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THE COVER: Sweden's Mats Göthlin and crew round the mark at the 1996 World Masters in Oslo, Norway. Dennis Kelly photo.

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OLYMPIC GAMES

By all accounts, the Snipe Class was probably the most represented at the Olympic Games with 16 competitors and at least 5 others in Race Committee, coaching and shipwright positions.

ANTONIO ROQUETTE - 3 MORE YEARS

SCIRA Board member at-large, Antonio Roquette, was recently signed on for 3 more years as the Portuguese Yachting Federation President. Congratulations!

Regatta Schedule:

European Championship

August 10-17, Denmark

Women's World Championship

September 8-11, Spain

Junior World Championship

September 12-15, Spain

Western Hemisphere Championship

September 29-October 4, USA

From the SCIRA Office

August, September and October seem to be some of the busiest times for the International Snipe Class. Each country is busy holding their own National Championship, the hemispheres are deciding their respective champions, and Spain is host to deciding this year's Junior and Women's World Champions. With all this, it's amazing that we all get any work done! But what does come out of each of these championships, be it fleet, district, national, hemisphere or world, we all meet new friends and learn that the world isn't that big after all.

I encourage all Snipe sailors, skipper and crew alike, to take it upon yourself to meet someone new at one of these regattas, and learn more from the experience.



Photo: The 9 teams at the 1954 Western Hemisphere Championships in Havana, Cuba gathered for a photo. Left to right are: US - Terry Whittemore & Bob Whittemore (1st); Bermuda - Clifford Simmons & Eugene Simmons (6th); Bermuda - Kenny Simmons & C. Soares (8th); Canada - Dick Shaw & Bob Dauphnee (5th); Brazil - Clio Braga & Emilio Salvi (9th); Cuba - Jorge Mantilla & Carlos Sela (3rd); US - Ted Wells & Fred Schenck (4th); Bahamas - Godfrey Kelly & William Christie (7th); Cuba - Dr. Clemente Inclan and Dr. Carlos Inclan (2nd).

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World Masters Championship

Oslo, Norway

The 7th Snipe World Masters Championship held in Oslo, Norway at the Vestfjordens Seilforening (West Fjord Sailing Club), June 29 to July 6, attracted 58 teams from 14 nations, demonstrating the international strength and popularity of the Snipe Class. The ages of the skippers ranged from the 45 year minimum to a high of 85. Katsumi Hirata of Japan. 18 teams were composed of husband and wife, father and son/daughter or siblings, illustrating the strong family nature of the Snipe Class. If you add up the years of Snipe sailing represented you could probably total the year the Ice Age covered Norway!

The event was a perfect example of SCIRA's theme, "Serious Sailing, Serious Fun" as the sailing was competitive and the partying and friendship was even better, and to the Masters, certainly more important. SCIRA Norway did a great job providing a quality fleet of charter boats for the foreign competitors. While facilities were limited, they were comfortable and provided a relaxing place for conversation and fine meals, which provided a taste of the typical Norwegian menu. Many participants arrived early or stayed after the event to enjoy the many attractions offered by the beautiful and artistic City of Oslo, the dramatic countryside, and the fjords of Norway.

The preliminaries to the event started on Wednesday, with two great evening fleet races in which many of the masters participated. The winds of 8-12 knots up the fjord raised hopes of great sailing conditions for the event.

Day 1 of racing was disappointing. The fleet waited on the fjord for a sea breeze to develop, but it never materialized. Tuesday's conditions brought light to moderate rain, but there was a good breeze from the south and race 1 was off and running. As the race progressed and the storm clouds grew, the wind abated somewhat. During the last windward leg to the finish a fresh breeze out of the storm clouds on the right side of the course produced a sizable starboard tack lift to the finish, benefiting the boats that went right. The leaders, Paulo Santos and Birger Jansen, having noticed the

storm clouds, headed in that direction and Jansen (Apprentice Master) having worked furthers to the right came out on top. Several sailors in the top of the fleet who ventured to the left side saw their hopes of a good finish vanish quickly. Antonio Roquette from Portugal, in 5th at the leeward mark fell to 52nd. Bibi Juetz from Brazil fell from a similar position to 41st. The highest finishing Master was the team of Jerry Thompson and Dee Shilling from USA with a 15th and the top Grand Master was Bjorn Sundby of Norway with a 7th. After race 1, the stormy conditions deteriorated further and a second race was not possible. Going into Wednesday's layday, one race had been completed in two days of sailing. However, in the spirit of the Masters event, Wednesday was a day for touring the Oslo area. Thursday brought a 10-12 knot wind from the southwest, but also rain. Two good, medium length races were sailed with Thompson/Shilling (Master) winning the first race and the team of Carlos Wanderley and Bruno of Brazil (Grand Master) winning the second. The top Apprentice Masters for the day were the team of Past Commodore Jimmie Lowe of the Bahamas and crew Janett Krefting of Norway with a 2nd in the first race of the day. The top Master in the second race was Jiro Yamamoto with an 11th. Carlos Wanderley was the top Grand Master with a 15th. After the competition on Thursday, the event was back on schedule and the tired competitors were looking forward to the remaining two days of sailing one race each day.

Thursday appeared promising in the late morning as the competitors prepared and sailed out to the course. However, the wind from the southeast continued to build to over the 15 knot maximum allowable velocity for the Masters. With the start delayed, the fleet sailed into the marina for the island golf club and docked in shelter for about 1 hour. Ralph Swanson was reportedly seen heading for the golf club to see if he could play a round! As the wind kept building to the 20-25 knot range, the racing for the day was canceled and most of the competitors sailed back to the club on jibs alone. The schedule was adjusted to allow, if at all possible, 2 races on Saturday. This would result in the 5 races being sailed with a throwout being allowed. Most sailors had already sailed their throwout race! Sailors were hopeful that the front would blow through that night and moderate breezes with blue skies would prevail.

