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Junior World Championship

The Snipe Junior World Championship will be held at Yacht Club Uruguayo, Montevideo, Uruguay, December 2-8, 1984. Notices of the regatta have been sent to all national secretaries.

World Championship Dates Set

Argentine National Secretary Marcos Mugaburu has announced November 23 through December 1, 1985, as the dates for the World Championship. Yacht Club San Isidro, in a suburb of Buenos Aires, Argentina, will be host for the event.

1985 South Americans

A new Snipe to be sailed at the regatta by a "hot-shot" competitor will be offered as the prize for winning the 1985 South American Championship to be held at Punta del Este, Uruguay. This is an open championship with accommodations offered at Yacht Club Punta del Este for the first 15 who apply. The dates for the championship are April 2-6, 1985. Write: Yacht Club Punta del Este, Punta del Este, Uruguay.

New National Secretary for Uruguay

Enrique Perez Gudin has completed his term as National Secretary for Uruguay. The newly elected secretary is: Dr. Felix Leborgne, Ibicuy 1210, Montevideo, Uruguay.

Thanks to Enrique for all the work in planning for a World Junior Championship.

Felix has attended World Championships as crew for Horacio Garcia Pastori. They finished in fourth place in 1975.

Dues Increase In U.S.

The U.S. Board voted at their meeting at the U.S. National Championship in New Orleans to increase dues for 1985. The new dues schedule is: Single owner of a boat \$25. Co-owners \$20 each. Associates \$15.

Dues are due on January 1, and the new black and white 1985 decals are already available from the SCIRA office. Decals are required for all SCIRA races.

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Regattas All Around the World

The international flavor of Snipe sailing is highlighted as we visit the North American, Finnish, French and Canadian Nationals as well as hear about the open meeting at Stone S.C. in the United Kingdom.

Room Freely Given

Gary Boswell delves into another protest situation and comes up with not one but two submerged rules lurking in the race committee's decision.

Pictures, Pictures, Pictures

Our on-the-spot reporters from various championships have provided us with photographic as well as written reports of the events.

THE COVER

Snipes plane down the reach on the second leg of the last race of the 1984 European Championship, Marstrand, Sweden. See last month's *Bulletin* for full scores. John Muhlhausen photo.

THE SCORE

Fourteen numbers were issued during the month with 9 going to Sweden, 4 to U.S.A. and 1 to England. No new fleets were chartered.

Numbered SNIPES — 26103
Chartered Fleets — 795

Room Freely Given

*"... the other yacht may take advantage ...
of the room so given."*

by Gary Boswell, Dallas Fleet 1

Appeal Number 8, which describes a situation occurring with some regularity throughout the racing world, is unusually short. Yet, immersed in this singular appeal are not one but two Submerged Rules.

This appeal concerns three yachts W, I and L, approaching the starting line for a start to weather. Yacht L was close-hauled heading just to leeward of the starting mark. W and I converged with L. To avoid a collision L was forced to bear off, allowing the other two yachts room to pass between her and the starting mark.

This incident resulted from Yacht I's presumption that she was obligated to provide W searoom between her and the starting mark — being unaware of Rule 42.4, the anti-barging rule — and her further presumption that L was obliged to give her searoom to clear both W and the mark. W knew he was not entitled to such room but

since it was freely given he took advantage of the opening and slipped between I and the starting mark.

Now, patient reader, what do you think of that? Would you disqualify W for going where he ought not to go as did the Race Committee which originally heard this protest? Should we disqualify I who only tried to do what he believed was right, again as the Race Committee. And finally, what should be done about L who was the original protester, citing both W and I for infringing Rule 42.4 (anti-barging) and Rule 37.1 (windward yacht must keep clear).

Our quest is almost dispatched. In seeking the answer to the prior questions the promised Submerged Rules will emerge. The Appeals committee disqualified Yacht I for infringement of Rules 42.4 and 37.1 and in so doing stated that "Ignorance of the rules is no excuse for the infringement

of any rule." Clearly this concept, which is an ancient and honorable one in common law, is a Submerged Rule. It is good to have this principle clearly stated in this appeal so that there is no question but that it holds in the realm of yacht racing. The sailing rules are open and available to all who desire to explore their mysteries, and thus ignorance of them or even an intentional misrepresentation of them by a competitor in the heat of battle is no basis for redress. The Appeals committee added that in the case of L "it is an established principle of yacht racing that when a yacht voluntarily or unintentionally makes room available to another yacht which has no right under the rules to such room nor makes or indicates any claim to it, such as to pass between her and a mark or obstruction, the other yacht may take advantage, at her own risk, of the room so given." Thus the decision of the Race Committee disqualifying W was reversed.

