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The Fine Art Of Small Lake Sailing

Part III — patience to adjust to varying wind directions and strengths is a virtue of the successful 'pond' sailor.

Craig Leweck, 1986 Zimmerman trophy winner, is also an expert on small lakes, having spent two seasons in District III's Lake Country before returning to California last year.

by Craig Leweck

The fact that the conditions are anything but steady is the big reason why positions can change so quickly. As the breeze direction is fluctuating, the velocity that the breeze holds is also constantly in a state of fluctuation. While only some of the top sailors seem to consistently be on top of most of the shifts, it only takes a good set of eyes to see where the most breeze is.

During the drifting start of the last race of the Columbus Open in 1985, a huge veer left many of us at the now unfavored port end with only seconds to go. Those at the weather end gave no return address as they moved away with the new breeze and its superior angle. Now in the deep teens with the fleet densely packed around us, we decided to wait for the breeze to come to us since there were no axis lanes to get over to the right. As the wind became more solid over the lake, it backed to essentially its original direction. Those who started near us but slid over to the right were now way behind us and we only had to catch the 15 boats who jumped away with the original puff. No big deal,

Well, as the fleet spread themselves out across the lake, we committed ourselves to the left for a couple of reasons. It was still real light so to tack was a fairly slow maneuver. We had felt good about the left side before this had all happened and we still thought that the wind was going to keep coming out of this one small bay on the left. Also, all the leaders had stayed to the right and were not showing anything great beyond what they initially received.

If the breeze were to mature and become solid, it was going to come in from a side and be strongest at that point. The port tack was now the closer tack to the mark, and those on port on our side were pointing a touch higher than those in the middle of the course. It was a calculated risk that we had made by digging into one side, but we had so often learned that aggressive tactics during these flukey moments quite

often paid huge dividends. That is, if we are right.

We had positioned ourselves just underneath the port tack layline which was just over a hundred yards away from the weather mark. We had been going fairly well and had worked up to about ninth place. No one was farther left than we were. As we had slowly manipulated our boat up this first leg, a fair pod of ripples were working their way out of our cove. We were going to look like gods if we pulled this recovery off, and there was no reason for another breeze to pull the right in ahead of us. As we got more hints of this new breeze, we moved more players behind us as we drifted along in about sixth

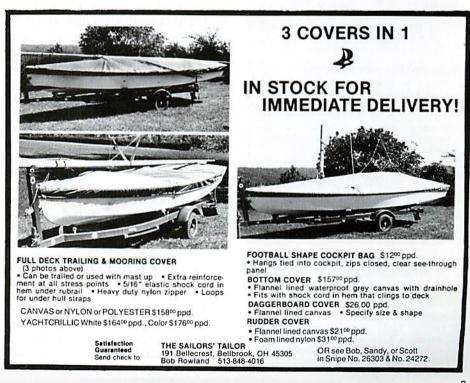
There was definitely a lot more breeze to come from the left, but we were now cracked out a bit as we honed in on the mark. As Bob Rowland, who was directly behind us (also on port) tacked to starboard to go for the breeze, we questioned his thinking. When easily laying the mark, he tacks to a course that is now taking him away from the flag just so he can get more wind. Though we were still coasting along in glassy water with some serious ripples

in our weather side, we felt the angle that it would take to get it was too severe. We also were quite pleased on how we were doing on the boats to the right, and we were not about to risk what we had gained. I guess he felt that the chance of losing boats was small in light of the opportunity to make the big gainer.

As he now tacked to port in the new breeze, he was well back on our weather hip. At least that is where he started. He soon zoomed by us and the rest of the fleet to led at the weather mark. We rounded in about fifth after learning this huge lesson about going for the breeze.

We used this knowledge for the rest of the race to eventually lead the fleet. How did we finally end up? Fourth, because we thought the wind was going to come off the right shore for the last weather leg. It didn't, so the first three boats behind us got by as they capitalized as we had on the ripples that kept coming out of that one cove on the left. So much for newly learned lessons being certified in cement.

The time that I have spent sailing in the small lakes has definitely benefited my sailing on the whole. The opportunity to compete against many of the classes' established sailors who have sailed exclusively in the ponds has taught me a great deal about short course tactics and shift predicting. With this year's nationals being held at Chautauqua Lake, we definitely are going to experience some of these small lake type conditions. So remember — a good memory, a patient attitude and a penchant for abuse will hopefully bring good fortune your way as you oppose this fickle opponent, the small lake.



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Yachting Classes Named For Pan Am Games

The Pan American Yachting Organization (PAYO) and PAX/Indianapolis, Inc. announced May 2 the yachting classes that will participate in the 1987 Pan American Games.

The yachting venue is to be Michigan City, Indiana.

The classes so designated are Laser, Division II sailboard (to be selected), Snipe, Lightning, Star and Soling. There will be a separate event for men and women in the sailboard class. A full team will consist of 13 sailors.

This seven-event plan was adopted by the PAYO Executive Committee at a meeting in January, but not announced pending a request for reconsideration from the J/24 class. The request was given careful consideration by the five-member PAYO Executive Committee, which by majority vote adopted the original plan without change.

The members of the PAYO Executive Committee are: Denis Clemence (Brazil), Eduardo Rodriguez Game (Ecuador), Charles Kober (USA), Robert Sloane (Mexico), and Robin Tattersall (British Virgin Islands).

