

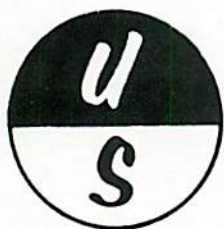


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1983 information forms were sent to Na-
tional Secretaries, District Governors, and
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rect listings for the SCIRA Directory
which will be printed in the February issue
of the BULLETIN. The deadline for re-
ceipt of information in the SCIRA office
is December 31.

Borrallho New National Secretary For Portugal

Domingos Borrallho will assume the du-
ties of National Secretary for Portugal on
January 1, 1984, replacing Augusto Gui-
maraes who served as National Secretary
during the recent world championship.

Domingos' address is: Domingos Bor-
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The 720 Penalty — Pros And Cons

Do you remember where the 720° pen-
alty came from? and when?

At the USYRU meeting in San Francisco
in October, Rob MacArthur, regional ad-
ministrative judge for the USYRU re-
viewed the history of this alternative pen-
alty during the race management committee
meeting. In the general discussion which
followed several opinions were expressed
about the use and misuse of this and other
alternative penalties.

In Marblehead, Massachusetts, in the
winter of 1969-70, a group of tough and
knowledgeable frostbite sailors tried dou-
ble circles instead of disqualification.

Ted Tolson, Race Committee Chairman
for the Thistle and Lightning Midwinters
held at St. Petersburg Yacht Club, became
interested in "the 720," and decided that
it would be suitable for these champion-
ships. He proposed use of this penalty for
the championships held in March, 1971,
and was enthusiastic about the results.
These sailors were mostly very knowl-
edgeable sailors who had traveled great
distances to take part in the regattas.
Tolson was so pleased with the results that
he wrote an article for the Florida Sailing
Association Bulletin outlining the proce-

cedure for use of the penalty, and recom-
mending its use.

By 1977 "the 720" was in general use,
and Ted Tolson had become convinced that
the rule was being abused. He wrote a sec-
ond article for the F.S.A. Bulletin in which
he "disowned his own baby."

MacArthur reported on a recent Youth
Championship where he had announced
that there would be no 720 penalty al-
lowed. Some young sailors were so con-
fused that they did 720s anyway. The
performance was such that the decision
was made that the organizers should pre-
sent all 120 contestants with rule books at
the conclusion of the regatta.

MacArthur concluded by saying that the
720 was designed with the premise that
sailors know and will respect the rules —
where there is no knowledge, there can be
no respect.

"After 12 years of use, I ask that you
make an effort to educate the yachting
community to use the 720 sparingly and
only with those who know the rules. There
is no place (for use) with Juniors and Col-
legiate sailors."

He also pointed out that the training
received in protest committee meetings
forces the sailors to learn the rules in
action.

"As responsible leaders we must do
what we can to use the 720 intelligently."

The May 1972 issue of the Snipe BUL-
LETIN carried the two proposals for alter-
native penalties to disqualification

THE COVER

Sweden's Mats Gothlin leads Johnny
MacCall, Argentina, to the finish in the last
race at the World Championship in Por-
tugal. Buzz Lamb photo.

THE SCORE

We have issued seven numbers since our
last report, six going to the U.S.A. and one
to Portugal. We have a new fleet to wel-
come; it is Club Nautico Azopardo in San
Isidro, Argentina.

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Cobra II Mast Taken

From hanger during World Championship at Porto. If you have any knowledge of this mast or its whereabouts, please contact Rui Moreira, Jr., Rua do Pinheiro Manso, 33-2. DTO, 4100 Porto, Portugal.

approved by the NAYRU Rules Committee for trial in 1972. The proposals were for the 720 degree turns and for a 20% penalty based on the finishing position of the yacht in a race.

The U.S. sailors had expressed some enthusiasm for the 720 at the 1971 U.S. Nationals, and the penalty was used beginning in 1972 on an experimental basis. Soon it was used in almost all regattas in the U.S. In 1973 the IYRU adopted both the 720 rule and the percentage penalty rule.

Some classes have been re-evaluating the use of the 720. The J-24 class has voted to strongly discourage use of the 720, substituting a penalty system of 25%, 50%, and 100% instead, feeling that the 720 is dangerous in crowded conditions with 24-foot boats, and feeling that a 20%

penalty is too light for many penalty situations.

