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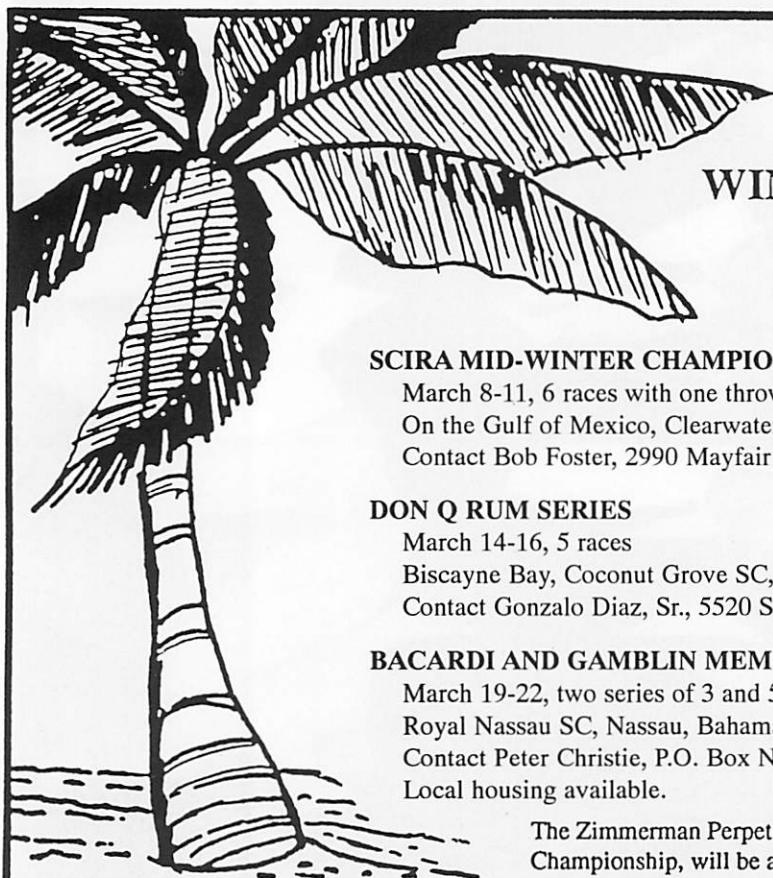
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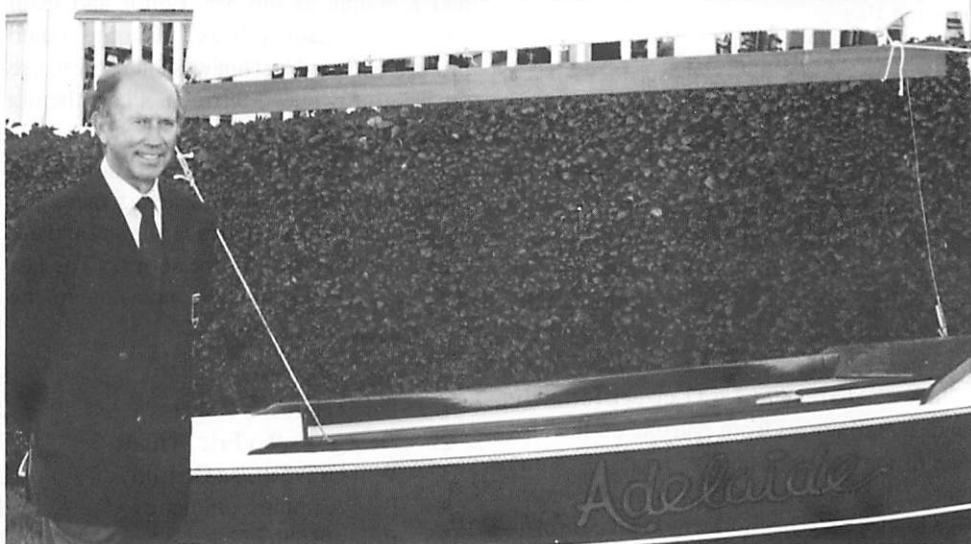
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From the Commodore



Commodore Brezich with Snipe #1

My year as Commodore is over and I can say that 1996 was another important year for the Snipe Class as we had very good national and international championships with a high number of competitors that, as you know, I have met in various sites.

For the first time, on a trial basis, the Junior World Championship was sailed following the new rules that allowed the use of the sailor's own boats. The experience was good but I understand that it is not applicable in all countries. It would be wise to maintain this as a open rule, as in the present version, to conform to the hosting countries situation.