Please read the prior quote carefully, for it is subtle. It seems to say that you can take advantage of room freely given if you keep your mouth shut. However, if you claim room to round a mark and your competitor says you are not entitled to room but inadvertently leaves you room, the cited appeal seems to say that you are not entitled to that room. What do you think?



WINTER RACING CIRCUIT

SCIRA MID-WINTER CHAMPIONSHIP

March 10-12, 6 races with one throw-out
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DON Q RUM KEG SERIES

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Keith Dodson Wins North American Championship

Local boy makes good with "consistently good starts and beautifully tuned boat."



Start of Third Race: Winner Keith Dodson (bow just showing) and Mark Reynolds (25732) take the pin end. (Frank LaHorgue photo)

by Frank LaHorgue

(Long Beach, CA) They were ill winds that blew September 7, 8 and 9. A 41-boat fleet of Snipes had gathered for the 1984 North American Championship; Alamitos Bay Yacht Club was host.

Propelled by tropical storm Marie off Baja California, steamy dank air engulfed Long Beach with light, flukey, unpredictable winds. Race chairman Langdon Parrill chewed nails while the locals scratched heads over the unusual conditions.

And the rock stars arrived in force; past world champs Dave Chapin and Jeff Lenhart. Mark Reynolds and Doug DeSouza

had won Nationals in the past. Jerry Thompson was a previous North American regatta winner.

The seven-race, one-throwout series began on Friday in light air. By the end of that two-race day, Alamitos Bay Yacht Club sailor Keith Dodson had set a tough pace with a first and a second place finish.

Three races were slated for Saturday, a day that set some sort of record for radical wind shifts. Forty and 50-degree swings bounced across the Long Beach Harbor course, and with no cyclical pattern like they talk about in the text books.

Dodson consolidated his lead position with another bullet, a third and a 24th place finish that had throwout written all over it. Reynolds, starting the day in a position to threaten, was tanked twice with an 18th and a 29th.

"Dodson is sailing very fast," said past winner Jerry Thompson. "His boat is beautifully tuned, and he's getting consistently good starts."

"The shifts and the holes were unreal out there today," Thompson went on after Saturday's racing. "In that last race, I rounded the last leeward mark with Dave Chapin well behind me. I thought I had him put away. He went right and I went into a hole. Dave finished third and I was ninth."

Marie was acting petulant on Sunday; 25

to 30-knot southerlies with rain and lightning expected according to the weather service. Cruisers scurried home early from Catalina Island and heavy weather snipe sailors hoped for an edge to move up in the fleet.

By the last day, Dodson's lead seemed unbeatable. Counting likely throwouts, Dodson had only 6½ points. Dave Chapin was the closest challenger with 22 points.

The series was tight for the rest of the trophies; only eight points separated the next six boats.

Marie's predicted tantrum proved a hollow threat; Sunday became a near copy of Saturday. Dodson drove home his series win with a first place finish in the last race. His score card read 14¼ points.

Scores for the top ten of 41 boats were: 1. Keith Dodson/Claudia O'Brien, 2-1-3-1-7-1, 14¼; 2. Chris Raab/David Swain, 4-4-16-4-1-3, 31¾; 3. Jerry Thompson/David Gales, 5-5-11-9-3-10, 43; 4. Jeff Lenhart/Tom Devlin-Peggy Lenhart, 11-4-2-12-4-12, 45; 5. Mike Segerblom/Ron Rosenberg, 9-12-3-6-2-16, 48; 6. Robin Gales/Scott Lindley, 3-11-12-5-10-8, 49; 7. Peter Newbre/Dwayne Bora, 16-3-8-7-7-13, 54; 8. Brian Kent/Bridget Kent, 7-14-6-11-9-7, 54; 9. Dave Chapin/Eric Krebs, 20-9-6-4-3-13, 55; Mark Reynolds/Deanne Wright, 1-8-18-5-6-18, 55¼.