Penguins, Rebels, and Scow classes have also used percentage penalties.

The offshore committee has ruled that for offshore racing the 720 penalty is not suitable.

Should the Snipe Class reconsider when the 720 is appropriate, and when it is either dangerous or unfair in competition? We invite your letters and comments.

Overhead Electric Wires Pose Danger For Sailors

A young South Carolina sailor was electrocuted in September when the mast he was helping to unstep came in contact with overhead electric wires located just outside a yacht club parking lot. The Club had had discussions with the power company on either raising or burying the electric lines, but for various reasons including cost, the work had not been done.

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At the 1983 Pan Am Games: Left photo: Yacht Club from the peninsula where boats were stored. Right photo, left to right: Peter Greene, Greg Kelly, Pat Muglia. (Chuck Loomis photos)

Jeff Lenhart Wins Gold In Pan Ams

Jeff Lenhart won the Gold Medal in the 1983 Pan American Games at Puerto La Cruz, Venezuela. Julio Labandeira of Argentina sailed consistently to win the Silver, and Fernando Thode won two races to take the Bronze back to Uruguay.

Even though he was able to sit out the last race and use it for his throw-out, the win for Lenhart was not as easy as it seems from looking at the final standings. Jeff used the length and configuration of the courses to come from way back in the pack to finish second in the first race and to beat out Paulo Santos at the end of the last beat in the second race. He went on to win the third and fourth races, and the pressure was off.

The courses were unusual for Snipe sailors. They consisted of a triangle, "saus-age" (windward/leeward), another triangle and a finish to windward. With a windward leg of a mile or so, the added length gave skippers with speed and persistence time to catch up if buried by a wind shift. Wind shifts were there in abundance, usually early in the race. Labandeira used one to easily win the first race. Thode caught one on the right side of the course and was long gone in the fifth race.

Eight Snipes competed in racing that was limited to one boat per country. The Snipe races were delayed two days because of the late arrival of the charter boats. As a result, while the other classes had a day off after three days of racing, the Snipes were out for two long races in heat and humidity that must have been in the high 90s.

Despite the length of the races and only one day of heavy winds, all the races were completed within the time limit and on average were well run.

Congratulations, of course, are due the medal winners. However, and more importantly, congratulations to all the contestants for the sportsmanship and camaraderie that was shown. There were no protests filed and the groups of Snipers that gathered to socialize and compare notes

Skipper/Crew

Jeff Lenhart/Pat Muglia
Julio Labandeira/Gabriel Marianai
Fernando Thode/Alberto DeMicheli
Paulo Santos/José Santos
Gregory Kelly/Peter Greene
Dan Neri/Karen Neri
Jose Revenga/Andres Kerese
Carlos Olivo & David Colon/Oscar Cirilo

PAN AM GAMES

Country	Places	Points	Finish
U.S.A.	2-1-1-1-3-1-NS	8.7	1
Argentina	1-6-3-2-4-2-2	22.7	2
Uruguay	3-5-4-3-1-5-1	29.4	3
Brazil	5-2-2-5-2-3-3	30.7	4
Bahamas	4-3-6-4-7-7-5	56.7	5
U.S. Virgin Islands	8-4-5-6-5-6-6	63.1	6
Venezuela	6-7-7-NF-6-4-4	65.4	7
Puerto Rico	7-8-8-NF-8-NF-NF	85	8

was encouraging to witness. There were many things that went wrong in relation to the regatta. It was not, however, with the contestants in the Snipe Class.

Notes and observations, in no particular order:

Greg Kelly, sailing for the Bahamas, sailed some good races early in the series. At 15, if he stays with Snipes, he looks like a comer.

The Venezuelan team of Jose Revenga (also 15) and Andres Kerese came along better at the end of the series as the wind lightened up. As the only Snipe in Venezuela, they hadn't seen much competition until the regatta.

Pedro Sisti says that the 1987 Pan Ams will be held in Ecuador and that Snipes will be invited.

Thanks to Roberto Salvat for his efforts toward selling the charter boats in Venezuela. Three of them stayed in Venezuela and the other went to Brazil.