1996 was also the mylar year as sailmakers began to produce sails, especially jibs, using this material. It is impossible to say at this moment if the mylar sails are faster than the dacron. Our committees are at work on the possibility of standardizing the dimensions of some parts of our boats (mast length, centerboard trunk height, rudder pintle position, etc.) and the adoption of a fiber centerboard. The fiber centerboard would strongly influence the future of our Class. As usual, we are proceeding with much care to ensure to avoid making the wrong decision.

John Broughton, after a long and fruitful time for the European Snipe sailors, has passed the chair to Antonio Roquette. I would sincerely like to thank John as during his service the Class has grown, and now our organization is stronger, in spite of the many problems he faced. Incoming General Secretary Antonio Roquette is well known for many years. He is a very good friend and a very capable manager that I am sure will be able to conduct the Snipe Class to new successors.

Congratulations to Don Hackbarth for his re-election as General Secretary of the Western Hemisphere and Orient for another term,

which means his work was appreciated.

I need to express my gratitude to the Board and Committee members and all those who helped me during this year. Special thanks and congratulations to our Executive Director for the assistance and for the travels she had in Europe to improve relationships between SCIRA and various countries.

Welcome and best wishes to incoming Commodore Gonzalo Diaz who knows very well the Snipe Class as his family has had such a large role in our Association. I am sure that 1997 will be full of good news.

—Giorgio Brezich

THE COVER: Brazilian and US Competitors at Opening Ceremonies of the Western Hemisphere & Orient Championship pose with Snipe #1.

THE COUNT: 29176

NUMBERED SNIPES: 19 numbers were issued this month. 5 to Spain, 10 to Japan and 4 to our newest builder, Victor Boats in the United Kingdom.

CHARTERED FLEETS: 845

AROUND THE SNIPE WORLD

SNIPES & SNIPERS IN THE NEWS:

•The UK's *Yachts & Yachting* Magazine, November issue, ran a 2 page spread in Dinghy Forum on the Snipe, penned by Peter Wolstenholme.

•*Cats, Dogs, Birds & Fishes*, 100 Years of Racing at the Annisquam Yacht Club, outlined the history of the various classes raced at the Massachusetts club. Snipes are given a nice amount of space for their 8 years at Annisquam.

Pacific Coast Championship

Mission Bay
September 19-22, 1996

It was one of those bar scenes that amateur photographers relish. While Mission Bay Yacht Club may not be a world renowned venue for ocean Snipe racing, they make up for nature's shortcomings by providing excellent race management and, more importantly, the best stadium for "bar wars" on the West Coast. The 1996 PCCs boasted one of the most challenging contests that I have witnessed at a regatta. Lisa Leweck formed a team (small army) from patrons on the east side of the bar to basically "pick off" some innocent bystanders chatting on the north side of the bar. The fight would take form as a drinking contest and the weapon of choice was the timeless "shooter" loaded with what ended up being a rather random sampling of ordinance. The Alamitos Bay fleet was ably represented by Chuck Tripp, Kevin Taugher, your author, Bob and George who didn't care to have their last names printed here and some really good looking chicks..that is the closest thing you're gonna get to a crew trophy! Lisa's team began to slip so Peter Commette (Current US National Champ and 3rd in 1996 Championship of Champions) and Don Bedford (GFU fame) joined on. Peter brought his wife Connie along to help Julie Manzer (Lisa's sister) with crowd control. It backfired. I believe, although I can't really recall officially, that some trousers were lowered in a desperate effort to score some points for the other team. This cowardly act was met with a Jim Grubbs ice ambush. Jim was a team by himself. Cupfuls of ice flew in three directions injuring mostly the bartenders. Local Jack Bateman tipped them handsomely so we weren't sent home to our Mothers. All subsequent drinks were "off the rocks." At one point there were in excess of twenty-five full shot glasses lined up at bars edge and I'm sure I must owe someone some money for the damage I did to myself. More untanned skin was exposed tying the score as the casualties climbed. Finally, the other team was dealt the final and decisive blow by two enterprising members of our team, who creatively used cucumbers to make a point. The rest I can't print because my kids are almost old enough to read.

On the water six races were sailed in mostly light to very light and shifty breezes. 42 teams competing for the 47 year old trophy and a chance to compete for the US Snipe team in next year's World Championship. The story was in the PMS count. Kevin Taugher lost count of his. Jerry Thompson

had a couple as did Mr. Editor and team Merriman (Carol & Rick). George Szabo protested his and lost but was later able to use his as a throwout. Merriman's cost them a berth for the Worlds.