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The Inter-Collegiate Yacht Racing Association invites former college sailors to Afterguard '86, a regatta aimed at reviving The Afterguard, a group founded in the late 1940s for former collegiate sailors. The regatta is scheduled for the Charles River Basin, Boston, MA, September 6-7, 1986.

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Advance registration is required for the regatta. For information write: ICYRA AFTERGUARD '86, c/o White, 228 Claude St., Annapolis, MD 21401. Tel (301) 263-0743.

LETTERS

Buzz:

... Northeasterns at Buffalo Canoe Club (see report) were bedeviled by light air and fog for most of the weekend, but five races were completed. Matt and Lisa Fisher won with Steve Callison and Andrea Tomaselli



Snipes, shown racing in Argentina during the 1985 World Championship, will be one of six classes in the 1987 Pan Am Games. Racing will be on Lake Michigan near Michigan City, Indiana. Buzz Lamb photo.

second, and Fred and Jan Rozelle third. Tom Allen Sr., tailed too! There were 29 boats. My results not so good 14-15-20-NS (over early)-22, and when I mess up as in race five it is really good — pole lost on run, fouled boat on run, hit mark — had been sixth at the top of second weather leg. C'est la vie!

Chris Hains F.C. Oakville Fleet 321

Dear Buzz:

...We are registering Scott Hughes' boat as a wedding present to him. He recently became the Democratic nominee for congress from his district.

Sigrid Festersen Iowa-Nebraska Fleet 309

Editor's Note: The Snipe BULLETIN doesn't usually make political endorsements — but this is an exception. Vote for Hughes!

THE COVER

Summertime and the Snipe van! Time to go to a regatta! David Cox photo.

THE SCORE

Five numbers were issued this month and all went to Brazil. Fleet Charter 799 went to Ocean City, Maryland. This is another fleet where the Annapolis fleet assisted. Congratulations to all the new members and the best of luck to the fleet.

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1985 Northeasterns — 2,3,4,5
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"A" Fleet top 10, skippers from left: Greg Fisher, Tom Craig, Matt Fisher, Scott Cline, Matt Gregory, Bill Simons, Brent McKenzie, Dave Pritchard, Hal Gilreath, Steve Callison. Crews: Jennifer Gordon, Ann Denes, Lisa Fisher, Alan Carscaddon, Holly Gregory, Sherry Simons, Sharon McKenzie, Mike Lenkeit, Shawn Burke, Patricia Fowler.

McKenzies Are Tops At Southerns

Brent and Sharon McKenzie, Lake Lanier, GA, are 1986 Snipe Southern Champions, continuing a winning streak begun at the Redneck the week before. Lookout District IV!

Consistency was the key. Brent and Sharon finished 3-4-5, four points ahead of Hal Gilreath and Shawn Burke, who finished 10-2-4, in the 42 boat "A" fleet. Matt and Lisa Fisher, Hoover, Lake, OH, Steve Callison and Patricia Fowler, Newport, NY, and defending champions Dave Pritchard and Mike Lenkeit of Lake Lanier, rounded out the top five places.

Chickamauga Lake, setting for the traditional Mother's Day weekend regatta, sponsored by Chattanooga's Privateer Fleet 142, featured the usual winds; 8 to 12 and tricky, for the two Saturday races. Sunday was also traditional, ending in a drifter, mercifully shortened by R.C. chairman Spike Carscaddon.

Conversation on Friday night centered on doubts of launching the boats in the lake shrunken by a prolonged drouth. But on

"B" Fleet, from left, rear: Ken Haney, Jane Woolley, Mike Hackbarth. Front: Lyn Haney, Rand Woolley, Don Hackbarth. Not present Chris and Mary Varvarosky, and Bruce McPhee and Jim Henderson.

Saturday morning the puddle dredged under the hoist was big enough to accommodate a Snipe, and boats could be launched from the ramp in the usual manner.

Juniors had as much wind as they could stand, when a southerly blew up on Satur-

day morning with gusty winds of 15 to 18. Racing was close, with Mike Lenkeit, Lake Lanier, edging out local favorite Alan Carscaddon.

Kathy and Jeannie Bronaugh are 1986 Southern Snipe Women's Champions, by a boat length over Jane Woolley and

SOUTHERN SNIPE CHAMPIONSHIP Stars — A Fleet (Top 30 of 42 Entries)