On Saturday the sailors got their clear skies and the warmest day of the event (no dry suits). However, there was no wind. The fleet waited on the fjord until 2:00 pm, 30 minutes before the deadline for starting on the last day. The fleet hoped that the sea breeze from the south, up the fjord, would arrive and at least one good race would be completed. All hope for a 5th race and a score saving throwout had vanished. Surprisingly, a light breeze came in from the northeast and a windward/leeward race was started before the time limit. Going into this race



Paulo Santos of Brazil rounds near the top. photo Dennis Kelly.

Paulo Santos was leading Birger Jansen by .25 points. At the start the fleet split, with some going left to the shoreline and others heading right looking for sea breeze. The left side maintained the most consistent breeze and the fleet spread out over a considerable distance. The left appeared to offer the most hope and the leaders at the last leeward mark headed that way. The wind continued to die to the point that the lower 2/3 of the fleet was drifting without any wind at the leeward mark while the top 10-14 in the fleet were ever so slowly able to cross the finish line. Christiansen of Denmark crossed first, but Jansen/Stigar finished 11th, just ahead of Santos/Farinha to take the overall victory and Apprentice Master title by .25 points! However, there were about 50 boats on the course drifting towards the finish with hopes of improving their positions.

What happened next will be remembered as a classic in the history of Snipe Masters events. The water to the south had become dark and the sea breeze, at 4:00, was finally coming up the fjord. Many drifting near the finish line hoped they could finish before the lower half of the fleet rolled over them. Nearly the entire remaining fleet crossed the finish line, downwind with overlapped poles up, in near planning conditions. The Race Committee was faced with an impossible job of sorting through the mass of unidentifiable "white" boats as they crossed the line. A video camera was used in an attempt to document the mess. The Committee's final scoring was considered very fair under the circumstances and indicative of the overall high quality of race management for the entire event. They concluded that many had crossed the line in one large mass and awarded 13 boats a tie for 32! One competitor that had been in the top 10 at the leeward mark ended up 52nd!

So much for the racing. It's off to the banquet and party for an enjoyable evening of dining, dancing and awards. The appropriate awards were given out and all the competitors received a SCIRA Troll as a remembrance of their visit. Many took to the dance floor and talked about the next World Masters in Cordova, Argentina in March of 1998.

—Don Hackbarth



Past Commodore Jimmie Lowe and Janett Krefting during a light air race. photo Dennis Kelly.

World Masters Championship

Results

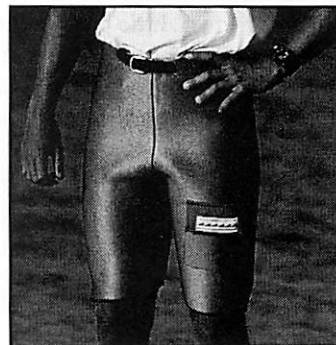
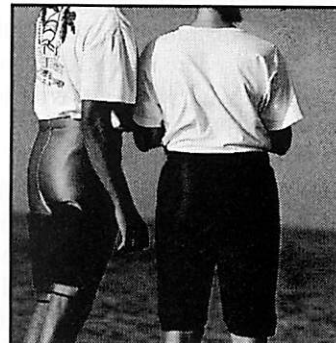
Skipper/	Country	Hull #	Finishes	Total
Birger Jansen/	Norway	28810	1-8-9-10	27.75
Paulo Santos/	Brazil	13504	2-3-12-11	28.00
Jimmie Lowe/Janett Krefting	Bahamas	28811	5-2-17-5	29.00
Carlos Wanderley/	Brazil	28632	12-15-1-2	29.75
F. Christiansen/	Denmark	26833	8-13-2-15	38.00
Otto Book/	Norway	29088	4-17-15-9	45.00
Jiro Yamamoto/	Japan	21349	16-12-11-14	53.00
Mats Gotlin/	Sweden	27808	6-6-24-19	55.00
Gunnar Jansson/	Sweden	27456	25-20-10-4	59.00
Lennart Rook/	Sweden	28940	20-26-8-6	60.00
Bo Lindsjo/	Sweden	28221	21-11-3-28	63.00
Johan Majlander/	Norway	28756	9-23-29-3	64.00
Garcia de Soto/	Spain	22744	24-7-22-16	69.00
Preben Kristensen/	Denmark	28759	27-25-18-1	70.75
Jan/Jane Persson	Denmark	29018	13-32-7-22	74.00
Jerry Thompson/Dee Schilling	USA	24702	15-1-13-52	80.75
Noaki Ohara/	Japan	28877	3-dnd-4-18	84.00
Sinding-Larsen/	Norway	19428	14-21-20-32	87.00
Antonio Roquette/	Portugal	29292	52-14-14-8	88.00
Don Hackbarth/M. Christensen	USA	29014	11-27-23-32	93.00
Flemming Rasmussen/	Denmark	26640	37-29-6-23	95.00
Steinar Woien/	Norway	28359	22-43-16-20	101.00
Teruo Kumage/	Japan	29009	54-9-31-12	106.00
Lars Angur/	Sweden	28861	33-5-38-31	107.00
Woody Norwood/K. Olafsen	USA	29200	28-16-35-32	111.00
Pancho Agusti/	Argentina	29012	32-28-26-27	113.00
Alessan Solerio/	Italy	28959	51-24-28-13	116.00
Claus Carpelan/	Finland	28707	43-10-33-32	118.00
Ruben Domingos/	Portugal	25120	19-50-19-30	118.00
Bjorn Sundby/	Norway	26769	7-48-41-25	121.00
Bibi Juertz/Eduardo	Brazil	28631	41-dsq-5-21	126.00
Sam Mollet/	USA	24087	26-31-40-32	129.00
Bill/Sherry Welch	USA	27772	44-34-37-17	132.00
Oscar Gonzalez/	Argentina	28971	18-37-48-32	135.00
Minoru Sigiura/	Japan	28250	17-39-34-46	136.00
Per Gothlin/	Sweden	25099	42-19-45-32	138.00
Anders Jarl/	Sweden	27450	30-36-25-48	139.00
Bent Poulsen/Ild Crook	Canada	25843	23-37-dnc-24	143.00
Per Jul Hansen/	Norway	27586	36-22-27-dnd	144.00
Hans Risberg/	Norway	27065	40-33-21-51	145.00
Kazunori Shinka/	Japan	28594	56-4-32-dnc	151.00
Roger Nylund/	Finland	28153	34-42-44-32	152.00
Jacques Romain/	France	29005	10-45-49-49	153.00
Fujiya Matsumoto/	Japan	28412	53-35-36-32	156.00
Tord Fransson/	Sweden	27447	46-40-39-32	157.00
Ralph Swanson/Marta	USA	28999	31-46-dnc-29	165.00
Eugene Sartori/	USA	26999	39-47-dnc-26	171.00
Christen Bendixen/	Norway	28157	ymp-30-30-50	171.00
Ichiro Taneda/	Japan	18680	47-51-43-32	173.00
Jan Langfeldt/	Norway	28031	48-41-47-45	181.00
Arne Svendsen	Norway	27007	57-dnc-dnc-7	182.00
Daniel Santana/	Portugal	28206	38-49-52-47	186.00
Katsumi Hirata/	Japan	28328	35-44-42-53	187.00
Halvor Poulsen/	Norway	27410	ymp-18-46-dnc	190.00
Sigurd Wren/	Sweden	21123	29-52-50-dnc	190.00
Lennart Larsson/	Sweden	28280	50-dnf-51-32	192.00
Leo/Joe Murphy	USA	28282	45-dsq-dnc-32	195.00
Jan Nilsson/	Sweden	28043	58-53-dnc-54	224.00