Doug Hart and crew Jon Rogers dominated the event by sailing a consistent 5 races and chose not to sail the final race Sunday and use it as their drop race for the series. The last race was a challenging conclusion to the

series as the wind died to 4 to 6 knots and the local chop and kelp persisted in the ocean off Mission Beach.

Rounding out the top five were Willie Graves and Lisa Griffith from San Diego, Peter and Connie Commette, current Snipe National Champion from Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and Robin and Robbie Gales from Truckee, CA.

--Jerome Fournier and
The Governor of Vice

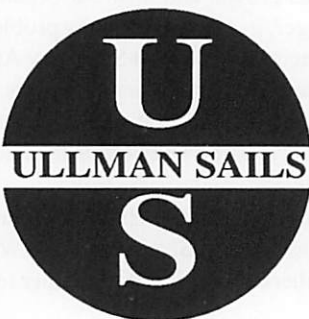
Top 25 of 42

	Skipper/Crew	Sail #	Finishes	Total
1.	Doug Hart/Jon Rogers	28687	1-2-2-4-3-(ret)	11.75
2.	George Szabo/Eric Wilcox	28672	2-10-1-(pms)-4-2	18.75
3.	Will Graves/Lisa Griffith	29044	3-11-6-(18)-5-4	29.00
4.	Peter/Connie Commette	29114	10-6-7-(23)-6-6	35.00
5.	Robin/Robby Gales	28225	11-12-8-(14)-1-5	36.75
6.	Argyle Campbell/Alex Phillips	29015	7-9-(pms)-2-11-8	37.00
7.	Tom O'Neill/Laurel Timpson	28678	20-8-4-(28)-7-10	49.00
8.	Rick/Carol Merriman	29222	(pms)-3-9-1-2-pms	50.75
9.	Lee Griffith/Chris Dyer	27054	8-(28)-10-24-9-1	51.75
10.	Ken Redler/Julie Manzer	28224	(24)-5-19-3-15-12	54.00
11.	Bill/Sherri Campbell	27377	15-(26)-12-5-12-11	55.00
12.	Chuck Tripp/Stacey Dumain	28472	9-15-(16)-15-13-9	61.00
13.	Keith Dodson/Ruth Pauling	28467	(pms)-1-13-6-10-pms	65.75
14.	Kurt Mayol/Becky Lenhart	27534	16-18-(20)-11-8-13	66.00
15.	Jeff Lenhart/Ryan Krebs	25715	12-17-(25)-10-16-3	67.00
16.	Gene Ratliffe/Tammy Brite	25125	5-(dnf)-24-9-14-17	69.00
17.	Robb Walker/Rowena Carlson	28880	17-21-(22)-17-18-7	80.00
18.	Jerome Fournier/Melia Ganley	28679	21-13-17-12-(25)-22	85.00
19.	Bob Bowden/Joanne O'Day	28223	25-23-21-8-(27)-19	96.00
20.	Jack Bateman/Debbie Krebs	28333	19-(31)-15-31-17-15	97.00
21.	Russell Oiring/Ryan Burger	25872	(32)-29-18-13-28-14	102.00
22.	Jim/Lynn Grubbs	28446	4-19-33-26-20-(pms)	102.00
23.	Sean Biehl/Fernando Krahe	29104	31-25-14-16-26-(dnf)	112.00
24.	Jack Franco/Mike Sturman	28702	18-4-(pms)-7-dnc-dnc	113.00
25.	Jerry Thompson/Dee Schilling	24702	6-20-5-dnf-(dnc)-dnc	114.00

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Iowa-Nebraska Sailing Association Honors its Former World Commodores



The INSA recently honored its former Fleet and SCIRA commodores Floyd Hughes, Jr., and Paul F. Festersen with a memorial service and memorial dedication.

The INSA, Fleet #309, is comprised of sailors from Western Iowa and Eastern Nebraska. Fleet headquarters are located on Lake Manawa, which is adjacent to the Missouri River in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Although our sailing area is small, INSA's sailing tradition and enthusiasm are great. Last Labor Day Weekend, the families, friends

and former competitors of both Floyd Hughes, Jr., and Paul F. Festersen gathered on our club grounds to remember and honor two of INSA's very best. Both sailors passed away during the previous year.