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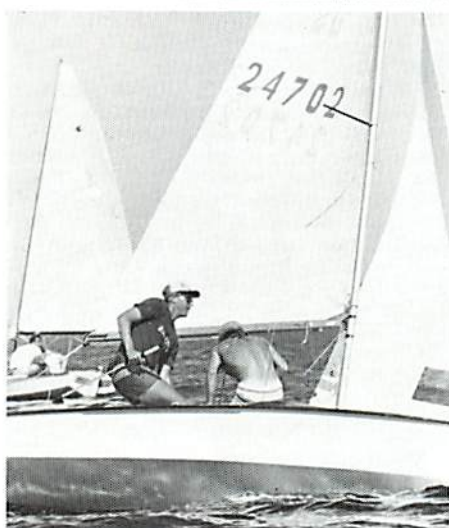
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Trophy Winners: The six top skippers, standing, and crews, seated, in order from left to right. See results for names. (Peter Gales photo)



Winning Skipper Keith Dodson and crew Claudia O'Brien with newly won hardware at Snipe Class North American Championship. The silver tray is the W. Birney Mills Memorial Trophy. (Peter Gales photo)



Dave Chapin tacks at the starboard layline. (Frank LaHorgue photo)



Third place winner Jerry Thompson. (Frank LaHorgue photo)

New Boat: Skipper Mike Segerblom and crew Ron Rosenberg relax between races. The pair first launched their new Phoenix Snipe the day of the first race and placed fifth for the series. (Frank LaHorgue photo)



Ed Adams Dominates District I

The Lake Mohawk Yacht Club hosted the 1984 District I Championship on June 22-24, 1984. The lake provided its usual display of "different" winds — from a near vacuum on Friday for the Juniors to puffy and variable conditions for the last day of the Seniors.

An almost total disregard of a general recall in the first race told RC Chairman Tom Bierman he was in for a long day and longer weekend. Once the fleet was reorganized and sent on their way, Ed Adams quickly showed the others the race was for "second place." The starboard course dictated by the wind proved no problem for Ed and Meredith and they led at every mark. Griff Hall and Doug Wefer dueled for second and third and finished in that order. A wind shift allowed for a normal port rounding in the second race and again the Adams team led at every mark to win going away. Bryan Dougherty had his best race of the weekend finishing second with Cory Fischer showing good form for a close third.

After lunch the wind was back to a starboard course and a premature start put Ed back in twelfth at the first mark. A display of reaching skill that left some shaking their heads put him back on top at the leeward pin. From there until they put the boat away Sunday, Ed and Meredith led at every mark. Griff Hall from Annapolis again finished second with Rob and Lisa Gorman showing a strong third.

The protest flag flew twice in the fourth race for two separate incidents involving the same two boats. Both ended up being disqualified. Again it was Adams followed by Doug Wefer and Cory Fischer.



1984 Senior Winners, District I skipper (back row from left): Ed Adams (1st), Cory Fischer (4th), Griff Hall (2nd), Doug Wefer (3rd), & David Lance (5th), and crew (front row in same order from left): M. Adams, Mike Udell, Linda Dull, Kris Meyer, and David Koepp.

DISTRICT I 1984 SNIPE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Club	Finishes	Points	Position
26099	Ed & Meredith Adams	Newport	1-1-1-1-1	3 1/2	1
23749	Griff Hall/Linda Dull	SSA	2-2-4-3-4	15	2
25737	Doug Wefer/Kris Meyer	Sea Cliff	3-6-6-2-4	21	3
25762	Cory Fischer/Mike Udell	SSA	6-3-8-3-5	25	4
25435	David Lance/David Koepp	Winchester	5-10-5-6-2	28	5
25412	Art & Jennifer Rousmaniere	Winchester	7-9-7-9-2	34	6
25810	Rob & Lisa Gorman	North Cove	4-11-3-6-11	35	7
25711	Fred Hagedorn/Mike Bowers	Winchester	15-7-7-13-14	41	8
25165	Matt Corbishley/J. Kessler	Newport	13-10-5-7-8	43	9
25777	Fred Thurston/Marshall Brown	SSA	12-11-8-14-3	48	10
23584	Bryan Dougherty/Ellen Wefer	Sea Cliff	19-2-9-8-12	50	11
24599	Andrew White/Russ Snyder	SSA	10-12-15-5-10	52	12
25480	John & Karen Elliott	Newport	12-4-14-11-13	54	13
26004	Lee & Karla Griffith	Pine Beach	9-13-15-10-9	56	14
20996	Steven & Melissa Shepstone	Sea Cliff	14-14-4-17-11	60	15
23967	Jack and Janese Willy	Lake Mohawk	8-8-9-24-19	68	16
23391	Charles Hagedorn/James Bowers	Winchester	16-19-19-10-6	70	17
24077	Ron Barber/Randy Brown	North Cove	15-17-12-12-15	71	18
21630	David Rogers/Laurie Ruest	Quassapaug	18-16-18-14-16	82	19
54	John & Joanne Marx	Lake Mohawk	11-20-16-13-24	84	20
13847	Jeff Urbanski/Karen Karl	Lake Mohawk	21-21-18-18-20	98	21
25838	Liz Bateman/Bill McEllen	Pine Beach	23-23-23-17-21	107	22
24266	Bill & Diana Bateman	Pine Beach	22-22-21-24-24	113	23

