sunday morning's race was postponed for an hour while the fitful wind filled in

from the south. After one general recall, the second start had only two boats over early. Matt Gregory was one of them, but he managed to recover to 7th place at the finish.

The left bank was favored (mostly) on this leg, and committee chairman John Wesley shifted the windward mark for the second beat. Marc Duvoisin took the lead

at the first mark and held it for the entire race. Buzz Lamb in a new grey boat was second, followed by Colyer, Pete Duvoisin, and John Muhlhausen.

Regatta Chairman/District Governor Dean Hearn conducted a District IV membership meeting after the second race.

Marge Lamb
Privateer Fleet 142

DISTRICT IV CHAMPIONSHIP (Top 25 of 51 boats)

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Fleet	Places	Points	Finish
19091	Pete Duvoisin/Jean Duvoisin	Privateer	1-2-4	11	1
24042	Bruce Colyer/Jeanie Bronaugh	Ft. Lauderdale	2-5-3	18.7	2
19020	Bill Simons/Sherry McCollum	Privateer	5-1-6	21.7	3
20953	Marc Duvoisin/Anne Duvoisin	Privateer	4-13-1	27	4
24442	Buzz Lamb/Marge Lamb	Privateer	8-6-2	28.7	5
21021	Matt Gregory/Karen Gregory	Privateer	3-8-7	32.7	6
24750	Mike McLaughlin/Linda Duvoisin	Privateer	6-3-13	36.4	7
23456	Means Davis/Peggy Davis	Atlanta	9-4-14	43	8
24122	Bill Snowden/Nancy Snowden	Atlanta	12-15-8	53	9
21508	Fred Bradshaw/Amanda Smith	Atlanta	7-20-11	56	10
24109	Jody Hearn/Monty Humphreys	Privateer	13-9-16	56	11
23600	Brad McFadden/Jim Bronaugh	Atlanta	14-10-17	59	12
16104	John Muhlhausen/Kitza Muhlhausen	Atlanta	24-16-5	62	13
19255	Robert Reece/Deb Brown	Privateer	18-11-19	66	14
21212	Tom Craig/Ted Henry	Privateer	17-22-10	67	15
24094	Scott Cline/Steve Cooper	Privateer	15-12-26	71	16
23396	Bryson Lesley/John Lesley	Privateer	25-14-15	72	17
22851	Tom Smith/Beth Smith	Barefoot	27-30-9	84	18
21551	Bruce Hudson/Debby Hudson	Barefoot	23-19-27	87	19
22699	Jim Smither/Julie Smither	Atlanta	21-27-22	88	20
23187	Miles Wynn/Janet Roper	Atlanta	22-25-23	88	21
21547	Ed Craig/Yvonne Simpson	Privateer	19-26-15	88	22
18315	Bob Forsman/Kathy Branch	Barefoot	16-34-21	89	23
6995	Francis Seavy/Kevin Guido	Clearwater	10-18-ns	97	24
19718	Skip Webb/David Simpson	Privateer	30-32-18	98	25

Pete and Jean Duvoisin are 1980 District IV Champions.
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Trophy winners at District IV Regatta: L to R: Matt and Karen Gregory, Bill Simons and Sherry McCollum, Buzz and Marge Lamb, Marc and Anne Duvoisin, Pete and Jean Duvoisin, and Bruce Colyer and Jeannie Bronaugh. (Dan Williams photo)

Fishers Take Two At Northeastern/Colonial

COLONIAL CUP (Top 10)

Skipper	Club	Places	Points	Finish
Greg Fisher	Columbus	1-4	8	1
Art Holt, Jr.	Annapolis	11-1	17	2
Sam Mollett	PLYC	3-9	20.7	3
Jonathan Bartlett	Annapolis	9-3	20.7	4
Griff Hall	Annapolis	5-8	24	5
Bob Blomquist	Annapolis	6-7	24.7	6
Terry Timm	Barton	19-2	28	7
Eric Perdon	Annapolis	4-15	29	8
Dick Hand	PLYC	14-5	30	9
Bob Dull	Annapolis	7-11	30	10

NORTHEASTERN CHAMPIONSHIP (Top 20)