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Commettes and Plines win 1996 US Nationals

It's a family affair

Juggling family and work distractions, long-time Snipe sailors Peter and Connie Commette won the 1996 Nationals, hosted by Pensacola Yacht Club. Craig Leweck and Tom Fisher were second with Jack Franco and Mike Sturman third and Jerry Thompson/Dee Schilling breaking the tie for fourth with Scott Nixon/Samantha Rosemont. Conditions ranged from frustrating drifters to the promised moderate seabreeze, making consistency difficult. Racing was tight, as the top three were separated by 1 point.

Crosby Qualification

The Crosby qualification series started with the competitors split into 4 different flights. Only one race was sailed the first day due to a 4 hour wait while thunderstorms passed to the west. The wind completely shut off for one of the flight's downwind leg, making positions shift with every little puff. Swimming between races was the popular sport to cool off from the intense heat and humidity. George Szabo and Jon Rogers of Mission Bay won the Crosby with a 1-1-4 with fellow fleet member and past 2-time National Champ Doug Hart and Jeff Baker posting a consistent 2-2-2. Scott Nixon and Samantha Rosemont (Annapolis) broke the 9.75 pt. tie with Leweck/Fisher in 5th.

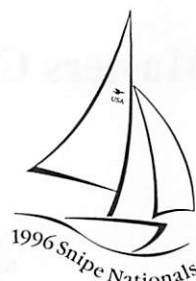
Heinzerling Series

The first race of the championship series was abandoned after a dying easterly shifted south to the seabreeze direction, promising steadier conditions. For the following two days sailors had to contend with a series of random puffs, most which did not show up on the water. These conditions melted away large leads faster than the 90 degree heat melted away the YC provided ice water! Add to that a large Olympic course and you can imagine how much *we all* enjoyed the pool and social events.

Because racing was delayed by the abandonment the first day, the Commettes had to drop out of the second race so that Peter could fly home for an unavoidable meeting. Connie stayed behind with their three girls, who spent the week with other future Snipers in Sunfish sailing classes and with a babysitter by/in the pool. George Szabo/Jon Rogers were early favorites after posting a 6-1, but six teams jockeyed for the lead in similar conditions on day two.

A five to eight knot southerly finally materialized on the last day. Jerry Thompson/Dee Schilling won the fifth race, moving them into the lead, but going into the last race, five boats were still in contention. The eight to twelve knot seabreeze finally filled across

the course, rewarding those who stayed to the right. Class veteran Gonzalo "Old Man" Diaz rounded first, but Team Commette managed to get an overlap at the leeward mark and led the rest of the race to take the title. These top three teams qualify for the 1997 Worlds in San Diego, while the fourth and fifth place finishers have been invited to the Spanish Gold Cup in the Canary Islands.



Wells World

The Wells Consolation series proved to have just as strong competition as the Heinzerling fleet. The first race was won by Jerome Fournier, but was thrown out in the protest room for the same reason the Heinzerling's 1st race was abandoned; a 40 degree shift on the first leg. The next race saw the entire Wells fleet sailing to the wrong mark, then correcting their mistake, which scrambled the entire fleet.

Having to make up for a lost race, the Wells fleet sailed 3 races on day 2 in light breezes, which put them on the dock at 6:30. With the Heinzerling fleet in for over 2 hours, the keg was dry. Jerry Thompson came to the rescue, buying a new keg for the thirsty Wells fleet and hand delivering cold frosty cups of the

elixir to the hot sailors as they docked! The Wells fleet had a new hero!