The winds Sunday were shifty out of the Southwest with some interesting puffs. In the fifth race once again it was Adams all the way followed by David Lance and Griff Hall. In the last race (the sixth which then allowed one throwout) Art Rous-

maniere gave Ed a challenge on the last leg but was unable to get by, finishing second. Fred Thurston had his best race of the series capturing third.

The quote "The Juniors *always* have wind" was dispelled this year at District I. The light shifty conditions for the first race provided a great opportunity for loss and gain. Everyone had a chance to lead but in the end it was Andrew White first and Jimmy Bowers second with Marshall Brown hanging on for third. If light can get lighter it did for the second race and the top two finishers reversed positions — with Bowers first and White second. Janese Willy charged into third. The final race saw shifty get shiftier, Andrew White ended up running on two of the last three legs to win by a wide margin, capturing the championship. Jimmy Bowers was second and John Willy third.



1984 Junior Winners, District I skipper (back row from left): Marshall Brown (3rd), Jimmy Bowers (2nd), & Andy White (1st), and crew (front row in same order from left): Randy Brown, Mike Bowers, & Russ Snyder.

DISTRICT I 1984 JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Club	Finishes	Points	Position
24599	Andrew White/Russ Snyder	SSA	1-2-1	3 1/2	1
25711	Jimmy & Mike Bowers	Winchester	2-1-2	4 1/2	2
25777	Marshall & Randy Brown	SSA	3-4-4 (tie)	11	3
19256	Janese Willy/Karen Karl	Lake Mohawk	5-3-4 (tie)	12	4 (tie)
23967	John Willy/Bill McEllen	Lake Mohawk	4-5-3	12	4 (tie)
25838	Liz Bateman/Mike Kenny	Pine Beach	6-6-6	18	6

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District III Winners, Chalmers Burns (left toright): Paul Levinson (1st), Bob Rowland (2nd), Craig Leweck (3rd), Don Hite (4th), and Lou Dixon (5th).



DISTRICT III 1984 SNIPE CHAMPIONSHIPS Chalmer-Burns Series

Boat	Skipper	Club	Finishes	Points	Position
24114	Paul Levinson	ISC	2-4-1-1-3-2	12½	1
24272	Bob Rowland	Cowan	4-1-4-3-2-1	14½	2
25406	Craigmont Leweck	Hoover	1-2-3-6-DNF-5	28¾	3
25841	Don Hite	North Cape	3-8-5-9-1-8	33¾	4
24681	Lou Dixon**	IBYC	20-3-6-4-5-3	41 (tie)	5
24682	Jeff Evans	IBYC	21-6-2-2-6-4	41 (tie)	6
23624	Sam Mollett	PLYC	5-5-10-8-7-6	41 (tie)	7
18886	Bill Coberly	Decatur	6-11-7-7-4-7	42	8
25114	Buzz Levinson	ISC	8*-7-8-5-10-10	48	9
24692	Ken Woodworth	Corey Lake	12-10-9-11-8-9	59	10
23968	Paul Wood	Akron	9-9-14-10-9-11	62	11

* redress 1st race

** Illinois State Championship



District III Winners, Dunphy Series (from left): David Smith (1st), L.W. Colter (2nd), and Chad Coberly (3rd).