Skipper	Club	Places	Points	Finish
Greg Fisher	Columbus	1-9-1-4	23	1
Terry Timm	Barton BC	2-2-19-2	34	2
Sam Mollett	PLYC	3-4-3-9	34.4	3
Griff Hall	Annapolis	7-3-5-8	42.7	4
Jonathan Bartlett	Annapolis	4-10-9-3	44.7	5
Art Holt, Jr.	Annapolis	6-df-11-1	62.7	6
Kin Yellott	Annapolis	8-5-8-20	64	7
Bob Blomquist	Annapolis	21-7-6-7	64.7	8
John Johns	Barton BC	9-1-26-12	65	9
Eric Purdon	Annapolis	14-11-4-15	66	10
Dick Hand	PLYC	5-df-14-5	74	11
Steve Callison	Annapolis	18-12-2-23	74	12
Bob Dull	Annapolis	10-df-7-11	80	13
Fred Abels	Sea Cliff	16-6-16-24	85.7	14
Fred Thurston	Annapolis	12-15-20-16	87	15
Lucius Bugbee	Cuba Lake	19-8-15-35	101	16
Phil Richmond	Annapolis	23-18-22-14	101	17
Bob Tan	Annapolis	11-df-24-19	106	18
Hugh Donald	Annapolis	22-df-18-17	109	19
Larry Carroll	Annapolis	29-df-17-18	116	20

43 Snipes came to Annapolis on June 6 - 8 to compete in the 1980 combined Northeastern/Colonial Cup regatta. The regatta was held at the Severn Sailing Association (SSA) and was sailed on the Chesapeake Bay. Winds ranged from light and variable to a small hurricane that required the last race to be abandoned before its start, as winds were over class maximums.

Greg and Patti Fisher from Columbus, Ohio captured both the Northeastern Championship and the local SSA-sponsored Colonial Cup. Terry Timm and Sam Mollett finished second and third in the Northeastern Championship. In the Colonial Trophy, Art Holt Jr. of SSA was second with Sam Mollett third.

*Ike Lawton
Regatta Chairman*

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Buckles Triumphs At Bermuda Race Week

Penny Simmons wins Gold Cup Match Race Trophy

We are grateful to Jack Williams, Sea Cliff Fleet 4, who sent us the information for this regatta report.

Spectacular sailing conditions greeted the 31 Snipe sailors competing in six races sponsored by the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club for Bermuda Race Week May 4 - 10. Competition was such that on the last day's racing, conducted in survival conditions, 4 boats were in a virtual tie for the top position. Boat builder Bill Buckles of Cleveland, Ohio, had the winning combination, though, with finishes of 3-5-7-4-5 and a discarded 13th. His crew was John Aras.

Defending champion Sam Mollett tied for second place with Fritz Gram, Cuba Lake, New York. (They don't break ties in Bermuda). Harry Levinson, Jr, Indianapolis, in first place going into the last race, had to settle for third, when his jib

halyard parted in the heavy going. Terry Timm and John Johns, both from Barton Boat Club and the new North Cape Yacht Club fleet in Michigan, were 4th and 5th. Past Commodore Bruce Colyer and SCIRA board member Jerry Thompson tied for 6th place, and Spanish Point Boat Club Commodore Wayne Soares was the top Bermudian finisher in 7th place.

SIDELIGHTS:

The high point in the week for Bermudians, and all the Snipe sailors in general, was when Penny Simmons, top Bermuda Snipe sailor won the King Edward VII Gold Cup Match Race Trophy from defending champion Bill Widnall of the U.S. (He also sailed in part of the Snipe series.)

One of the funniest incidents of Race Week occurred in the 4th race. Shortly after the start Penny Simmons suddenly returned to the line. Rumor quickly

spread that there was a general recall, and 30 of the 31 Snipes returned to the starting area. All returned but Carlos Bosch, who doesn't believe in rumors, and refused to give up his lead. He sailed the course, winning his first race ever at Race Week, and beat Simmons by 2 minutes. It was not a general recall, and the entire rest of the fleet had to bite the bullet.