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Club	Places	Points F	inish
25840	Brent McKenzie/Sharon McKenzie	Lake Lanier	3-4-5	12	1
25848	Hal Gilreath/Shawn Burke	AYC	10-2-4	16	2
23621	Matt Fisher/Lisa Fisher	Hoover	2-1-14	16.75	3
24608	Steve Callison/Patricia Fowler	Newport, NY	1-8-11	19.75	4
25951	David Pritchard/Mike Lenkeit	Lake Lanier	4-18-2	24	5
21212	Tom Craig/Anne Denes	Privateer	16-5-3	24	6
16109	Greg Fisher/Jennifer Gordon	Hoover	8-16-1	24.75	7
25321	Bill Simons/Sherry Simons	Privateer	12-7-7	26	6 7 8
26026	Matt Gregory/Holly Gregory	Privateer	9-3-15	27	9
24093	Scott Cline/Alan Carscaddon	Privateer	7-13-12	32	10
25735	John Walton/Ann Walton	Detroit	18-10-6	34	11
26309	Steve Burke/Linda Leeds	Lake Lanier	5-20-9	34	12
25434	Ed Craig/Yvonne Craig	Privateer	13-12-10	35	13
25888	James Evans/Amy DiGozzaldi	Hoover	6-14-18	38	14
25007	Tom Smith/Beth Smith	Lake Lanier	30-6-19	55	15
26100	Woody Norwood/Kat Munson	AYC	21-28-8	57	16
23619	Rob Spring/Joyce Spring	Mission Bay	11-9-nf	59	17
19091	Pete Duvoisin/Jeanne Duvoisin	Privateer	17-17-30	64	18
16104	John Muhlhausen/Kitza Muhlhausen	AYC	15-27-23	65	19
24122	Bill Hooper/Velda Hooper	AYC	26-22-20	68	20
24442	Buzz Lamb/Marge Lamb	Privateer	14-32-22	68	21
24264	Frank Pontious/Marilyn Pontious	AYC	22-35-13	70	22
24676	Jess Coburn/Taylor Grimsley	AYC	20-19-32	71	23
26995	Francis Seavy/Linda Duvoison	Clearwater	25-25-25	75	24
25872	Paul Gillis/M.J. Gillis	AYC	23-26-26	75	25
23751	Tom Payne/Tom Schroeder	Lake Lanier	19-ns-17	78	26
26105	Ray Burke/Robb Ostrom	Lake Lanier	27-36-16	79	27
25125	Rob Fowler/Bruce Carscaddon	Privateer	39-11-29	79	28
24747	Dan Williams/Louise Cash	Privateer	24-23-34	81	29
26488	John Fry/Karin Fry	Annapolis	28-15-nf	82	30
24742	Ken Simons/Mark Garrett	Privateer	34-29-21	84	31
24699	John K. Ruff/John D. Ruff	AYC	32-24-28	84	32
23663	Skip Remter/Scott McCormack	Barefoot	29-30-31	90	33
24680	Bob Dean/Liane Dean	Clearwater	31-38-24	93	34
26306	Clay Hudgins/Carol Mammoser	Lake Lanier	35-21-27	93	35
20500	City Magnist Carol Maninosci	Laine Lainei	00 21 21	,,,,	00
		Bars — B Fleet			
*24142	Mike Hackbarth/Don Hackbarth	AYC	1-3-1	4.75	1
26336	Chris Varvarosky/Mary Varvarosky	Hoover	3-2-2	7	2
21101	Jane Woolley/Rand Woolley	Privateer	2-1-5	7.75	3
24698	Bruce McPhee/Jim Henderson	Privateer	5-4-3	12	4
21794	Ken Haney/Lyn Haney	AYC	4-5-4	13	5

Juniors: 1. Mike Lenkeit, Lake Lanier; 2. Alan Carscaddon, PYC; 3. Mike Hackbarth, AYC. Ladies: 1. Kathy Bronaugh, PYC; 2. Jane Woolley, PYC; 3. Patricia Fowler, PYC

* Top Junior in the 1986 Southerns: Mike Hackbarth, AYC.

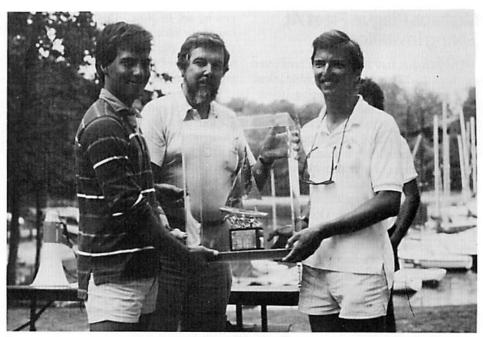
Sherry Simons. This new feature race was sailed at the same time, and on the same course as the junior race.

Mike and Don Hackbarth, Atlanta Yacht Club, finished first in the "B" fleet, two and a quarter points ahead of Chris and Mary Varvarosky, Hoover, OH, in second. Local heroine Jane Woolley, with her son Rand as crew, was third after a hard drift in the last race. Bruce McPhee and Jim Henderson, of Privateer, and Ken and Lyn Haney, of Atlanta Barefoot, completed the trophy winners for the second division.

Mike Hackbarth also received the trophy for the top finishing junior skipper in the regatta.

Rob Fowler oversaw the steak dinner, and PYC Fleet Captain Tom Craig (who lost a tie-breaker for fifth place) was responsible for the LOUD music. Great fun. Y'all come back next year, Y'hear?

Marge Lamb Privateer Fleet 142



Brainard Cooper, center, presents the Van Wesley Trophy to crew Mike Lenkeit, and skipper Dave Pritchard.

Dave Pritchard Wins Van Wesley Trophy



The Van Wesley Trophy, emblematic of the high point championship of District IV, was presented to Dave Pritchard and Mike Lenkeit at the Southern Snipe Championship May 11. Dave scored first place

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Mishaps Plague Fleet At Spring Invitational

The Mission Bay fleet played host over the April 26-27 weekend to a troubled fleet of 25 boats for the annual Spring Invitational. The tone for the regatta was set early on as many of the west coast's best sailors seemed to have a tough time avoiding bad breaks as they worked their way through the races. While many blamed the accidents on the United States' recent troubles in world politics, the scenario was all too familiar for the locals as they knew this weekend was going to be another regatta to go down in the record books.