Stronger current and oscillating breezes typified the light 5-8 knot races on the Wells course, with the exception of the last day which saw 8-12 knots. The final top three were all separated by 1 point, as in the Heinzerling. Overall winner Lisa Foulke Pline with husband Alex crewing, became the first woman skipper to win the Wells, and the series should prove her good preparation for the Women's Worlds in Spain in September.

Junior Nationals

Ten Junior sailors competed for the Junior National Championship this year, with one team in the junior/senior category.

1996 Perpetual Trophy Winners

Perpetual Trophy

Heinzerling - Champion of the United States
Portage Lakes - Champion crew of the United States
Slauson - 2nd Place Skipper & crew of the Heinzerling series
Wells - Champions not sailing in the Heinzerling series
Crosby - Winner of the qualifying series
Griffith - High Point of combined Crosby and Heinzerling
Carolyn Nute - top placing married couple
Eleanor Williams - top placing female in Heinzerling
Masters Endurance - Oldest skipper entered in Championship
Owen E. Duffy - Junior Champion of the United States
Gilreath - Champion crew of the U.S. Junior Championship
"Old Man" Diaz - Winner of Special Junior/Senior category

Winner, fleet

Peter & Connie Commette, Miami
Connie Commette, Miami
Craig Leweck & Tom Fisher, Mission Bay
Lisa Foulke Pline & Alex Pline, Annapolis
George Szabo & Jon Rogers, Mission Bay
Craig Leweck & Tom Fisher, Mission Bay
Peter & Connie Commette, Miami
Connie Commette, Miami
Gonzalo Diaz, Sr., Miami
Dustin Kays, Atlanta
Nee-Cee Hodges, Atlanta
Graham Biehl, Mission Bay



Day one of the Juniors had the sailors out and ready, but hurriedly sent in due to a dangerous thunderstorm lurking on the horizon. A good call from the Race Committee, as the rain poured on the senior sailors trying to measure boats! The second day showed what Pensacola had promised - the first race started in the 5-8 knot seabreeze, and Dustin Kays and Nee-Cee Hodges lead the entire race. Junior/Senior team of Graham and Sean Biehl rounded 5th at the weather mark and by the leeward mark were in 2nd which they held until the last leg when the promised breeze kicked up to 10-12, dropping them to 7th. Chris Stang / Allison Simmons, Atlanta YC, Andrew Cason/Clay Burnup, also Atlanta YC, Jim Cook /April Franklin, St. Petersburg and Mark Aljets/Chris Stahl, Carlyle Lake, rounded out the top 5 in race one.

Kays/Hodges showed their consistency and fine sailing in the increasing breeze with all firsts to clinch the Junior National championship. Dustin was the winner of the Junior/

Senior category at last year's nationals. Jim Cook and April Franklin showed their 2nd place style with a 4-3-2, and Mark Aljets and Chris Stahl finished 3rd overall with a 5-2-4. The organizers were pleased with the strong Junior turnout, with 5 teams sent from Atlanta YC, 2 from St. Petersburg, 2 from Carlyle Lake and 1 from Mission Bay.

Social Events

John and Kitsa Muhlhausen led an army of Atlanta and District 4 volunteers to run a superb National Championship at Pensacola Yacht Club. Frito-Lay and Sniper Fernan Martinez helped sponsor the 1996 Nationals, and various other supporters donated merchandise for a raffle during the casino night. With blackjack dealers such as Hal Gilreath and Steve Burke, everyone was a winner!

Another highlight was the District Olympics with strong competition be-



"Old Man" Diaz Special Junior Trophy Awarded at the

US Jr. National Championship

The US awarded a new perpetual trophy this year to the top placing team in the special Junior/Senior category of the US Junior National Championships. Begun in 1990, the Special Junior category was created to encourage younger sailors to race a Snipe with an adult. "Old Man" Gonzalo Diaz created and encouraged this idea, which has taken shape all around the US. Sailing with his grandsons, the Old Man has encouraged younger and smaller sailors to race the Snipe with their fathers, regular skippers and friends. A new crop of junior sailors has emerged in the Snipe Class due to his ingenuity. This years US Junior National Champion, Dustin Kays, was the winner of last years Special Junior category, showing that the idea has worked! This years winner, 9 year old Graham Biehl, sailed with his father, Sean Biehl and raced with the regular junior sailors.



Photo left: In their best Elmer Fudd -- Bill Hall and crew Scott Tarpley adorned their boat for a Snipe hunt at the Southern Nationals.



tween all districts in events such as threading a spoon with string attached, through team members clothing racing to the finish, hoola-hoop contests, and various other feats of athleticism. The overall winners were District 2 with James Rix as their leader. They were awarded bagels on strings and a mounted toilet seat to carry on to next years Nationals.

Pensacola Yacht Club members showed their gracious southern hospitality giving up parking places and bar seats to the many Snipers in attendance. The final trophy night had everyone in attendance, with many retiring to the bar to watch the opening ceremonies of the Olympics, just a few hours north in Atlanta. The fleet wished their best toward the many Snipe sailors in the Olympics.

John and Kitsa Muhlhausen put on a great Nationals, their second at Pensacola Yacht Club, with the help of Atlanta YC fleet members and District 4 sailors. PYC Principal Race Officer Lloyd Stagg learned the importance of the Z flag and kept us out of dangerous weather. Frank Valliant, coordinator extraordinaire, made sure the protest committee, local volunteers and hoist jockeys were efficient.

From an equipment point of view it is interesting to note that although the first 3 boats were all Perssons, the three major Snipe sailmakers' products were present; the Commettes flew Norths, Leweck/Fisher Sobstads, and Franco/Sturman Ullmans. Maybe more importantly, it is the first time married couples have won both Heinzerling and Wells Championships, a fitting tribute to the family-oriented Snipe Class.