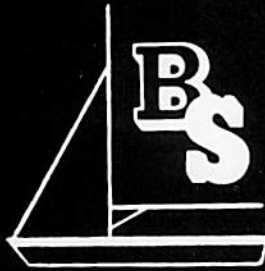
Leo Murphy's crew Mike Hays had difficulty persuading Eastern Airlines that his Windsurfer should be transported as part of his luggage. Leo also had troubles when he was bitten by a dog, and when he accidentally left his rental bike helmet in a boat he was helping lift onto a double deck trailer for the trip back to New York. He made up for some of his problems, however, when he attracted TWO pretty girls for his dates at the awards party.



Fritz Gram, Olean, N.Y. (US 16699) and Robert Borer, Ann Arbor, Mi., (US 21412) jibe with caution at reaching mark of Snipe course in Bermuda International Race Week. Not so successful was Paul Kent, Bermuda, whose capsized Snipe is at center. (Bermuda News Bureau photo)



Above: Snipes go off at a gallop into waves whipped by a 25 miles-an-hour wind in Bermuda's Great Sound during final race for the class in International Race Week, 1980. Left: Bill Buckles and John Aras, winning crew, Bermuda Race Week, sail past Spanish Point Yacht Club. (Bermuda News Bureau photos)



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Chapin Tops Record Fleet At Southern Championship

Dave Chapin, Springfield, IL, with local crew Steve Cooper won his third Southern Championship, with 2 firsts and a third, in the record fleet of over 80 boats gathered at Privateer Yacht Club, Lake Chickamauga for the traditional Mother's Day week-end date. Pete and Jane Duvoisin of the local fleet were second, winning the only race that Chapin lost. Greg and Patti Fisher, Columbus, OH were third, followed by Greg Gust with Kitty Coddington, and Jeff Evans with Lee Savage, both of the Springfield fleet, 4th and 5th.

Morning winds, so light that they stalled the junior race to a drifter, built throughout the day to provide exciting sailing and some capsizes by the start of the first senior race. A crowded starting line and shifty winds created some problems for race committee chairman John Wesley, who determined to get the starts right without resorting to the "sudden death" provision of the rules.

With heavy winds out of the south, most boats found the usual good lift off the left bank, and Chapin quickly gained and kept the lead. He was followed across the finish line by Greg Fisher and Jeff Evans.

In the second race, a lift off the left bank picked up both Pete Duvoisin and Jeff Evans on the beat to the finish, and put them ahead of Chapin and Fisher, and they finished in that order.

On Sunday morning the wind was less, but no less shifty, and again, the committee had to move the whole starting line several times before a satisfactory start got away. Dave won this race followed by Francis Seavy and Marc Duvoisin.

B fleet honors went to Rick Brookover and Doug Vale, of Gallatin, TN, with Ray and Jill Stang of Atlanta Barefoot Fleet 2nd, and Erik and Manfred Witt of Indianapolis third.

Marc Duvoisin won the junior race on Saturday, and Means Davis of Atlanta won the Bo Cline trophy for the top junior in the regatta.

Regatta chairman Scott Cline provided a beer keg for after the racing on Saturday, followed by barbeque dinner, and dancing to a blue grass band, for super and informal regatta entertainment.

Marge Lamb
Privateer Fleet 142

SOUTHERN CHAMPIONSHIP A Fleet (Top 25 of 80 entries)