Carlos Olivo, the skipper for Puerto Rico, damaged his knee during the fourth

(heavy air) race. He was replaced as skipper by David Colon.

In comparison to what the athletes had in Caracas, the living conditions were first rate. Food was plentiful though monotonous. Wet clothes would not dry in the humidity, but it was so warm that not many were needed and in some cases not many were worn. Girl watchers had a ball.

Snipers who were involved with other classes included Torben Grael, who won the Gold in the Solings for Brazil. Johnny MacCall of Argentina raced in the Star Class. Both sailed Snipes in Portugal. Former World Champion Boris Ostergren and Ivan Pimental were coaches on the Brazilian team. Pedro Sisti acted in the same capacity for Argentina.

Rear Commodore Roberto Salvat was a member of the International Jury.

In the team competition for the Gold: Brazil won four, USA three, and Mexico took one.

Chuck Loomis
Pan Am Snipe Measurer

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SCIRA UK Celebrates Fifty Years In Snipes

In 1933, members of the Royal Cinque Ports Yacht Club, Dover, England, sent off to the Snipe Association Secretary in Dallas for plans. On arrival an order was placed for twelve Snipes to be built by a firm at Whitstable. The price paid for each Snipe, complete with sails and delivery was 28 pounds (\$35). That was the start of the Snipe Association in England, which gradually spread out into Europe. I will not go on further into the history of the growth of SCIRA on this side of the Atlantic. . . but I do feel you would agree such an event needs celebrating! And this was done, on May 14-15 at the very club where it all started, the R.C.P.Y.C., which has a history of its own, being founded in 1872.

Unfortunately the Dover club only has one Snipe member on its books today, but nevertheless the club officers were keen and enthusiastic to host the event. To endeavour to promote the class I allowed the regatta to be open to any sailor regardless of whether a SCIRA member or not to compete. Providing a crew turned up with a begged, borrowed or stolen Snipe then they were entered. Three races were held, sailed over a short Olympic Course within the massive harbour, which gave protection to any inexperienced helms.

The first race Saturday afternoon was in light airs. From the gun, David Mason crewed by his ten year old son, Christopher, took the lead. At the first w/ward mark it was D. Mason, H. Mockett, G. Lewis, and D. Jones. John Bean of Broadstairs took a long starboard tack, way, way, out in the harbour, it looked as though this would pay — but at the critical stage the wind dropped off out there. By the completion of the first lap changes had occurred. D. Mason still held the lead, Denmark's Arnie Lind-Hanson was second with H. Mockett third, G. Lewis fourth. It was encouraging to see junior Alexandra Lewin, with sister Juliette crewing, moving into fifth.

Once round the mark David/Christopher Mason seemed to weave from one puff to another, taking a zig zag course that opened up the gap tremendously. The gun went to the 'Masons' with three minutes later the second helm, Arnie Lind-Hanson, coming in. Alexandra Lewin took third followed by G. Lewis, Hugh Mockett, Martin Coomber.

Second race was on the Sunday morning. Again light airs, but with rain coming down literally in sheets. In these terribly trying conditions Keith Harding took advantage of everyone's misery and got



Above: With the Dover Castle serene above the harbour, Keith Harding has assistance in bringing his Snipe up the steep ramp. At right: Gary Lewis (left) and David Mason exchange a pre-race joke.

down to concentrated sailing. It worked. He reached the first mark with a clear lead, disappearing into the mist of the torrential rain. At the jibe mark there was the unbelievable sight of G. Lewis taking the lead, with K. Harding in the unenviable position of having over-stepped and having great difficulty in fighting the tide to make the buoy. At this mark there was a scramble to get 'round owing to so many Snipes converging. D. Jones hit and had to re-round, whilst Alan Milton and Vernon took a straight line with eyes closed. How they made it will never be told, but they came through clean, gaining around six positions. The first place went to G. Lewis, second A. Lind-Hanson, third D. Mason.

Lunch over brought the last race and a force 4 wind. The protection of the harbour kept the sea flat but from the off to the final gun the going was tough. Capsizes, retirements, and broken masts were the rewards for going out. Tough, enjoyable racing certainly was had on the final fling. The young Lewins did well to master that wind, whilst the other juniors, Martin and Alan Coomber, had to retire with a broken mast. The final gun went to Gary Lewis, A. Lind-Hanson, H. Mockett and A. Milton.