DISTRICT III 1984 DUNPHY SERIES

Boat	Skipper	Club	Finishes	Points	Position
24096	David Smith	Cowan	7-12-DNS-2-1-1	44½	1
16851	L.W. Colter	Decatur	11-13-12-3-4-2	45	2
21790	Chad Coberly	Decatur	10-15-11-11-2-3	52	3
20302	Tom Gougear	Cowan	14-14-17-1-3-5	53¾	4
19722	Paul Presney	IBYC	8-19-13-5-6-6	57	5
20935	Tom Lewis	IBYC	13-18-15-7-5-4	62	6
21721	Richard Fink	LaCrosse	16-16-16-6-7-DNF	72	7
23425	Jim Donath	IBYC	15-17-19-4-10-11	76	8
21111	Alan Yngve	IBYC	19-20-20-8-8-7	82	9
17765	Charles Connors	Gull Lake	18-21-18-9-9-8	83	10

Levinson Programs District III Finals

Snipe Fleet 91 and Island Bay Yacht Club hosted the 1984 Snipe District III Championships held on Lake Springfield July 6, 7 and 8. This year, 21 Snipes took part in the regatta with a total of six races being sailed in a variety of weather conditions.

Paul Levinson, who demonstrated smart sailing throughout the series (and the right program), became the 1984 District III Champion.

The first three races sailed Friday were to be used as a qualifying series, but be scored through the entire regatta. Also, it was agreed prior to the first race that both fleets would start from the same line following the qualifying series.

The first three races on Friday took place in winds from the northwest ranging from 10-18 mph and increasing throughout the day. Craig Leweck showed a good boat speed in the moderate conditions and led the series at day's end with Paul Levinson and Bob Rowland close behind. Local entrants Lou Dixon, Jeff Evans and Buzz Levinson of ISC were called for PMS late after the start of the first race. So much for the home court advantage!

Saturday brought light northeast winds allowing just one race to be sailed. Paul Levinson finished first and would lead going into the final day of racing. Bob Rowland and Jeff Evans both showing a good feel for the conditions, placed close behind in second and third respectively.

On Saturday evening the entrants enjoyed a Mexican-style dinner served on the patio of the clubhouse. A great time was had by all.

The final two races were sailed Sunday morning in a brisk southwest wind ranging from 12 to 22 mph. In the early race Don Hite jumped out into the lead on the first beat and never looked back. In second was Paul Levinson. Craig Leweck was forced out of the race with a breakdown midway up the second beat. The final race was won by Bob Rowland who showed consistent boat speed throughout the regatta. Paul Levinson finished second and Lou Dixon was third.

All competitors enjoyed themselves at the regatta which offered good competition at all levels.

*Lou Dixon, Fleet Captain
Snipe Fleet 91*



Dane Wins 38th French Nationals

On May 31, June 1, 2, and 3, 1984, Cercle de la Voile de Cazaux Lac, a lake south of Bordeaux, played host to the Class for the French National Championship.

This was the 38th championship — the very first had been held in 1947 — and recorded 28 participants including three nations: two Spanish crews, two Danish ones and 24 French crews (that is five districts and nine fleets).

The unsteady weather and shifting winds only allowed for four races to be run and spoiled the suspense: on the eve of the last two cancelled races, three boats stood one

point from each other.

Our Danish friend, Per Brodsted, led easily with three first places and one second place just in front of Jose de Soto. The French championship was taken by young crew Jean-Jacques Frebault and Philippe Boy from C.N. Claouey with 39.7 points.

A drink accompanied the awards ceremony when every single competitor received heaps of presents thanks to the organizing team who had accomplished a fantastic job indeed.

G. Brossard/S. Le Bour

INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP OF FRANCE

Snipe Class

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Finish	Points	Position
D 22 382	Brodsted P./Karsten L.	1-1-1-2	3	1
E 20 862	De Soto G./Lopez B.	2-2-2-3	14.7	2
F 25 009	Frebault J.J./Boy P.	5-8-3-5	39.7	3
F 22 282	Uthralft F./Peys S.	3-5-7-7	41.7	4
F 2 328	Lamarque B./Zanusso C.	4-3-9-8	42.7	5
F 25 012	Lamarque L.P./Leglise Y.	7-10-6-6	52.4	6
D 24 585	Purup A./Lund C.	8-6-8-9	54.7	7
F 23 284	Romain J./Romain M.	6-9-11-11	60.7	8
F 20 564	Brossard G./Marot M.	DSQ-4-5-4	61	9
F 18 602	Le Bour R./Aube F.	12-12-13-13	74	10
F 22 447	Confoulan J.C./Ehlinger P.	11-13-10-18	76	11
F 23 570	Le Bour Y./Le Bour A.	14-14-12-12	76	12
E 24 193	Sel A.M./Guillermo S.	NP-HC-4-1	78	13
F 22 273	Le Bour S./Boisaubert G.	19-11-14-10	78	14
F 23 287	Brossard Y./Brossard G.	10-18-17-15	84	15
F 23 569	Macheny R./Macheny A.	18-15-16-14	87	16
F 21 054	Marthiens J./Goux J.P.	15-NP-15-16	99	17
F 8 599	Gusinel H./Humbert S.	20-16-20-20	100	18
F 25 008	Celerier M./Celerier M.	17-7-NP-NP	106	19
F 23 285	Brossard J.M./Brossard M.F.	13-NP-19-23	108	20
F 19 323	Tuby M./Tuby S.	21-25-21-17	108	21
F 18 604	Cibiel C./Joubert P.	16+P-17-18-21	109	22
F 0 563	Morin A./Bouges J.F.	23-24-22-22	115	23
F 20 563	Nicolazic M./LeBagousse J.	27-23-AB-19	122	24
F 17 175	Fredefon L./Fredefon S.	22-19-NP-NP	123	25
F 18 593	Bouricaud B./Fortun N.	25-20-NP-NP	127	26
F 3 285	Perrier N./Fredefon L.	24-21-NP-NP	127	27
F 22 272	Neuhoff A./Neuhoff S.	26-22-AB-NP	130	28