--Carol Newman and Team Biehl

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Heinzerling Series

Skipper/Crew	Boat #	Fleet	Finishes	Total
1. Peter/Connie Commette	29114	Miami	3-(dnf)-2-5-6-1	16.75
2. Craig Leweck/Tom Fisher	28467	Mission Bay	2-5-1-(12)-4-6	17.75
3. Jack Franco/Mike Sturman	28702	Alamitos Bay	11-2-(17)-1-2-3	18.75
4. Jerry Thompson/Dee Schilling	24702	Alamitos Bay	10-3-6-2-1-(16)	21.75
5. Scott Nixon/Samantha Rosemont	28214	Annapolis	1-(24)-4-3-9-5	21.75
6. George Szabo/Jon Rogers	28672	Mission Bay	6-1-10-4-5-(24)	25.75
7. Doug Hart/Jeff Baker	28687	Mission Bay	4-(19)-7-6-3-7	27.00
8. Hal Gilreath/Alan Carscaddon	28655	Lake Lanier	5-7-(14)-13-7-11	43.00
9. Argyle Campbell/Carol Newman	29015	Newport Harbor	7-(20)-12-7-16-9	51.00
10. Henry Filter/Liz Mahon	28094	Annapolis	8-15-(23)-9-10-10avg	52.50
11. Don Bedford/Myrna Fong	29013	Mission Bay	17-6-8-(18)-12-12	55.00
12. Charlie/Michele Bustamante	27872		16-8-3-15-14-(19)	56.00
13. Dave Tillson/Barbie Anderson	27567	Mission Bay	20-9-20-8-(22)-4	61.00
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17. Ned Jones/Kari Warren	28852	Annapolis	23-16-5-19-(29)-17	80.00
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19. Gonzo Diaz/Sherri Eldridge	28812	Miami	21-4-(33)-31-15-15	86.00
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21. Lee Griffith/Stacey Dumain	27054	Barnegat Bay	13-(35)-22-16-23-13	87.00
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24. Kurt Mayol/Doug Teulie	27354	Alamitos Bay	19-22-(38)-22-13-25	101.00
25. Watt/Priscilla Duffy	25084	New Orleans	14-23-15-23-(34)-28	103.00
26. Marc/Angela Duvoisin	28694	Atlanta	28-25-9-(32)-24-27	113.00
27. Pete/Laura Fenner	25515	Dallas	15-13-(34)-33-26-dnc	121.00
28. Craig/Mimi Beardsley	24600	Lake Lanier	22-26-(27)-25-27-22	122.00
29. Rob/Bridget Hallawell	28142		27-17-21-28-(32)-31	124.00
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33. Stephan Irgens/Monica Bigard	28470	Island Bay	32-(dnf)-29-30-20-30	141.00
34. Bill Hall/Scott Tarpley	28199	Winchester	33-29-24-29-30-(dnc)	145.00

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4. Jerome Fournier/Eric Wilcox	28679	Mission Bay	7-8-2-2-6-(9)	25.00
5. Brian Ward/J.C. Negri	27568	Alamitos Bay	3-10-5-1-(14)-10	28.75
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19. Ben Hammond/H. Schwenzfeier	25710	Winchester	12-12-(29)-17-13-22	86.00
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24. Bill Moss/Clay Burnup	27144	Atlanta	15-20-30-20-23-(32)	108.00
25. John Hill/	28628	Atlanta	23-(32)-22-22-27-20	114.00
26. Terry McSweeney/Lore Keller	27444	Cleveland	19-25-32-(dnc)-21-26	123.00
27. Peter Welles/Sean Dougherty	25197	Atlanta	(31)-27-31-23-30-13	124.00
28. Steve Burns/Patrick Wilson	29092	Charleston	34-(35)-12-25-31-24	126.00
29. John Muhlhausen/Andrew Cason	24442	Atlanta	17-15-27-(dnc)-28-dnc	127.00
30. Monica Irgens/Nina Hostvang	27094	Island Bay	(33)-28-28-19-29-31	135.00
31. Mike/Pauline Nielsen	26994	Birmingham	21-(38)-23-29-35-33	141.00
32. David Muhlhausen/Jason Harris	16104	Atlanta	(dnc)-24-34-30-26-29	143.00
33. Mary Ann Rix/Bill Loyd	25785	Wichita	29-(33)-33-24-33-25	144.00
34. Clay/Becky Sanborn	26613	Island Bay	(35)-30-35-26-32-27	150.00
35. Terry/Katie Patterson	27391	Omaha	27-(37)-36-31-36-34	164.00
36. Dave/Mary Gallup	28858	San Francisco	(dnc)-26-dnc-dnc-20-dnc	166.00
37. Dave/Jonathan Carroll	25395	Atlanta	30-31-26-(dnc)-dnc-dnc	167.00
38. Fernan/Diego Martinez	27903	Miami	26-22-(dnc)-dnc-dnc-dnc	168.00

U.S. Junior National Results

Skipper/Crew	Hull #	Fleet	Finishes	Total
1. Dustin Kays/Nee-Cee Hodges	29014	Atlanta	1-1-1	2.25
2. Jim Cook/April Franklin	28045	St. Petersburg	4-3-2	9.00
3. Mark Aljets/Chris Stahl	29017	Lake Carlyle	5-2-4	11.00
4. Chris Stang/Allison Simmons	22870	Atlanta	2-5-5	12.00
5. Cecilie Irgens/Nina Hostvang	26929	Island Bay	6-4-3	13.00
6. Andrew Cason/Clay Burnup	24442	Atlanta	3-6-dnc	19.00
7. Peter Welles/Sean Dougherty	25197	Atlanta	8-dnf-dnc	25.00
8. **Graham/Sean Biehl	29104	Mission Bay	7-dnc-dnc	27.00
9. Jonathan Carroll/	25395	Atlanta	9-dnc-dnc	29.00
10. Scotty/Mark Lang	27271	St. Petersburg	dnf-dnc-dnc	30.00