First ten overall: 1. Gary Lewis/Alan Williams, Budworth S.C.; 2. David and Christopher Mason, Blue Circle S.C.; 3. Arnie Lind-Hanson/Arthur Nuttal, Denmark; then a joint fourth Alexandra Lewis/Juliette Lewin & Hugh Mockett/Ed-



win Ball; 5. Alan Milton/Vernon R.C.P.Y.C.; 6. Martin/Alan Coomber, Stone S.C.; 7. David Jones/Peter Gray, Blue Circle S.C.; 8. John Bean/Jim Walker, Broadstairs S.C.; 9. Doug Spooner/Eric Ball, Broadstairs S.C.; 10. Keith Harding/John Warner, Broadstairs S.C.

For Snipe to have lasted half a century is an achievement in the UK. This country is unique in the number of small racing craft designed, marketed and sponsored in one year. Like the leaves in autumn, come the end of each race season many types of craft just fall into oblivion. Our strength must lie in the membership's close knit family atmosphere which percolates whenever we meet, and this atmosphere was certainly most marked at the regatta dinner.

My thanks go to Alan and Vernon who continue to keep Snipe at the Dover club as a design raced. For the future I feel that I can say on behalf of every SCIRA sailor, may their dedication result in building once more Snipe into a fleet at the Royal Cinque Ports Yacht Club.

*John R. Broughton,
UK National Secretary*

Stone Sailing Club Hosts U.K. Nationals

This year's championships were contested in the River Blackwater in the St. Lawrence Bay area. The racing was on an Olympic type triangular course with legs of about one mile. The racing was blessed with a steady wind between north and east over the three days. The first five races were contested in force 3-4 winds, but the final race saw the force 4 NE wind supplemented by the afternoon sea breeze, causing a big sea in the force 5-6 resultant wind.

Twenty-three boats travelled to Stone Sailing Club for the regatta. The racing was dominated by last year's champions Gary Lewis and Alan Williams of Budworth Sailing Club, with four wins, and by Tony Statham and Jonathan Sharp of Broadstairs S.C. with two firsts and three second places.

Third place overall was gained by past national champion Mark Townsend, crewed by Gillian Martin, also of Budworth S.C.

In these days of highly adjustable masts, the racing was dominated by those who had mastered the art of mast bend and sail shape control. It was noticeable that the leading boats were sailed flat and fast as a result. As one's gaze transferred farther down the fleet the angle of heel increased when beating to windward. The lightest crews still seem to have a problem, however, in winds over force 3.

The honor of the Stone S.C. was upheld by Dennis Humphrey and Mark Broughton, who finished fourth overall and Alexander and Juliet Lewis (16 years and 14 years) who came eighth overall, and also won the trophy for first Junior Crew — those two used this regatta as a warm-up for the Snipe Junior European Championships being held in Santander, Spain in August.

Apart from the very enjoyable racing in fine open water, a superb social programme, with a sit-down dinner and dance to a live band on the first evening, and a barbecue, with dancing to a jazz band on the second evening completed our enjoyment.

At the prize giving, held in the club, the trophies were presented by the club president's wife, Marjorie Crispin, and the winner, Gary Lewis, was generous in his praise for the superb race organization and social programme all enjoyed.

U.K. NATIONALS

1. Gary Lewis/Alan Williams, Budworth; 2. Tony Statham/Jonathan Sharp, Broadstairs; 3. Mark Townsend/Gillian Martin, Budworth; 4. Dennis Humphrey/Mark Broughton, Stone; 5. David Jones/Mick

Janman, Blue Circle; 6. Richard Martin/Sue Pollen, Crosby; 8th and Junior Trophy: Alexander Lewis/Juliet Lewin, Stone.

David Lewin

Open Regatta Sailed At Crosby SC

June 11-12 was the weekend date for the Snipe Open, hosted by Crosby Sailing Club, Liverpool, England.

The first race was filled with incidents, but fortunately the regatta did not continue in such style. Both Roland Antonelli and John Grey became involved in separate incidents and had to do 720s. Whilst Mark Townsend had to retire, with Gary Lewis following a lap later with a broken shroud.