Oakville Wins Fifth Straight

Snipe sailors from the Oakville Harbour Yacht Club took on a five-boat team from the Spanish Point Boat Club of Bermuda at Oakville, August 3-5, 1984. The best four of seven team racing series was sailed under the burgee of the Oakville Harbour Yacht Club. The team series was the first international event to be sponsored by the one-year-old club.

The racing began on Friday evening with one race in light air. Oakville was able to completely dominate the race eventually taking places one through five to win 55 1/4 to 30.

The two races completed on Saturday were again in light air. The races were split between Oakville and Spanish Point. Oakville took the first Saturday race 51 1/4 points to 34 for Spanish Point. The second race was won by Spanish Point 45 1/4 to 41.

There were two races on Sunday and the Oakville team had to come from behind in both to win. The wind picked up for the Sunday races and conditions for team racing were ideal. Oakville won race # 4, 47 1/4 to 38, and race #5, 48 1/4 to 37.

The win at Oakville marks the fifth consecutive time in eight years that Oakville has won the team race series. In 1985 the series goes back to Bermuda. Strong opposition can be expected from the home Bermuda side as the Bermudians would really like to get their cup back.

Race	Positions	Points
Race 1		
KC	1-2-3-4-5	55 1/4
KB	6-7-8-9-10	30
Race 2		
KC	1-3-4-5-6	51 1/4
KB	2-7-8-9-10	34
Race 3		
KC	2-5-6-7-9	41
KB	1-3-4-8-10	45 1/4
Race 4		
KC	1-4-5-6-7	47 1/4
KB	2-3-8-9-10	38
Race 5		
KC	1-2-4-6-9	48 1/4
KB	3-5-7-8-10	37

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This year's Snipe Class open meeting at Stone S.C. on the River Blackwater, Essex was held over the weekend of June 16 and 17. The event was shared with the Laser class in order to make the best use of the committee boat facilities, the Snipe class starting 15 minutes after the Lasers.

The racing organization was first class, with good courses and most efficient starting procedure allowing all the races to start at the advertised times.

Two races were sailed each day with three to count for the final results. On both days light winds prevailed and the long courses resulted in very tired crews by the end of the regatta. The light and patchy shifty winds meant that a moment's loss of concentration allowed several boats to gain the advantage, and to keep one's position constant trim of the boat and sails was necessary.

The first day's racing was very close indeed and resulted in two wins for Paul Mason of Blue Circle S.C. always being chased by Tony Statham and Peter Wolstenholme from the same club.

On Sunday it was Wolstenholme's turn to score two wins and this time his two club mates did the chasing. Just behind this leading trio there was always a scrap go-

ing on for the remaining places as mostly the fleet raced at close quarters. However, the next three places were shared between Dennis Humphrey, David Lewin and Mark Lawry of the host club. Mark Lawry also had the distinction of gaining the prize for the first junior helm.