Floyd Hughes, Jr., was one of the founding fathers of our Snipe Fleet. He

and a handful of other sailors began sailing Snipes on Lake Manawa around 1950. Floyd did much to promote sailing in the Council Bluffs and Omaha area, served as our Fleet Commodore in 1954 and was the International SCIRA Commodore in 1963. Floyd presided over the Snipe World Championship in Bendor, France in 1963. Floyd is best remembered for the enthusiasm and dedication he had for Snipe sailing. Before part catalogues were in vogue, Floyd was the one sailor who always had that extra halyard wire, cam cleat, or cotter pin. Our fleet continues to honor Floyd by hosting the Hughes Handi-

cap Memorial Regatta every Labor Day weekend. Floyd's wife, Janie, continues to remain active with our fleet and Floyd's granddaughter, Lisa, is considered to be one of our top crews.

Paul F. Festersen was our Fleet Commodore in 1973 and the International SCIRA Commodore in 1981. He presided at the SCIRA World Championship in Alamitos Bay, California in 1981. He also served as Legal Counsel to SCIRA from 1981 to 1995.

Paul was a true Renaissance man. He had a very sophisticated bankruptcy law practice in Omaha; played in a jazz band with other professionals who traveled the world; and participated in curling bonspiels (regattas) during the winter months. Paul and his wife, Sigrid, won our fleet championship in 1974 and won the US Masters Championship in 1983. The enthusiasm and dedication which Paul showed for Snipe sailing is carried on in our fleet by his lovely wife Sigrid and his son Peter.

As permanent reminders to Floyd and Paul, our Fleet has erected an anchor memorial on the club grounds. Although our fleet remains humble, these two gentlemen allowed us a few days in the sun and made us all extremely proud.

—Pat Flood, INSA Fleet #309

Atlanta Halloween

Another Halloween at AYC
by my count that's number forty-three.

It wasn't a drifter, that's fair to say,
but crews only hiked a part of each day.

As it rained both days,
it's a safe bet,
that skippers and crew
were all soaking wet,

But the sailing itself
was actually quite good,
and the sailors kept dry
as best as they could.

Hal Gilreath and Robert Burke
won the first race,
With Shawn Burke and Rhonda Myers
in second place.

They reversed their positions
in race number two,
Steve Burke was third in both races,
with Nancy G. as crew.

After Saturday's races
the sailors did not snooze,
they partied and watched
the Atlanta Braves lose.

The best costume award
went to Don Pettigrew,
he and his date came
as a bathtub for two.

On Sunday morning
with skies still quite gray,
they had one more race
and called it a day.

Shawn started well,
and then he fouled Hal,
who didn't hesitate
in calling "Protest, Pal".

Steve won the race,
to tie for first,
but applying the tiebreaker
he got the worst.

That meant that Hal
was the man of the day
Finally Halloween
went his way.

On shore we all had
hot cider with rum,
which managed to
warm up everyone.

I'm sure that someone
with more information,
will supplement this
with the point summation.

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Awesome poem Nanc, but...
One thing was not mentioned
Which I will bring up
as a point of contention.

When the last race was over
at the end of the day,
Charlie B said to Steve,
"It's nice things went Hal's way"...

'Cuz he sailed the best,
with his full bag of tricks,
and managed to kick
all the rest of us hicks.

But in Nancy's opinion
having a husband Hal who she beat,
would have been a greater
Halloween Treat!

Nancy Gilreath
and
Michele Bustamante

Japan Women's National Championship

The 31st Japan Women's National Championships were held at Enoshima Yacht Harbor July 26-27 with 20 skippers participating. Under very exciting conditions of 12-25 knots, it was a very wonderful regatta and all competitors and race committee members fully enjoyed the regatta.

All races were led by Hirotsu and Tsumori who came back to the Snipe from a Olympic 470 campaign. As the results show, their sailing was outstanding above the others in boat speed and tactics. This is the 4th Championship win for Miss Hirotsu.

In mid-day, a reception was held. After speeches by all participants, the arm wrestling championship was performed by participation of all competitors under the winner's prize of a ten thousand yen merchandise coupon which is only valuable at the marine shop in the harbor. As further exhibition, the winner competed with Mr. Yamamoto of the race committee for another ten thousand yen coupon, and coupons for the second and third places. Of course the winner was the competitors. This event highly heated up the party and all participants fully enjoyed the event. At the end of the party, the place was cleaned by all participants under the lead of Mrs. Tomita who is a Board member of SCIRA Japan and also a competitor who placed 6th in this regatta.