**denotes special junior category

Crosby Qualification Results--top 20 of 74

Skipper/Crew	Hull #	Fleet	Finishes	Total
1. George Szabo/Jon Rogers	28672	Mission Bay	1-1-4	5.50
2. Doug Hart/Jeff Baker	28687	Mission Bay	2-2-2	6.00
3. Scott Nixon/Samantha Rosemont	28214	Annapolis	1-4-5	9.75
4. Craig Leweck/Tom Fisher	28467	Mission Bay	4-5-1	9.75
5. Peter/Connie Commette	29114	Miami	2-12-3	17.00
6. Jack Franco/Mike Sturman	28702	Alamitos Bay	14-3-1	17.75
7. Pedro Lorson/Mimi Berry	28044	Sea Cliff	10-2-6	18.00
8. Hal Gilreath/Alan Carscaddon	28655	Lake Lanier	4-7-7	18.00
9. Argyle Campbell/Carol Newman	29015	Newport Harbor	6-15-2	23.00
10. Charlie/Michele Bustamante	27872		7-3-13	23.00
11. Chris Klotz/Sherri Welch	27270	Miami	9-5-10	23.00
12. Don Bedford/Myrna Fong	29013	Mission Bay	5-4-15	24.00
13. Lee Griffith/Stacey Dumain	27054	Barnegat Bay	6-12-8	26.00
14. Michael Lenkeit/Alex Phillips	28686		3-11-14	28.00
15. David Tillson/Barbie Anderson	27567	Mission Bay	21-1-7	28.75
16. Bill Hall/Scott Tarpley	28199	Winchester	12-6-11	29.00
17. Henry Filter/Liz Mahon	28094	Annapolis	16-10-3	29.00
18. John/Leslie Irvine	26398	Atlanta	18-7-4	29.00
19. Ned Jones/Kari Warren	28852	Annapolis	11-13-10	30.00
20. Marc/Angela Duvoisin	28594	Atlanta	3-17-10	32.00

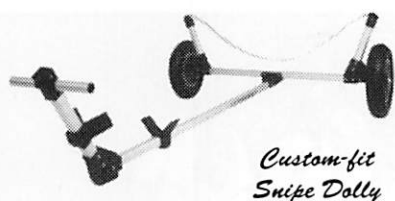
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US Nationals Partnership Trophy

1996 marked the inaugural year of the SCIRA partnership award at the US Nationals. The goal of the competition is to help Snipers at different ability levels meet one another, to help transfer information from the top to the bottom of the fleet, and to bring all parts of the fleet closer together. It is also intended to be a fun award without a lot of serious competition. All of the competitors were seeded according to an estimate made by the US National Secretary Lee Griffith. The partners were made by pairing the top seed with the bottom seed, second with second from the bottom, and so on. The partner's scores for each race were summed (regardless of Crosby, Heinzerling, or Wells fleet races). The competition was a good way for the competitors to gauge their performance relative to Lee Griffith's opinion of them! It was also a big success in helping competitors at different levels meet each other and have some fun. It must be noted that one protest was lodged requesting YMP points, as the other 1/2 of the pair never showed for the regatta, thus the competitor received DNC points. After a humorous reading of the protest form, the request was denied.

--top 10 of 36 partners

Partners	Hull numbers	Points	Fleets
1. Commette/V. Casalaina	(29114/28856)	211	Heinz/Wells
2. Nixon/Carr	(28214/27276)	241	Heinz/Wells
3. Klotz/Hackbarth	(27270/29014)	246	Heinz/Wells
4. O'Hare/Norwood	(23591/29200)	253	Wells/Wells
5. Dull/Welch	(27788/27772)	268	Wells/Wells
6. Diaz Sr./Keckler	(28814/27238)	285	Heinz/Wells
7. Gilreath/Stang	(28655/22870)	290	Heinz/Wells
8. Fournier/Kimble	(28679/25627)	293	Wells/Wells
9. Franco/Welles	(28702/25197)	299	Heinz/Wells
10. Szabo/Hill	(28672/28628)	299	Heinz/Wells

1996 INSA and Missouri Valley Championship

28 Snipes from Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri, Illinois and Oklahoma descended upon Lake Manawa, Iowa for the 46th Annual INSA and Missouri Valley Championship the weekend of July 6-7.

Departing Commodore Jon Skoog and his wife Debbie returned to serve on the race committee and did a superb job of running in light and variable wind conditions.

Winning 2 INSA Championships in a row is along-shot for any team, but Doug Day of Lake Lotawana, Missouri with his wife Jennifer crewing, apparently never heard what the odds were. The Days got off to a fast start and won the first race, followed by Per and Philip Huffeldt of INSA in second and perennial INSA Champion Henry Davis and Chris Scofield third.

The 2nd race was marked by numerous 180 degree wind shifts and drifting conditions. The Days led almost the entire race but fell into a huge hole on the last abbreviated leg, while former District 2 Governor Bob Ewoldt and Faye Sabata of Lincoln, Nebraska ghosted by to leeward for the bullet. The Days salvaged a second, just ahead of Lincoln sailors Jon Christensen and Pat Keane who teamed up just for the regatta.

Back on shore Saturday night, the Snipers and their families enjoyed an Epicurean delight from Eric Skoog and Cronk's Café. The sailors feasted on Midwestern-cuisine like broasted chicken, ham, beans, watermelon, and ice cream along with plenty of beer.