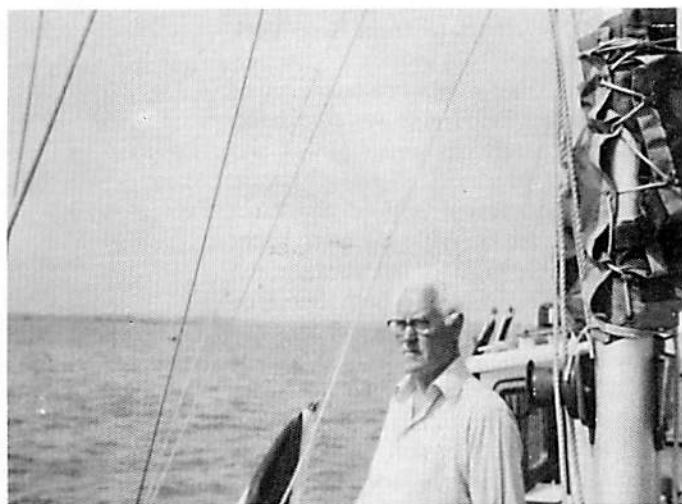
Results (first 8 places): 1. Peter Wolstenholme/Stephen Roberts, Blue Circle S.C.; 2. Paul Mason/ Kevin Harvey, Blue Circle S.C.; 3. Tony Stratham/Wen-

dy Pollen, Blue Circle S.C.; 4. Mark Broughton/Dennis Humphrey, Stone S.C.; 5. David Lewin/Persephony Lewin, Stone S.C.; 6. Mark Lawrey/David Seaman, Stone S.C.; 7. Derek Butterfield/Janet Butterfield, Stone S.C.; 8. Robert Bowerfield/Chris Coman, Stone S.C.

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Belfords Take A Double

The Ontario Open Snipe Championship was combined with the Canadian National Championship at Oakville, August 18-19, 1984. The regatta was the first major one-design event to be hosted by the Oakville Harbour Yacht Club.

There were twenty entries with no fewer than six from the Portage Lakes Yacht Club of Akron, Ohio, along with six Ontario boats; three from Michigan; one from Lorain, Ohio; and four from New York State.

Despite a balky committee boat engine, race committee Don Hains was able to improvise with sailboats under power and three very close and excellent races were held Saturday. David Belford and Janet Unsworth of the Oakville Harbour Yacht Club were able to shoot out ahead in the first two races, winning both by large margins. The third race was kept in the family by Jim and Phyllis Belford, also of the Oakville Harbour Yacht Club, with David slipping to fifth. All the races were sailed in a building easterly wind.

Saturday night was the traditional Oakville "Green Can" at The Club, headquarters of the Oakville Harbour Yacht Club. An excellent dinner was served up by the kitchen at The Club following the "Green Can," which did not die until well after dinner when many celebrants went off to sample the bars and discos of Oakville.

The easterly of Saturday became a strong northeasterly on Sunday. Despite having to again improvise using sailboats under power and having to contend with heavy seas and shifting wind, race committee Don Hains got the fourth race off about noon. The competitors loved the conditions, but not all of them as only twelve of twenty boats entered in the series started. The race was led by Jim and Phyllis Belford until the final leg when Sam Mollet and Rick Wood from Portage Lakes narrowly beat out the Belfords. Jim and Phyllis did what they had to do to win the series by crossing ahead of Fred and Jan Rozelle of Crescent Yacht Club of Detroit, winning the regatta by four points. As the top Canadian boat, the Belfords also gained the John Leckie Trophy for the Canadian National Championship.

The winners used a 1983 McLaughlin boat with Shore sails. Second place also used a 1983 McLaughlin but with North sails. The third place boat was a 1981 modified McLaughlin with North sails. Fourth was a 1979 McLaughlin with Ullman sails and fifth was a brand new Mueller with Shore sails. All five top boats used Cobra II masts.



David Belford and Janet Unsworth prepare to tack during pre-start maneuvers in race at Oakville at Ontario/Canadian Open. Beyond are Fred and Jan Rozelle, #25489. (Photo by Irv Mintz)