Race one winner went to Mark Townsend.

The second race had to be shortened owing to wind increase. This race was again a win to Mark Townsend.

Sunday heralded race three. The Dane, Arnie Lind Hanson, 20323, had to retire

with a broken rudder pintle. Gary Lewis took the lead from the start and maintained that position to the finish, with Mark Blanchard taking second, Richard Martin third.

The fourth and final race saw Mark Blanchard, of Crosby, holding off both Gary Lewis and Mark Townsend who strongly contended his lead. The last round, Richard Martin took over a challenging position but Mark was able to hold him off. The Dane, Arnie, borrowed a boat to get back into the race following his pintle breakage; but he was not able to make the prizes. So the final race went to home club sailor Mark Blanchard.

Overall winner: Mark Townsend, 24153, Budworth S.C.; 2. Gary Lewis, 23233, Budworth S.C.; 3. Mark Blanchard, 19895, Crosby S.C.; 4. Richard Martin, 20349, Crosby S.C.

The open was well run under Race Officer R. Miller. It was pleasing to see John Bean making the long drive north to represent his home fleet at Broadstairs.

John R. Broughton
UK National Secretary



In the Crosby Open, race two, Mark Townsend out front with four Snipes closely grouped, for challenging competition.

Callison Dominates New York State Open

The Bolde Mothers of Dismal Valley again hosted the New York State Open on beautiful, bucolic Cuba Lake. Thirty-six competitors from the several states and six nations sailed six races over somewhat modified Olympic courses in mostly light, shifty breezes.

The host fleet placed eight of the top fifteen, but nobody came close to Steve Callison and Christina Allen from Newport Yacht Club in Rochester, New York who dominated the action with four firsts. John Johns and Kate Heywood from Ann Arbor Michigan finished runners-up for the third year in a row and Guy Lovejoy with Chuck Bastian from Keuka Lake took third. Many-time past champion and local folk hero Fritz Gram managed a fourth while edging Cuba Lake fleet captain Jack Pierotti.

BOLDE MOTHERS/NEW YORK STATE OPEN (Top 15 of 36 entries)

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Fleet	Places	Points	Finish
24608	Steve Callison/Chris Allen	Newport	3-1-1-1-1	5.7	1
23279	John Johns/Kate Heywood	Barton	3-5-2-2-2	24.7	2
16333	Guy Lovejoy/Chuck Bastian	Keuka Lake	1-2-4-5-3	26.7	3
16699	Fritz Gram/Jane Gram	Cuba Lake	6-8-2-3-4	42.4	4
24777	Jack Pierotti/Eric Winkki	Cuba Lake	9-6-11-5-6	65.4	5
23276	George Hock/Andrea Hock	Newport	11-10-8-16-4	77	6
25450	Bud Booth/Ellen Booth	Onondaga	2-26-1-11-20	78	7
20222	Rob Hays/Buffy Callen	Cuba Lake	4-7-9-14-17	79	8
24802	Bill Willmarth/Nancy Willmarth	Barton	4-12-13-12-12	81	9
19795	Dick Edwards/Josie Forrestel	Cuba Lake	17-5-22-9-3	81.7	10
19697	Todd Perrigo/Tim Close	Cuba Lake	8-22-7-10-8	85	11
21933	Denny Bush/Lorrie Bush	Chautauqua Lake	12-9-8-13-13	85	12
25372	Jamie Pierotti/Libby Forrestel	Cuba Lake	24-6-6-16-7	88.4	13
8038	Jon Pegis/Jolyon Pegis	Newport	5-14-10-15-18	91	14
22850	Gweneth Crook/Id Crook	Oakville-Cuba Lake	16-17-7-6-16	91.7	15

On-shore activities were just as intense. Ann Crook's brother Mick from England won the dance competition with his "gator-" like moves, as several locals and sailors watched in delight. The elixir prepared by Id Crook and The Bell worked its charm as many partied under the full moon to the disco sounds of race chairman

G. Christmas Bradley and the Windbreakers and vocals of Rick.

Once again the assault on the Beer Truck failed. Please join us next year when the planets will align properly for the next Intergalactics.