As the racers moved out to the starting area, they noted that the breeze was farther west than normal and it was already

getting set to blow. This wind angle allowed the race committee to take full advantage of the length of the bay, much to the dismay of the sailors who were hoping to save themselves for the party.

This, however, was a small concern to Jack Franco and Renee Vesterby who had greater troubles to face. While the race committee was in the countdown sequence for the first race, Tom Nute (who was on port) got his mast tangled up with Franco's which resulted in the ultimate destruction of Jack's mainsail (he was able to borrow another to finish the series). Since it was Nute's spreader that did the damage, a topic of discussion was whether the venerable Nute was experimenting with the long spreaders.

A multiple windward-leeward course

was the call for much of the weekend, and for the first race Steve Bloemeke with crew Scott Lindley and the Craig Leweck/Lisa Manzer team took advantage of the heavily port favored line and port tack course to lead the fleet in that order.

While the crew weight of Bloemeke-Lindley favored them upwind in the extremely puffy 12-18 knot conditions, Leweck was able to gain enough offwind to keep the contest close. Bloemeke let the race get away after mistakenly rounding an improper windward mark, slipping to seventh while allowing Leweck to win with Keith Dodson/Karen Krull in second and Robb Walker/Rowena Carlson in third.

The breeze had established itself as a challenge by the second race, but it was not too overwhelming for Ray Treppa who took over the course for the win. Keith Dodson slid in again for second with Jeff Lenhart and Ramona Lampe claiming third.

Sailing among this top group was Steve Bloemeke until the last leeward leg, where he and Lindley did a crash capsize during one of the day's puffs. Despite the lack of survival suits being worn by the crew, they both miraculously endured the incident. It was just before the start of the third race that their mission was completed, as they had to drift down to Vacation Island (ap-

SPRING INVITATIONAL	
(Top 10 of 25 Entries)	

Skipper/Crew	Places	Points 1	Finish	
Jeff Lenhart/Ramona Lampe	5-3-1-4-1	13.5	1	
Craig Leweck/Lisa Manzer	1-7-7-2-2	18.75	2	
Keith Dodson/Karen Krull	2-2-9-3-6	22	3	
Robb Walker/Rowena Carlson	3-4-5-7-4	23	4	
Ray Treppa/Big Person	13-1-3-8-9	33.75	5	
MarkButler/Karen Butler	9-9-11-11-5	45	6	
Andy Barnes/Marsha Rohan	8-dnf-8-6-3	48	7	
Sean Biehl/Jerelyn Biehl	6-12-13-9-12	52	8	
Steve Bloemeke/Scott Lindley	7-dnf-6-1-dns	54.75	9	
Donald Krebs/Chuck Sinks	20-15-6-2-dnf	62	10	



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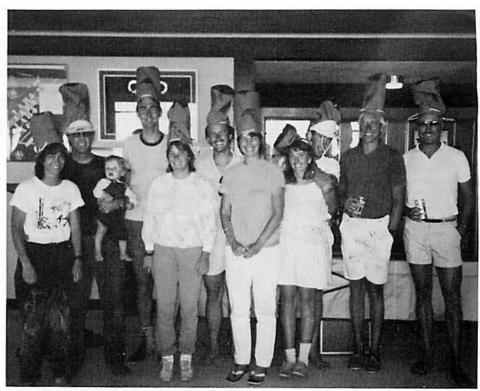
prox. 100 yards to leeward of start line) to drain the hull.

Another casualty of the second race was Leweck, who inverted his mast during a mega-puff on the first offwind leg. He struggled through the race with his spreaders stuck forward (and the mast quite straight), and then it took much of the break time between the second and third race to properly realign the rig.

The start line and the course was still very much angled toward the port tack for the third race. This point joined with the fact that the breeze for the windward leg was semi-obstructed as it blew over a peninsula on the left side and saw most of the top boats coming out of the right side to lead at the first windward mark. Lenhart had seen these conditions before in his home waters of Mission Bay as he never looked back to eventually take the bullet.

The Donald Krebs/Chuck Sinks team held on for second, despite partially capsizing on one of the windward legs as crewman Sinks saw trouble in staying in the boat. The "Sinker" managed to keep it afloat though, and the pair regrouped for the deuce. In third was Treppa, who had a hard time believing that such a pair had ousted him.

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Magnificent headgear for the winners: Ramona Lampe, Jeff Lenhart, Keith Dodson, Karen Kroll, Rob Walker, Rowena Carlson, Lisa Manzer, Craig Leweck, Ken Madsen and Ray Treppa.

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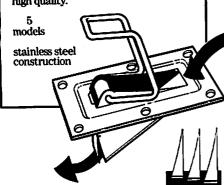
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Spring Invitational ...

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As the tail of the fleet cruised over to the hoist area to pull their boats, the front runners of the pack were well on their way to party town as some serious snacks and beer kegs lay awaiting on the porch of Mission Bay YC. One glance at the faces of the crowd showed much of the long day on the course, but as soon as the members of the Rawtones band began bringing in their equipment the sailors started to search for their second wind. It was no secret that the dance floor was going to get worked this night, so the group slowly began to filter away to get geared up for the night to come.