ONTARIO OPEN / CANADIAN OPEN

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Fleet	Finishes	Points	Pos.
KC 25433	Jim Belford/Phyllis Belford	Oakville	5-3-1-2	18.7	1
US 25489	Fred Rozelle/Jan Rozelle	Crescent	3-4-2-3	22.4	2
US 23624	Sam Mollet/Rick Wood	Portage Lake	2-6-4-1	22.7	3
KC 23397	David Belford/Janet Unsworth	Oakville	1-1-5-11	27.0	4
US 25864	Bill Buckles/Tom Gonzalez	Lorain	4-2-3-8	30.7	5
US 23625	Dick Hand/Dave Wyle	Portage Lake	6-8-7-6	50.4	6
US 24683	Terah Bugbee/Alvin Bugbee	Cuba Lake	12-7-6-5	52.7	7
KC 20690	Jeff Mitchell/Ken Mitchell	Oakville	7-11-9-7	58.0	8
KC 24806	Chris Hains/S. Belford-P. Dahl	Oakville	8-9-DNS-4	63.0	9
US 25370	Laura Dahl/Norm Dahl	Newport	10-10-11-12	67.0	10
US 23276	George Hock/Andrea Hock	Newport	14-5-10-DNS	72.0	11
KC 15288	Dave Bowes/Roger Bowes	Peterboro.	11-13-13-10	74.0	12
KC 25843	Gweneth Crook/Id Crook	Oakville	9-14-8-DNS	75.0	13
US 23332	Rob Frechette/John Frechette	Portage Lake	16-16-17-9	82.0	14
US 25226	Matt Heywood/John Alexander	Barton	13-15-12-DNS	84.0	15
US 25678	Tom Fleming/Carol Fleming	Crescent	18-12-16-DNS	90.0	16
US 25862	Bill Cowen/Tod Cowen	Portage Lake	15-18-15-DNS	92.0	17
US 25393	Leo Murphy/Joe Murphy	Cuba Lake	20-17-14-DNS	95.0	18
US 22363	Jim Conlin/Julie Conlin	Portage Lake	17-19-18-DNS	98.0	19
US 25900	Jeff Mullett/Barb Mullett	Portage Lake	19-20-DNS-DNS	103.0	20

New England Snipe Championship

The 45th New England Snipe Championship was held July 28 and 29 at Cottage Park, Winthrop, Massachusetts, and the winners were the solid team of Len Dolhert and Diana Healey who topped the 21-boat fleet. Always tough, Dave Lence and Dave Kopp made Lenny work for the title right to the end.

The consistency sisters, Sue and Jan Tabor, were around where it counts, at the finish of each race, winding up third, edging another steady team, Art and Jennifer Rousmaniere. A newcomer to Snipe, Jimmy Bowers who is well-known in the area as a top all-around junior sailor, had his father as crew to round out the top five.

Saturday's three races were sailed in light air and Peter Costa with daughter Jessica lead at the halfway point in the regatta.

Going into the last race on Sunday, Lence had to put several boats between himself and Dolhert to win. He made a good try, leading at five marks before being passed on the last beat. It was a well-deserved win for Len and Diana who sailed fast and confidently to prevail over a good fleet.

A fine steak dinner and the many facilities of the club made this a most pleasant as well as competitive regatta.

*John Kelley
Fleet 244*

NEW ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIP

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Fleet	Finishes	Points	Position
25483	Len Dolhert/Diana Healey	Mass Bay	1-6-2-1-8-1	10 1/4	1
25435	Dave Lence/Dave Kopp	Winchester	6-2-9-8-1-2	19 1/4	2
25003	Sue & Jan Tabor	Mass Bay	4-4-6-7-4-3	21	3
25412	Art & Jennifer Rousmaniere	Winchester	5-7-3-4-9-4	23	4
25710	Jimmy Bowers/Jimmy Bowers, Sr.	Winchester	8-8-7-3-2-7	27	5
23620	Peter & Jessica Costa	Mass Bay	3-1-1-14-10-DNF	28 1/2	6
25170	John Kelley/Debbie Bresnahan	Mass Bay	2-5-15-5-7-10	29	7
25411	Art Cunningham/Sandy Czibik	North Cove	7-3-8-6-13-9	33	8
22285	Harry Levinson/Sarah Crane	Indianapolis	15-10-11-2-6-6	35	9
25708	Ron & Anne Sandstrom	Winchester	9-16-4-9-5-12	39	10

Seven Qualify at Finland's Nationals

The top seven finishers from Finland's National Championship qualify for entry in the European Championship. They are:

Boat Name	Skipper/Crew
Storken	Hakan & Laila Bjurström
Psycopaatti	Jukka Lahti/Juhani Heljo
Kitte Sark	Peter Holm/Andrew Rosenlew
Rasputin	Juhani Liinamaa/Vesa Raevaara
Musta Surma	Claus Carpelan/Freddy Wegelius
Banzai II	Sampo & Risto Valjus
Nameless	Savante Lindholm/Caj Osterlund

Haran and Laila Bjurström won not only the qualifications, but also the Finnish Nationals, now for the sixth time in a row!

*Peter Holm
National Secretary, Finland*



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