Leo Murphy
Cuba Lake Fleet 442



Above, left to right:
Bob Johnston,
Christina Allen, Leo
Murphy, Steve
Callison. Top right
photo, left to right:
Leo Murphy, "Mick"
(party winner),
"Bell" Johnston. At
right, trophy winners,
standing: Jack Pierot-
ti, Fritz Gram,
"Mick" Leo Murphy,
Guy Lovejoy, Steve
Callison, John Johns.
Kneeling: Eric
Winicki, Jane Gram,
Bob Johnston, Chuck
Bastian, Christina
Allen, Kate Heywood.



Wade Edwards Captures Michigan State Championship

Grand Rapids Yacht Club again hosted the Michigan State Championship Regatta on July 23-24 at Reeds Lake. Wade and Aliza Edwards returned the emblematic Eagle Lake Trophy to their home Crescent Sail Yacht Club of Detroit where it had resided the past year. The next three places were cornered by Indianapolis sailors Jim and Julie Richter, Andy McDonald and Julie Brannon, and John and Mary Brannon. The best the home fleet could muster was the fifth and sixth place finishes of Skip and Jeff Baxter and Dan and Brad Conway.

We had ideal weather conditions with steady 12 to 15 westerlies for Saturday's

two races and a beautiful Sunday morning breeze at 10 from the northwest for the final race. Thanks to the usual excellent race committee work for GRYC's Darrell Dunakin, all races went as smoothly as clockwork, leaving our forlorn protest committee chairman looking for work.

GRYC's Jeff Mussen had an especially eventful Saturday. An MD on call, Jeff turtled his boat and doused his beeper. He ran home between races and got another. Before he could finish the second race, though, he got beeped off the lake, went out and delivered twins, consoled the new parents, and dashed back for dinner and a stiff drink with the rest of us ordinaries.

The host fleet as usual went all out to give the very best in hospitality. Almost all our skippers and wives pitched in on the food and festivities, which climaxed with a great Reno party Saturday night

where everyone was a winner. The entire regatta was adjudged by all as one of those rare, truly fun times.

Dan Conway
Grand Rapids Fleet 137

MICHIGAN STATE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP (Top 10 of 26 entries)

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Club	Places	Points	Finish
24688	Wade Edwards/Aliza Edwards	CSYC Detroit No. 5	1-2-2	6.0	1
24500	Jim Richter/Julie Richter	Indianapolis No. 409	7-1-3	18.7	2
21008	Andy McDonald/Julie Brannon	Indianapolis No. 409	5-5-1	20.0	3
24270	John Brannon/Mary Alice Brannon	Indianapolis No. 409	2-10-4	27.0	4
24440	Skip Baxter/Jeff Baxter	Grand Rapids No. 137	3-6-5	27.4	5
25452	Dan Conway/Brad Conway	Grand Rapids No. 137	6-4-7	32.7	6
24267	Colt Weatherston/Sarah Weatherston	CSYC Detroit No. 5	13-3-9	39.7	7
24332	Leigh Savage/Sally Savage	CSYC Detroit No. 5	10-8-6	41.7	8
23840	Terry Conway/Andy Conway	Grand Rapids No. 137	4-12-13	45.0	9
18647	Jim Pyott/Julie Watson	Chicago No. 86	11-7-11	47.0	10

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Adams Logs Atlantic Coast Championship Win

Ed and Meredith Adams ran away with the Atlantic Coast Championship, sailed July 23-24 out of Newport, RI. Adams' finishes of 2-1-1-2 for six points gave him a 44.4 point lead over second place finisher Griff Hall of Annapolis. Saturday morning started out hot and sunny with a fading northerly. Race officer Tom Pederson wisely chose to postpone and wait for the expected seabreeze. Sure enough the seabreeze filled in at 1 pm. By the time the fleet had sailed to the racing area north of the Newport Bridge, a "typical" Newport southwesterly of 12-15 kts. had arrived.

Griff Hall of Annapolis worked his way to the favored right side of the course to win the first race, closely followed by Adams, with eventual master's trophy winner Skip French in third. The wind increased to 14-17 kts. for the second race, and again the right side of the course came out ahead. Adams led the parade to the right to win over Tulane University star John Alofsin. By the third race the wind had veered 30 degrees and was gusting to 20 kts. Intent on going right, a crowd of 25 boats rafted up at the committee boat end of the starting line. Adams, Chris Friend and Canadian Doug Nugent started in the middle, picked up a nice shift from the left and led around the course, which was shortened after the first triangle because it was after 6 pm and dinner was waiting.