Well, Sunday morning came obviously much too soon for many of the folks that began going through their pre-race routine. Fortunately, it looked as if the weary might get some reprieve from the "blistering" conditions of the day before as a gentle breeze appeared to be holding in wait for the first race of the day.

For those who could still do math, the point totals had Lenhart in first with 8.75, Robb Walker 12, Keith Dodson 13, Craig Leweck 14.75, and Ray Treppa with 16.75. The first race saw the rejuvenated

team of Bloemeke and Lindley blaze off to an early lead. Bloemeke's confidence for the tides and shifts of Mission Bay gave him enough distance on Leweck in the first half of the race to prevent the grinding "Little Creature" from overtaking him. Steady "Tree" Dodson held on for the third with "Jefe" Lenhart in fourth and Franco in fifth. Walker had to eat a seventh while Treppa munched an eighth.

In the end it was the veteran Lenhart who won the last race and the regatta. Leweck's second place in the last race concluded his comeback routine, which brought him up to the bridesmaid slot for the event. Dodson's last race sixth held him at third in the series, with Walker and Treppa filling in the remaining top five slots in that order.

Another Spring Invitational Regatta concluded on a very successful note, and much of the thanks must be directed to RC Chairman Steve Ross. His efforts certainly gained him kudos from the crowd. It is the photo of the top five that really illustrates the sentiments of the sailors from the weekend, as the necessary head gear is shown here to protect against the escape of any more enjoyment. Snipe sailors just want to have fun.

Craig Leweck Mission Bay Fleet 495

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Skippers, back row, L to R: Henry Davis, Steve Sherman, Doug Goppert, Gene Soltero, Doug Day, Ted Wells, James Rix. Crews: Mike Recker, Mike Sherman, Rita Goppert, Ann Fritts, Bret Voitenko, Bob Fugit, Ken Rix.

Henry Davis Wins At Lake Lotawana, Again

As you're deciding which regattas to attend this season, don't miss this one, as Snipe Fleet 49 is celebrating 50 years of Snipe sailing on Lake Lotawana.

A great Joe Ramel Memorial Regatta held at Lake Lotawana, MO, September 14-15 was proud to host Snipe sailors from seven states. The competition was excellent, as six of the top eight boats had won at least one regatta in the previous 16 months. The entertainment was fantastic and started Friday evening with a complimentary cocktail party complete with

plenty of food and a video of the '83 America's Cup races ... from the Australian viewpoint!

Saturday morning began with a hotly contested junior race. District 2 junior champion Mark Frashier, finishing third, found tough competition with Mike Sherman and Bret Voitenko. Bret won the race, which was only the second Snipe race he had ever skippered. (By the way, he won the other one, too!)

After lunch, the seniors' first race started in light shifty easterly breezes. A large wind shift minutes after the start favored the port side of the fleet and a group of

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JOE RAMEL MEMORIAL REGATTA (Top 15 of 22 Entries)

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Fleet	Places	Points 1	Finish
24101	Henry Davis/Mike Recker	INSA	1-1-1	2.25	1
25514	Steve Sherman/Mike Sherman	WRSC	2-2-4	8	2
25075	Doug Goppert/Rita Goppert	MYC	4-3-3	10	3
25196	Gene Soltero/Ann Fritts	WRSC	3-13-2	18	4
25950	Doug Day/Bret Voitenko	MYC	7-4-7	18	5
25025	Ted Wells/Bob Fugit	WSC	8-5-6	19	6
25285	James Rix/Ken Rix	WSC	6-6-8	20	7
23822	Jon Skoog/Susan Marchese	INSA	10-7-5	22	8
23756	Chuck Falkenberg/K. Falkenberg	MYC	5-8-12	25	9
20013	Martin Bebb/Michael Bebb	Muskogee	9-9-9	27	10
24330	Bob Peugh/Jane Peugh	WSC	11-11-10	32	11
24111	Lou Joline/Sonja Joline	MYC	14-17-13	44	12
25652	Bob Ewoldt/John Layman	Lincoln	19-12-15	46	13
24104	Richard Evnen/Susan Evnen	Lincoln	20-10-16	46	14
23340	Scott Hughes/Peggy Ricke	INSA	15-14-17	46	15
	"B"1	Fleet (Top 5 of 8 Bo	oats)		
19585	John Barger/Gary Pierce	WSC	1-1-1	2.25	31
24222	Jack Vermillion	Topeka	2-3-2	7	;
22539	David Pierce/Chris Ridder	WSC	3-2-6	- 11	2
10605	Mark Frashier/Jim Martin	MYC	4-6-3	13	4
20934	Tom Duckworth/J. Falkenberg	WRSC	7-4-4	15	5
	Juni	ors (Top 3 of 6 Boa	nts)		
25950	Bret Voitenko/Doug Day	MYC	1	.75	1
25514	Mike Sherman/Steve Sherman	WRSC	2		
10605	Mark Frashier/Jim Martin	MYC	3	2 3	2

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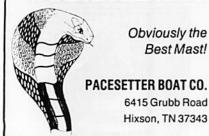
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Davis Wins Again . . .