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Fleet	Places	Points	Finish
24094	Dave Chapin/Steve Cooper	Island Bay	1-3-1	5.7	1
19091	Pete Duvoisin/Jane	Privateer	6-1-10	27.7	2
23619	Greg Fisher/Patti	Columbus	2-4-11	28	3
24096	Greg Gust/Kitty Coddington	Island Bay	4-7-7	34	4
23620	Jeff Evans/Lee Savage	Island Bay	3-2-26	40.7	5
23329	John Walton/Kirsten Thomasson	Barton BC	11-10-4	41	6
21021	Matt Gregory/Karen	Privateer	5-15-5	41	7
6995	Francis Seavy/Linda Duvoisin	Clearwater	18-9-2	42	8
23649	Brent McKenzie/David Freed	Barefoot	7-5-17	46	9
23750	Mike McLaughlin/Pat. Wesley	Privateer	12-11-6	46.7	10
23288	James Hill/Rob Hill	Acton Lake	9-13-19	59	11
20897	John McGowan/Diane McGowan	Magnolia	8-24-13	63	12
23396	Bryson Lesley/Lila	Privateer	10-23-15	66	13
20953	Marc Duvoisin/Anne	Privateer	16-33-3	66.7	14
20800	Barry Cochran/Brad Currie	Delta	14-8-30	70	15
24122	Bill Snowden/Nancy	Atlanta	20-21-18	77	16
21024	Bill Simons/Sherry McCollum	Privateer	17-19-24	78	17
21116	John McAllister/Andy Landauer	Crescent	26-25-9	78	18
23600	Brad McFadden/Amanda Smith	Atlanta	nf-16-14	83.7	19
21547	Ed Craig/Yvonne Simpson	Privateer	28-20-22	88	20
24109	Jody Hearn/Jenny Yendell	Privateer	15-nf-12	90	21
11900	Larry White/Andrew	Annapolis	21-17-34	90	22
19255	Robert Reece/Deb Brown	Privateer	32-14-28	92	23
21508	Fred Bradshaw/Barbara	Atlanta	35-18-21	92	24
21212	Tommy Craig/Tommy Hearn	Privateer	23-22-32	95	25

B Fleet (Top 8)

22000	Rick Brookover/Doug Vale	None	1-1-2	3	1
12441	Ray Stang/Jill	Barefoot	3-2-7	21.7	2
22350	Erik Witt/Manfred Witt	Indianapolis	2-3-8	22.7	3
21627	Harvey Griffith/Sylvia	Atlanta	4-4-6	27.7	4
19436	Harvey Howalt/Dee Davis	Privateer	5-7-3	28.7	5
20645	Means Davis/Bruce Van Hutton	Atlanta	nf-nf-1	30	6
23595	Tran Alfrey/Nancy Alfrey	Acton	7-5-4	31	7
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Chautauqua Lake Yacht Club Celebrates 40th Birthday

As we approach our 50th anniversary year, we include the following "birthday party" report from Chautauqua Lake, which will be host for the 1980 Masters Regatta in September.

August 12th found the Snipe Fleet at Chautauqua Lake Yacht Club celebrating a fortieth birthday, complete with a party of beer and snacks for all the fleets.

Vic Larson, the only remaining sailor from 1939 who actively participates in the fleet, was there along with SCIRA's two ex-Commodores from CLYC, Harold Griffith (1949) and Red Griffith (1960). Tersh and Liz Bugbee, and Randy Schroeder, ex-CLYC Snipers, were there visiting.

In 1939, the CLYC Snipe fleet registered 8 boats. Vic Larson increased the size of the fleet by building several boats during the 40's. Several racing schedules which began then are still sailed. High point races on Sundays; long races (to Bemus Point) on holidays; Wednesday night races in June, July, and August; and the Old Man Series of 3 races which requires that all hands be at least 45 years old. In memory of the fine sailing ability of Randy Hough, a silver punch bowl has been presented to the high point champion for the past 25 years.

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After the Sunday races on that balmy day in August, the keg was tapped and the party began, complete with much reminiscing. All members of the club had a good time, especially those few who stayed until the twilight hours trying their hardest to kill the keg!

*Candy Larson
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Baffico Outsails Tough Competitors At North/South Regatta

Unless your name is Tony, Tom, Kersey, Larry or Editor you really blew it. Fate provided two key ingredients that had been missing from the last two North/South regattas and only five fleet # 12 boats made the scene. Those two ingredients by the way were *wind* and *boats from the South*.

In all, twenty-one Snipes showed up for a fine sailing weekend. Steady breezes and temperatures in the eighties.

It turned out to be a two-boat race between Tom Baffico and John Grubbs of Sacramento. Each had two wins going into the fifth and final race. Grubbs managed a mysterious capsizing in the light air which cost him the race and the series. Despite the DSQ which he had to score (no throwout race) Grubbs had a comfortable lead to hold on to second for the weekend. Your editor garnered third place thanks in large part to a few 30-60 degree wind shifts that resurrected him from the back of the pack on two occasions. Larry Murphy's fourth place rounded out a fine showing by northern California skippers.