After beer, chowder, steak, potatoes and dessert, door prizes were given out. Weatherware donated a jacket and rain hats, International Sailing Products a set of adjustable spreaders, Afterguard Marine a lifejacket/windbreaker, Sailor's Tailor a

Opposite page, top photo: Ed and Meredith Adams hold it flat approaching the finish of the fourth race in 25 knots of wind. Bottom photo: Scott Ferguson (23834) chases Griff Hall (23749) upwind as the rest of the fleet approaches the leeward mark.

stowage bag, and half-price certificates for jibs were given by several sailmakers. A slide show of last year's regatta, with photos courtesy of noted photographer J.H. Peterson, followed dinner. Those who weren't too weary then ventured into the streets of Newport for a taste of the city's active night life.

As luck would have it, the fine string of hot, sunny weather that New England had been enjoying came to a sudden end Sunday with rain and a building southeasterly breeze. University of Michigan All American Scott Ferguson, sailing with Penguin World Champion Ellen Wefer, was leading the first race until losing his whisker pole over the side. Adams used this opportunity to get past and opened up as the breeze increased to 25 knots at the finish. He was followed by Steve Callison, Hall, and 1983 Collegiate Sailor of the Year Ken Read. The strong wind caused several cap-sizes and gear failures, and by the final race only 24 boats remained on the course.

This time Ferguson punched off the leeward end of the line to lead the fleet out into the favorable lee bow current on the left, followed by Adams and Jonathon Bartlett.

The Atlantic Coast Championship has become known in District 1 as *the* event if you want long, hard racing and great competition.

Lou Burns

ATLANTIC COAST CHAMPIONSHIP (Top 25 of 50 entries)

Skipper/Crew	Club	Places	Points	Finish
Ed Adams/Meredith Adams	Narr. Bay	2-1-1-1-2	6	1
Grif Hall/Lorie Jones	Annapolis	1-3-23-3-5	50.4	2
Scott Ferguson/Ellen Wefer	Narr. Bay	8-11-13-5-1	60	3
Ken Read/Kim Brown	Narr. Bay	9-6-10-4-7	63.7	4
Steve Callison/Chris Allen	Newport	9-6-10-4-7	68	5
John Alofsin/Sue Gallagher	Narr. Bay	5-2-20-8-9	68	6
Brad Dimeo/Dave Scott	Narr. Bay	12-5-3-15-11	71.7	7
Jon Bartlett/Alex Stout	Annapolis	7-15-11-11-3	73.7	8
Len Dolhert/Diana Healy	Mass Bay	14-4-8-10-10	74	9
Chris Friend/Tim Duffy	Narr. Bay	10-10-2-18-15	80	10
Skip French/Debbie French	Narr. Bay	3-14-19-6-12	80.4	11
Rob Gorman/Wayne Huntley	North Cove	15-15-13-13-20	86	12
Matt Corbisley/Cecilia Cooper	Narr. Bay	20-25-5-12-6	96.7	13
Doug Nugent/Dan Gandy	Oakville	6-20-4-20-DNF	102.7	14
Art & Jennifer Rousmaniere	Winchester	25-8-16-13-16	108	15
Billy Lawson/Scott Taylor	Annapolis	15-17-24-9-17	112	16
Paul Grimes/Ken Brodin	Narr. Bay	26-12-21-25-8	122	17
John Lally/Warren Kirby	Mass Bay	32-7-15-21-18	123	18
Susan Dierdorf/P. Metzger	Annapolis	22-24-18-16-21	131	19
Art Cunningham/S. Czibik	North Cove	23-18-26-22-13	132	20
John & Karen Elliott	Narr. Bay	17-16-12-14-DNS	139	21
Bill & Libby Johns	Narr. Bay	18-13-14-19-DNS	144	22
Lee & Karla Griffith	Pine Beach	21-26-31-29-19	156	23
Bill Brangiforte/K. Breen	Mass Bay	35-31-17-24-20	157	24
Geoff Moore/Mark Seagull	Narr. Bay	11-23-6-DNF-DNS	159.7	25