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boats popped out in front. Henry Davis, Steve Sherman, Gene Soltero, Doug Goppert and Chuck Falkenberg were the first five throughout the race although the shifty winds kept juggling the order.

The second race saw a shift to starboard after the start and, again, Henry Davis, Steve Sherman and Doug Goppert led the pack battling all the way to the finish. Doug Day and Ted Wells rounded out the top five, dueling all the way up the last beat.

The Saturday night dinner held upstairs at the Missouri Yacht Club offered a predinner movie of the Long Beach sailing Olympics while the local Snipe sailors were cooking the kabobs over the charcoals. After dinner the live entertainment provided music for dancing and enjoyment on a beautiful starlit fall night.

- Sunday morning saw light winds from the south and an eager Steve Sherman who needed a victory, plus a fourth from Henry Davis, in order to overtake Henry and win the regatta. Henry doused those hopes by nailing down another first, giving him three firsts and another Joe Ramel Memorial Regatta win.

In the B fleet, John Barger also took three firsts. This was quite impressive since it was John's rookie season with the Wichita fleet and his first trip to Lake Lotawana.

With jolly socializing, fair weather and stiff competition the entire weekend was memorable, especially for Bret, John and Henry.

Dave Chapin Tops E.E. Manning Regatta

With 25 boats on the starting line, the Snipe fleet was the second largest class racing at Alamitos Bay YC on January 25-26 (Superbowl weekend). Winds were light and flukey, with a three hour wait for a breeze on Sunday.

Dave Chapin dominated the regatta winning three out of five races, and finishing ahead of second place Chris Raab by 9½ points.

From District VI Newsletter

Columbia Reports Two Championships

The 1985 National Championship was sailed in Lake Tomine on August 17-19 at Club Nautico El Portillo, with the following results:

Skipper/Crew	Points	Finis
Andres Lisocki/Felipe Lisocki	20	1
Rafael Tamayo/Gustavo Tamayo	31.4	2
Carlos Ortiz/Antonio Tamayo	45.7	3
Manuel Isaza/Camila Isaza	47.4	4
Juan Uzcategui/Jurgen Hoebreker	54.7	5
Roberto Londono/Pedro Londono	58.7	6
Jorge Uzcategui/Stella Uzcategui	71.7	7
Juan Hernandez/Jaime Hernandez	77.4	8

E.E. MANNING REGATTA (Top 5 of 25 Entries)

Skipper	Fleet	Places	Points Fin		Points Fin	
Dave Chapin	Alamitos Bay	2-1-1-1-3	7.25	1		
Chris Raab	HHYC	7-2-2-5-1	16.75	2		
Keith Dodson	Alamitos Bay	3-10-3-2-11	29	3		
Craig Leweck	Mission Bay	12-3-11-3-2	31	4		
Peter Newbre	BCYC	8-4-9-6-4	31	5		

Felipe Castillo/Beatriz Cuervo	80	9
Santiago Uzcategui/E. Hoebreker	89.7	10
Carlos Orozco/Jose Gonzalez	91	11
Jairo Sanchez/Maria Velandia	100.7	12
Santiago Lombana/H. Breslauer	101	13
Jaime Castillo/Juan Castillo	115	14

1986 Junior National . . .

With the participation of four boats, we held a Junior National Championship at Club Nautico del Muna on April 26-27, with the following results:

Skipper/Crew	Points	Finish
Camila Isaza/Daniel Cuervo	4.25	1
Felipe Castillo/Beatriz Cuervo	11	2
Catalina Deeb/Marcela Recaman	11.75	3
Mauricio Ortiz/Michael Herold	13	4

Camila Isaza, as skipper, and Felipe Castillo, as crew, are planning to attend the Junior World Championship in Italy next July.

Cabriel Cuervo SCIRA National Secretary, Columbia





Sanctioned Snipe Regattas

AUGUST 2-3, SUNFLOWER REGATTA, Shawnee Fleet 597, Delmar Tucking, 5145 NW 35th, Topeka, KS 66618.

AUGUST 2-3, BROADSTAIRS OPEN, Broadstairs, Kent, John Broughton, 24 Empress Dr., Chislehurst, Kent, BR7 5BD England.

AUGUST 9-10, DISTRICT III JUNIOR CHAM-PIONSHIP (Open to all SCIRA Jrs), Indianapolis Fleet 409, Paul Dovey, 7566 Castleton Farms W. Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46256.

AUGUST 14-17, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP, FINLAND, Tampere, Finland, Roger Nylund, Osterlanggatan 9 B 28, SF-20520 ABO, Finland.

AUGUST 15-17, GOLD CUP, Juelsminde, Jylland, Denmark, Niels Kampmann, Teglgaardsvej 3, 2920 Charlottenlund, Denmark.

AUGUST 16-17, NEW YORK STATE (OPEN), Newport 103, Steve Callison, 193 Rossiter Rd., Rochester, NY 14620. Home (716) 473-2478.

AUGUST 23-24, BOARD OF GOVERNORS REGATTA, Quassapaug Fleet 231, Michael Elser, 517 Allerton Rd., Naugatuck, CT 06770. (203) 758-8435.