It should be noted that Tom's success can be attributed to two things. First and foremost there was the return to action of Tom's tacking teammate and torrid torch, Leslie Hall. Secondly, through some gross oversight, Tom forgot to have a mechanical failure.

Speaking of mechanical failures how can we overlook the performance of Kersey Clausen and his first outing in *Rebelious Lady*? Kersey comes to the Snipe from International 14s, a development class noted for its innovative and competent helmsmen. There was much to be learned from Kersey's performance at Lake Yosemite (such as how to repair a loose tiller with a beer can) but the most significant lesson concerned how to start effectively in a large fleet.

As you all know, the key to big-fleet starting is to be moving at the gun with plenty of room to leeward. This is accomplished prior to the gun by forcing boats above you to sail higher while not allowing others to sneak in below you. In essence you dig a hole for yourself in the starting line. There are many ways to go about this but none quite as effective as Kersey's. His technique is to sail back and forth between the flag and committee

boat drinking beer. It's simple really. The beer tips over, Kersey reaches in to pick it up, the boat goes out of control and attacks some other unsuspecting Snipe. By the time the second start rolled

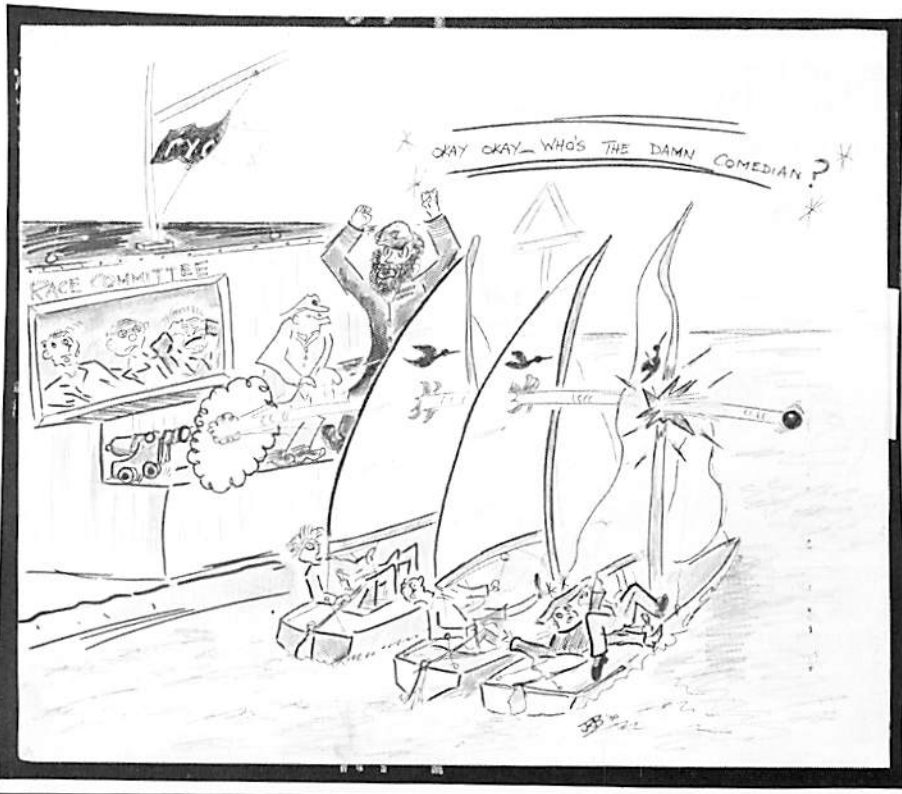
around, *Rebelious Lady* was accorded more room than a plague ship in a fleet of hypochondriacs.

*Spencer Allen
San Francisco Fleet 12*

NORTH/SOUTH REGATTA (Top 10)

Boat	Skipper	Places	Points	Finish
23594	Baffico	1-1-3-10-1	21.7	1
19555	Grubbs	3-2-1-1-dnf	34.7	2
23599	Allen	5-6-2-5-3	40.4	3
23650	Murphy	4-4-8-4-6	49.7	4
19061	Wainwright	10-5-15-3-2	55.7	5
20261	Conn	2-7-4-8-12	56	6
23658B	R. Fox	7-14-5-2-9	61	7
23658A	McDade	9-3-6-9-11	64.4	8
23585	L. Fox	6-17-9-7-8	76.7	9
23603	Mattson	13-9-dns-6-4	80.7	10