Sunday morning dawned with promising 10-15 mph Northeast winds, which tapered off to 5-10 mph by race time. John Sepanski, sporting a new Snipe and new crew Chris Stahl on board, wore down the fleet in the third race and notched the victory. The Days finished second and Davis/Scofield finished third.

Light air specialists Carter and Tami Weitz of INSA led the fleet nearly the whole way in the final fourth race, only to fall victim to an unfavorable wind shift on the right side during the final beat. Christensen/Keane won



A fleet top 5 skippers/crews: Jennifer Day, Doug Day, Henry Davis with Cameron, Jon Christensen, Pat Keane, Carter Weitz, Tami Weitz, John Sepanski and Chris Stahl. not pictured, Chris Scofield.

the race, securing third overall for the regatta. The Days finished second, easily repeating as regatta champions and winners of the Robert Hardin Memorial Trophy. Davis/Scofield finished third in the race to finish second overall. Carter and Tami Weitz posted consistent finishes to finish fourth overall. Sepanski/Stahl rounded out the top five.

Ray and Carol Godbout posted a number of mid-fleet positions to easily win the B fleet. The Godbouts will meet firm resistance if they attempt to register in the B fleet next year.

Following the two races on Sunday, three teams from INSA competed in the junior race. Mac Brush, with his father Bill crewing, started out on the pin end, flopped to port and never relinquished the lead around the Olympic course.

This year's INSA and Missouri Valley Championship was a super time. Special thanks to John Sepanski of Lake Carlyle, Illinois, and former INSA sailors Martin Bebb of Oklahoma for again making the long drives to join us. Make plans to join us next year!

—Pat Flood

1996 Norm Tanner Memorial Regatta

The third annual Norm Tanner Memorial Regatta was held on July 13-14 at the Bow May yacht Club in Littleton, Colorado. This regatta has been dedicated to remember Norm Tanner who passed away six years ago at the age of 52.

Norm learned to sail as a teenager on Lake Macatowa in Holland, Michigan and purchased his first Snipe there in 1954. He sailed with the Sequoia Yacht Club in Tulsa, Oklahoma through his college years. During this time he sailed in regattas in Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas. Norm moved to Colorado in 1961 and sailed for several years with the Denver Sailing Association of Sloans Lake. The regattas on Bowles Lake led to a move to the Bow Mar community in 1968 where he became a member of the Bow Mar Yacht Club. He held the club Snipe Championship for many consecutive years. His wife Janet crewed for him for over 20 years and they competed in several Snipe National Championships. He was always one of the top finishers in the annual points score.

This years Norm Tanner Regatta had good racing in medium winds that yielded 4 races on Saturday. Saturday evening, many worn down participants and their families enjoyed a fabulous lasagna dinner with an assortment of fresh salads and bread. The evening was beautiful with an outstanding sunset.

Racing continued on Sunday and three good races were completed. The racing was very close and mark rounding were always interesting. Last years winner, Steve Tautz ended up winning the regatta again this year over Jim Lowrie and his son Jason. The traveling trophy is a beautiful bronze figurine of a couple sailing in some exciting waves. Janet Tanner presented the trophies to this years winners. It is a trophy that will be sought after next year from challengers all over the United States.



Winners from left to right: Sasha Jacobs, Dave Baker, Janet Tanner, Steve Tautz, Player Driscoll, Jason Lowrie, Jim Lowrie, Karen Swenson, Doug Swenson.

Skipper/Crew	Boat #	Finishes	Total
1. Steve Tautz/Player Driscoll	25730	1-1-1-2-1-1-3	8.75
2. Jim/Jason Lowrie	28450	2-3-3-3-2-5-2	20
3. Doug/Karen Swenson	28900	4-2-6-1-3-6-1	22.5
4. Dave Baker/Sasha Jacobs	23396	5-4-2-6-6-3-4	30
5. Carl Lundstrom/Laura	24809	8-7-4-5-5-2-5	36
6. Jack/Betty Clodfelter	25869	6-6-5-4-4-7-7	39
7. Jim/Karen Barr	21500	3-5-7-11-9-8-6	49
8. Bob/Tracy Bischoff	20403	10-8-10-8-8-4-10	58
9. Clyde Castle/Richard Melich	19891	9-10-9-9-7-9-8	61
10. Tom/Susan Bevington	24811	7-9-8-7-13-13-13	70
11. Doug/Donna Pacetti	25053	13-13-13-13-10-10-9	81

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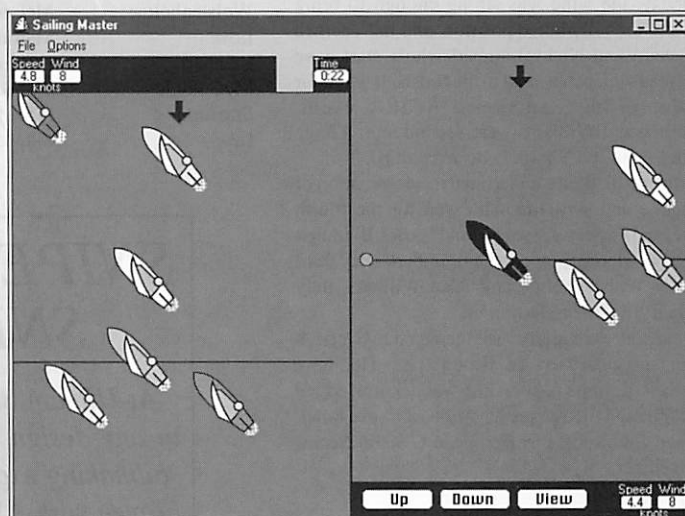
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1996 UK Nationals--WOLSTENHOLME AND WILLIAMS DOMINATE AGAIN

Twenty-five Snipe crews gathered at Stone International Sailing Club for the British Nationals held over six races from 19-21 July. Near perfect sailing conditions prevailed throughout with a steadily building wind blowing generally South-Easterly.