AUGUST 23-24, CAMPIONATO ADRIATICO SNIPE, CN Chioggia, Calle Santa Croce 1221/A, 30015 Chioggia, Italy.

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

SEPTEMBER 6-7, BIRD BATH, Muscle Shoals Fleet 784, William J. Parkhurst, 303 Oakhill Ave., Sheffield, AL 35660.

SEPTEMBER 6-7, INDIANA OPEN, Indianapolis Fleet 409, Randy Fridlund, 509 N. Ritter, Indianapolis, IN 46219.

SEPTEMBER 6-7, RONALD PRIME MEMORIAL, North Cove 127, Arthur Cunningham, 136 North Shore Rd., Derry, NH 03038.

SEPTEMBER 6-13, XIX CAMPEONATO DE EUROPA, Real Club De Regattas, Santiago De La Ribera, Murcia, Spain. Telephones: 968-570250 and 968-570254.

SEPTEMBER 13-14, COLUMBUS OPEN, Hoover Fleet 760, Brad Warne, 7000 Constitution Pl., Worthington, OH 43085.

SEPTEMBER 13-14, JOE RAMEL MEMORIAL REGATTA, Missouri YC Fleet 49, Ken Frashier, L-84, Lake Lotawana, MO 64063.

SEPTEMBER 13-14, VIKING SNIPE, Vestifjorden, Norway, Birger Jansen, Skogveien 51C, N-1320 Stabekk, Norway.

SEPTEMBER 17-19, SNIPE MASTERS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, Atlanta Fleet 330, John Muhlhausen, 1146 Green St., Roswell, GA 30075. (404) 642-1146.

SEPTEMBER 20-21, TROFEO AVAV, AVAV Luino, Renato Suttora, Via di Castelvetro, 2, 20100 Milano, Italy.

SEPTEMBER 20-21, U.K. NORTHWEST CHAMPIONSHIP, Budworth S.C., Budworth, Cheshire, England. John Broughton, 24 Empress Dr., Chislehurst, Kent, BR7 58D England.

SEPTEMBER 20-21, OHIO (OPEN) STATE CHAMPIONSHIP, Chippewa Fleet 621, Dick Ravetta, 552 West St., Wadsworth, OH 44281.

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SEPTEMBER 24-28, NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP, San Francisco Fleet 12, Dick Loomis, 2429 Debbie Way Calistoga, CA 94515.

SEPTEMBER 27-28, OXFORD INCIDENT/AC-CIDENT, Acton Lake Fleet 515, Jay Antenen, 5853 Headgates Rd., Hamilton, OH 45011.

SEPTEMBER 27-28, BATTLE OF ATLANTA, Lake Lanier Fleet 781, James Howard, 3202 Stratford Green Ct., Avondale Estate, GA 30002.

OCTOBER 4-5, MIDWEST CHAMPIONSHIP, Wichita Fleet 93, Robert B. Peugh, 1440 East English, Wichita, KS 67211.

OCTOBER 4-5, FRIGID DIGIT, Annapolis Fleet 532, John Fry, 3001 Veazey Terrace #1630, Washington, DC 20008.

*OCTOBER 4-5, RIFF-RAFF, Cowan Lake Fleet 433, Timothy S. Black, PO Box 6464, Cincinnati, OH 45201

OCTOBER 11-17, WESTERN HEMISPHERE CHAMPIONSHIP, Fujiya Matsumoto, Japan Yachting Association, 1-1-1 Jinnan, Snhibuya-Ku, Tokyo, Japan.

OCTOBER 26-27, HALLOWEEN REGATTA, Atlanta Fleet 330, Jack Fasse, #3 the Croft, Atlanta, GA 30324.

* Rescheduled from May

Eagan Is Victor of Gulf Coast Championship

It would be hard to find a more suitable place for Snipe sailing than Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. Only a few miles west of Pass Christian, where the first ever Snipe was built and sailed, it is home for the Bay Waveland Yacht Club, which annually hosts this top-flight Gulf Coast Championship competition.

A remarkable variety of wind and sea conditions challenged a small but all-star studded fleet on April 19-20. Marc Eagan, one of this nation's best small boat sailors, and crew Kam Mitchell squeezed out a narrow one point victory over former Bay

GULF COAST CHAMPIONSHIP (Top 5 of 15 Boats)

Places	Points Fi	nish
1-2-2	4.75	1
2-1-3	5.75	2
3-4-1	7.75	3
5-6-4	15	4
4-8-5	17	5
	1-2-2 2-1-3 3-4-1 5-6-4	1-2-2 4.75 2-1-3 5.75 3-4-1 7.75 5-6-4 15

Wavelander Buzzy Heausler and wife/crew, Gail, who now hail from Davis Island Yacht Club.

The first race on Saturday was sailed in heavy air with a nasty short chop that put a real premium on upwind technique and provided some screaming wet reaches. Eagan took this race with Heausler in second and former Navy All-American Hal

Gilreath in third.

The second race was started in similar conditions, but the wind gradually died providing a light air beat to the finish. The Heauslers caught and passed Eagan to setup a two boat duel in the final race

Sunday dawned stormy and rainy, forcing a two hour postponement as it was just too windy to venture out. Several boats packed up and headed home, missing what turned out to be perfect Snipe conditions. The wind shifted to the southwest, and this, being more offshore, meant smaller waves and optimum Snipe conditions. A maximum boatspeed beat was followed by two of the fastest and wildest reaches that this writer has ever experienced. Kurt Wiese with crew Janet Gordon had a narrow lead at the first mark, but was soon passed by Eagan.