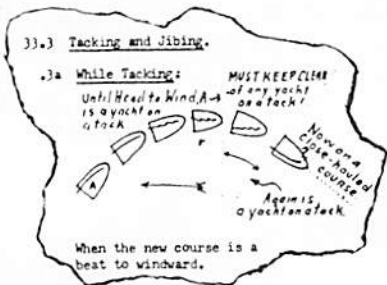
The old "cannon on the starting line trick" would be the ultimate solution to the one-minute rule problem. John Broughton, England's National Secretary, is the cartoonist.



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SEPTEMBER 6-7, CALL OF FALL SEA CLIFF, Sea Cliff Fleet 4, Jack Williams, 25 Orchard St., Glen Head, NY 11545.

SEPTEMBER 8-14, JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, Spanish Snipe Fleets, Organizing Committee, Club Nautico de Cuidadela, Menorca, Spain.

SEPTEMBER 11-13, U.S. SNIPE MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIP, Chautauqua Fleet 124, Edward "Red" Garfield, 15 Shadyside, Lakewood NY 14750.

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SEPTEMBER 13-14, MIDWESTERN CHAMPIONSHIP/CENTENNIAL SERIES, Wichita Fleet 93, Ted Wells, 5 Huntington Ave, Wichita KS 67206.

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Capsizes, Gear Failures Foil Tulsa Snipes In Spring Opener

Sequoyah Yacht Club, Tulsa, OK, was the scene of the 40th Spring Opener, the Wiesner Memorial Regatta on May 31 and June 1, 1980. Sixteen Snipes registered from Dallas, Wichita, Topeka, Kansas City and Tulsa. Saturday and Sunday were bright and sunny with winds of 15-20 mph, dropping slightly Sunday.

Defending champion, Gene Soltero, Dallas, took an early lead in both races Saturday and never lost it. Pete Fenner, Dallas, and Bruce Hurst, Tulsa, had a good heat for second during the first race in which two capsized, setting the stage for the entire regatta.

Each race brought casualties — shattered rudder, split mast step, damaged halyard, broken gooseneck, lost glasses

and shoes and painfully blistered hands.

Soltero again had a good lead in the third race on Sunday when, fighting the still sturdy winds, he capsized, putting him far behind. From then on it was Fenner's race with Hurst and Martin Bebb, Muskogee, OK, following closely.

Participants experienced exhilarating sailing throughout the entire regatta and spectators saw some expert boat handling.

To these victors went the spoils: 1st, Pete and Susan Fenner; 2nd, Gene Soltero and Jack DeGrael; 3rd, Bruce Hurst and Rachel DeArman; 4th, Mike Axton and Frank Bray; 5th, Mary Ann Rix and DeAnne Pierce.

Mary Lou Walker
Sequoyah Fleet 68

TULSA SPRING OPENER (Top 10 of 17 entries)

Boat	Skipper	Club	Places	Points	Finish
23662	Peter Fenner	White Rock	2-2-1	6	1
23290	Gene Soltero	White Rock	1-1-6	11.7	2
17151	Bruce Hurst	Sequoyah	3-dnf-2	23.7	3
20307	Mike Axton	Sequoyah	dnf-3-4	29.7	4
19585	Mary Anne Rix	Wichita	7-5-5	33	5
20013	Martin Bebb	Sequoyah	4-dns-3	35.7	6
23985	James Rix	Wichita	6-6-7	36.4	7
19176	Scott DeArman	Sequoyah	5-4-dns	40	8
16151	Ed Butler	Sequoyah	dnf-7-8	43	9
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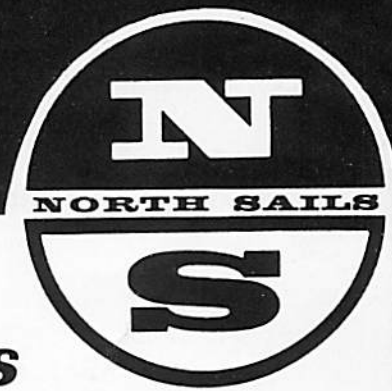
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