Adams Is Top Skipper At Winchester Invitational Regatta

The Winchester Invitational was sailed on July 9 and 10 on the Upper Mystic Lake in Winchester, Mass., hosted by Snipe Fleet 77 and the Winchester Boat Club. Twenty-seven boats turned out for the event, blessed by sunny skies, warm temperatures — and wind, which was gusty and extraordinarily shift. Going in to the fifth and final race, three teams were tied for the top spot, ultimately claimed by Ed Adams of Narragansett Bay. Ed was closely followed by Art Cunningham from North Cove, sailing his ineffably tinted new boat. Third place went to Joel Zackin of Quassapaug, who was remarkably consistent until the last race.

Cunningham dominated Saturday's racing, winning the first two races and placing fifth in the other. Adams was in second place overall after three races, but an uncharacteristic mid-fleet finish in the second put him far behind the leader. The Zackins took fourth in all three of Saturday's races, making them third.

Dinner was held on the lakeside lawn of Ralph Swanson's mother. Pat Hagedorn and Sophia Bowers did a great job again this year of organizing the steak dinner, and Jim Fraser and his son Martin, who was fourth after the racing on Saturday, took care of the bar.

The wind was still blowing at 10 a.m. on Sunday, with gusts out of the northwest (as well as the north, west, and south) of 15+ knots. Joel Zackin could do no wrong during the first race and came as close as one can to imitating a horizon job on a lake less than a mile long. Ed Adams finished second in this race, pursued by Dave Lence of Winchester, and fourth place was taken by Bill Aliberti of Medford.

The final race was graced by a 90-degree windshift on the first leg, so that the boats



Rounding the mark at the Winchester Invitational Regatta.

WINCHESTER INVITATIONAL (Top 10 of 27 entries)

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Club	Places	Points	Finish
24684	Ed Adams/Meredith Adams	Narragansett Bay	3-10-1-2-6	36.4	1
25411	Art Cunningham/Sandy Czibik	No. Cove	1-1-5-9-8	39	2
24573	Joel Zackin/Paul Zackin	Quassapaug	4-4-4-1-14	44	3
25435	Dave Lence/Dave Koepf	Winchester	5-3-12-3-3	45.1	4
23391	Charles Hagedorn/Jim Bowers	Winchester	11-8-2-8-2	51	5
25460	Fred Abels/Chris Varley	Sea Cliff	2-9-11-5-5	55	6
24999	Martin Fraser/Michelle Roche	Medford	9-2-6-7-13	61.7	7
25430	Chris Friend/Tim Duffy	Narragansett Bay	12-13-10-10-1	69	8
25003	Sue Tabor/Jan Tabor	Cottage Park	7-7-3-19-10	72.7	9
23401	John Williamson/Joe Abate	Winchester	8-12-15-11-16	92	10

on the left side could lay the mark in plenty of wind. I know, I was there! Unfortunately for them, the boats on the other side of the course had only a slight breeze. In a highly dramatic finish, Lence cruised through a fleet of becalmed boats (the wind dying for approximately one minute at this time before the sea breeze came in), and passed seven boats within fifty yards of the line to cross third. Zackin's fourteenth in this race was just good enough to fend off Lence's strong comeback.

*Charles Hagedorn
Fleet Captain*

Report From Panama

This year we started the season with the Marlboro Race which took place in May.

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*Edwin Chandeck
National Secretary, Panama*

Vanderkreeke Aces Florida State Juniors

Robin Vanderkreeke took home the first place trophy and the Perpetual Florida State Snipe Junior Championship to keep for a year.

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weather conditions, Southeasterly winds 10 to 12 knots.

We thank Mike Weber, our fleet Captain, and the people who helped him, for a well-run Regatta.

FLORIDA STATE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Boat	Skipper	Places	Points	Finish
24776	Robin Vanderkreeke	1-1-1	2.25	1
23713	Stefanie Weber	2-2-2	6	2
23711	Adam Killermann	3-3-3	9	3
25171	William Bonilla	5-4-4	13	4
20688	Shawl Lobree	4-5-DNF	16	5
25374	Pat Arrojo	DNF-DNF-DNS	22	6

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