The second beat saw the wind veer further to the west, favoring the boats that tacked inshore. Eagan held a narrow lead, but jibed to port, and was followed by the pack with the exception of Gilreath, who sailed off on starboard. It was soon evident that Gilreath, who was reunited with his Naval Academy crew, Cheri Kerr, had made the tactically superior move, as he had a nice lead at the bottom mark. He managed to hold on, and clinched a narrow win over the heavier Eagan, who clinched the title as the Heauslers crossed in third

So once again Bay Waveland provided a perfect mix of sailing conditions, hospitality and facilities, leaving this sailor wondering why more Snipers won't support what could be one of the premier events in the nation.

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Snipers Face Fog, Light Air in Northeasterns; Matt Fisher Triumphs

The Northeastern Snipe Regatta was sailed on Abino Bay, Lake Erie out of the Buffalo Canoe Club on the weekend of June 7-8. Thirty hearty Snipers and their crews showed up Friday evening at the club to register and check out the lay of the land. Register they did, but check the lay of the land ... well, there was some fog.

Saturday's first race was started in light air and fog but the fleet managed to make it around the Olympic course before the wind died. Steve Callison won the race followed by Matt Fisher and Fritz Gram. Around 4 p.m. the breeze freshened and the second race commenced. Dick Mitchell won the nightcap followed by Steve Callison and Matt Fisher.

The keg party followed the races and all agreed that Labatts on draught was the way to fly. When the keg went dry some groups took a starboard tack into the dining room for dinner while others took the port to the bar. Those who missed the 9 p.m. deadline for the dining room trucked on down to Fort Erie for "Chinese."

Sunday morning was warmer, but what a fog bank covered Abino Bay! The 9:30 start had to be postponed because most of the fleet couldn't find the starting line let alone the committee boat. After half an hour the race was started in the dense shifty fog. The leaders went several hundred yards past the weather mark and had to run back with their poles up. Leo Murphy got lost, couldn't find the committee boat or the other Snipes and ended up backwards on the roller coaster at the Crystal Beach Amusement Park. Several of the leaders never did find the jibe mark. Matt Fisher

came out of the fog to win the race followed by Fred Rozelle and Leigh Savage.

The fourth race went in the diminishing fog with the breeze beginning to pick up. Fred Rozelle came across the line first with Eric Eiffert second and Matt Fisher third.

With a moderate breeze, 80 degree temperatures and a sunny sky, what one might call ideal sailing conditions, Fisher came home the winner of the fifth race and the regatta. Eric Eiffert finished second in the race and fourth overall. Fred Rozelle finished third in the last race and third in the regatta. Last year's bridesmaid, Steve Callison, did it again . . . just like Mom said. Sam Mollet rounded out the list "in the jingles."

The race committee, consisting of the Bryant boys, Matt Sr. and Jr. along with Jim Berry definitely had their hands full and did a super job of getting the five races in. Some hard decisions had to be made and they managed to call them right with consistant success. Susie Fretz and Laura Bryant did the scoring. The ladies auxiliary handled the registration and helped out newcomers to the club, while the Montgomerys ran the ship to shore radio to the committee boat.

Commodore Richard O'Connor, Fleet Captain Bruce Gunn and regatta cochariman Bob Johnston passed out the Onieda Silver hardware at the awards ceremony and Id Crook spoke on behalf of the Snipe Class.

Rounding out the top 10 were Rick Wood, Leigh Savage, Tom Allen Sr. of the local club sailing Bill Buckles' new Snipe, Eric Gesner, and J. Ganson Evans.

Despite Mother Nature acting up with her fog banks, it was a great regatta with international competition at one of the finest facilities in North America.

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23621	Matt Fisher	Hoover	2-3-1-3-1	9.5	1
24608	Steve Callison	Newport	1-2-4-4-9	19.75	2
25489	Fred Rozelle	Detroit	15-6-2-1-3	26.75	2 3
25781	Eric Eiffert	Newport	5-12-8-2-2	29	4
24087	Sam Mollet	Portage Lakes	8-9-15-6-4	42	4 5 6
26110	Rick Wood	Portage Lakes	6-20-10-5-5	46	6
25990	Leigh Savage	Detroit	13-14-3-13-20	63	7
26300	Tom Allen	None	18-7-14-14-10	63	8
26468	Eric Gesner	Newport	7-4-21-15-17	64	8
25888	J. Ganson Evans	Hoover	4-11-11-pms-8	64	10
16699	Fritz Gram	Cuba Lake	3-nf-7-20-6	66	11
25433	Jim Belford	Oakville	22-8-16-8-14	68	12
24116	Doug Nugent	Oakville	12-19-5-17-15	68	13
23978	Mark Bryant	None	17-5-nf-10-7	69	14
24688	Jack Mitchell	Oakville	21-13-9-9-18	70	15
23397	Jeff Mitchell	Oakville	20-18-6-11-16	71	16
25676	Dick Mitchell	None	9-1-13-ns-19	71.75	17
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