The first race was won by National Secretary John Love sailing with his daughter Debbie. His early advantage steadily increased throughout the Olympic course set off Bradwell Marina. Reining National Champions Peter Wolstenholme and Alan Williams were second and Patrick Biddulph and Matthew Clarke expertly lee-bowed the flood tide to go from mid-fleet into third place.

In the second race, sailed back-to-back, Wolstenholme and Williams dominated the first beat and pulled away on the reach with a helping tide. Chris and Sue Surridge were second and Gary Lewis, a six-time UK National Champion was third, with Mike Thorpe crewing.

On Saturday the third race brought a little more wind. Wolstenholme and Williams won but only managed to pass John and Debbie Love on the final beat. John Love, who draws his old age pension next year, was really showing the kids how it should be done. Nick McGonigle and Keith Butler were third.

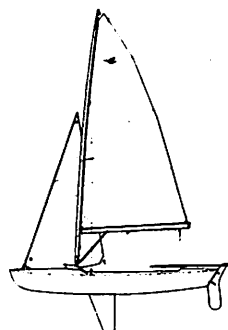
The fourth race was again won by Wolstenholme and Williams, their third in a row. The McGonigle and Butler challenge gathered momentum with a second and Love and Love were promoted to third after two disqualifications. Duncan and Paul Fraser were third over the finish line but were disqualified for a port and starboard offence. A harsh lesson was learnt by fourth over the line Jonathan Simpson and Ian Sinclair, who were also DSQ'd because the race committee spotted Sinclair discarding a soggy cigarette packet over the side between races.

On Sunday, the wind was strong enough to bring both crews to the fully hiked position, and this seemed to suit Richard and Nicky Lambert who's start gave them a big lead which they held to the finish. It was their first bullet in any sanctioned SCIRA event. Wolstenholme and Williams were second after a huge tussle with Lewis and Thorpe who were third.

The sixth and final race underlined the domination of Wolstenholme and Williams who won for the fourth time. Fraser and Fraser were second and Patrick Biddulph and Matthew Clarke pipped the Lambert's to third place. Peter Wolstenholme and Alan Williams duly retained their title, their sixth in all.

The event was excellently race managed by Derrick Crouch and organised by Jo Broughton. Her long service to the UK Snipe Association was acknowledged at the prizegiving with the presentation of a rose bowl. Her husband John retires as European General Secretary in December.

— Richard Lambert



1. 26671 P Wolstenholme/A Williams	(2)-1-1-2-1	5
2. 24154 J & D Love	1-(7)-2-3-4-5	14.75
3. 28451 R & N Lambert	(12)-6-5-5-1-4	20.75
4. 20255 N McGonigle & K Butler	4-5-3-2-(11)-8	22
5. 28398 C & S Surridge	(7)-2-4-6-6-7	25
6. 20264 G Lewis & M Thorpe	6-3-10-4-3-(11)	26
7. 28385 P Biddulph & M Clarke(J)	3-9-6-(10)-8-3	29
8. 20558 I & R Marshall(J)	9-10-8-(11)-9-6	42
9. 22779 D & P Fraser	5-4-27.5-(7)-7-2	45.5
10. 19328 A & J Hoy(J)	(15)-11-9-8-10-12	50
11. 26159 E & M Broughton	(17)-17-11-9-5-10	52
12. 28384 B & I Gregory	13-13-7-12-(17)-9	54
13. 24152 H & H Sadzik(J)	8-14-12-(21)-16-15	65
14. 22778 D Elliott & P Larkin	16-(19)-17-13-12-13	71
15. 27330 R & M Barnes	11-8-18-24-(25)-18	79
16. 10070 G Campbell & E Crouch	14-15-19-14-18-(19)	80
17. 20265 D Saxton & I Stichbury	(25)-25-13-17-14-14	83
18. 20557 A Francis(J) & J Sadzik(J)	21-(22)-16-16-15-16	84
19. 20330 E & A Thompson	20-12-15-20-20-(21)	87
20. 27329 J White & B Clark	18-18-14-19-(23)-20	89
21. 27871 J Simpson & I Sinclair	10-16-(27.5)-27.5-13-25	91.5
22. 22500 B & R Foulds	22-(23)-21-15-19-17	94
23. 21912 J & J Leeder	(23)-21-22-18-21-22	104
24. 23626 J Williams & G Bailey	19-20-20-23-24-(25)	106
25. 26090 J & R Desmond(J)	(25)-25-25-22-22-23	117

--(J) denotes junior sailor

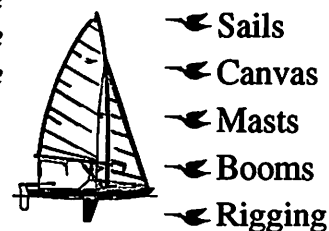
The top six at the UK Snipe Nationals seem to agree on very little gear wise but then who said variety is the spice of life?! What they do seem to agree on however is that for the most part, you still need to go overseas to get the best kit. Only in the spars department do UK manufacturers get a universal thumbs up.

Gear specs are as follows:

Skipper	Hull	Sails	Mast
Wolstenholme	McLaughlin USA	Fisher Ohio	Holt-Allen
Love	Martin Skipper UK	Hood San Pedro	Proctor UK
Lambert	Persson Denmark	Sobstad San Diego	Holt-Allen
McGonigle	Skipper Denmark	Hood San Pedro	Super Spars
Surridge	ITSA Marine UK	North San Diego	Holt-Allen
Lewis	Skipper Denmark	Hood San Pedro	Proctor UK

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