—Jiro Yamamoto
National Secretary



photo: Women's National Champions Hirotsu and Tsumori. Photo by Jiro Yamamoto

Japan Masters

The Japanese Masters were held August 11-12 at Gamagori Yacht Harbor by participation of 35 skippers. As a recent trend, the younger masters of 45-50 years old are participating in larger numbers, and earning the top places. Under good conditions of 8-10 knots, tough competition was among the top 5 skippers. The final results, Mr. Ninomiya and Miss Maeda won. Mr. Ninomiya was the winner of the Western Hemispheres in 1968 in Florida. Second was the youngest pair of Fukumoto and Toril with Shinka and Nakatani third. Shinka/Nakatani were the World Master Champions in 1994 in Gamagori. Last year's champions, Yamamoto and Inoue were fourth, trying an unsuccessful new type of sail.

The next Japanese Masters will be held at Esashi, located in Northern Japan in Hokkaido. This will be a good start for the campaign of the "activation of SCIRA Japan" because it will be the first masters held out of Gamagori.

—Jiro Yamamoto
National Secretary

	Skipper/crew	Boat #	Finishes	Total
1.	M. Hirotsu/Y. Tsumori	28552	1-1-1-4-1	3
2.	H. Ozaki/K. Kobayashi	28927	3-7-2-1-3	8.75
3.	Y. Nagase/Sakakibara	28252	7-2-5-2-6	15
4.	K. Isobe/R. Kimura	28792	6-4-6-3-4	17
5.	M. Hattori/N. Hachisuka	29068	4-6-4-6-5	19
6.	M. Tomita/C. Ozima	29003	8-3-7-10-2	20
7.	S. Niiwaki/M. Minoura	28295	2-9-3-7-9	21
8.	E. Oki/E. Yamamoto	28135	5-15-10-5-8	28
9.	Y. Hanaoka/M. Yoshioka	28496	10-5-9-9-10	33
10.	K. Yamada/J. Takada	29063	11-8-8-11-11	38

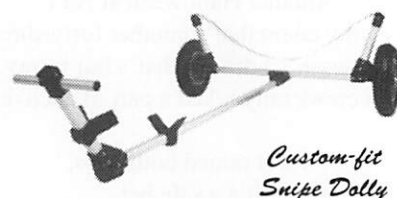
Masters Results

1. Takao Ninomiya/Yasuko Maeda
2. Yoshiharu Fukumoto/Nobuhiro Torii
3. Kazunori Shinka/Tetsuji Nakaya
4. Jiro Yamamoto/Naoki Inoue
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photo: A Masters start. Photo: Jiro Kurita



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European National Secretaries Meeting

Kolding Hotel, Denmark

August 14, 1996

European General Secretary John Broughton called the meeting to order at 9:30 am at the Kolding Hotel. In attendance were: European Vice Secretary Ola Nygard; Northern European Secretary Birger Jansen; Southern European Secretary Francisco Gines Perez Lopez; IYRU Representative Per Ole Holm; Board Member at Large, Antonio Roquette; Chief Measurer Hisanao Kato; European Measurer Erling Olsen; National Secretaries: Sampo Valjus, Finland; Bjarne Iversen, Denmark; Ezio Braga, Italy; Mats Göthlin, Sweden; Alexei Fomin, Russia; Brian Gregory, United Kingdom; Andre Callot, Belgium; Rodrigo Marques de Torres, Spain; Birger Jansen, Norway; Arlette Jan, Switzerland; Gilles Boisauvert.

With the approval of the National Secretaries, also in attendance were Russian Federation officer Margarita Koucnetsa, Jose Morales, Spanish measurer, and Executive Director Jerelyn Biehl.

John Broughton welcomed Swiss Nat. Sec. Arlette Jan and commented that it has been many years since the Europeans have been represented by 12 countries.

Minutes from the previous European meeting were approved as printed in the Bulletin.

Business from Previous Meeting: Hosting - hosting of SCIRA officials at major regattas had been discussed in Mahon but not carried to Rimini. John Broughton will formulate with Antonio Roquette and send to the International Board for discussion and vote at the World Championships in San Diego.

Reports from Officers: General Secretaries Report: John Broughton. Over the eight years as European General Secretary, Europe has achieved much. We have grown from 3 builders to 8; 10 countries to 12 with further contacts in Turkey and Poland. A Eastern European Secretary has been reinstated, major championships held, a European Measuring Committee and a European pool of IYRU Judges familiar with SCIRA formed. Our European Junior programme is extensive and good relationships exist between Federations. We work collectively together in Europe and speak as a strong and powerful voice. Antonio Roquette will take over as the new General Secretary and I trust you all will give him the support you have given me.

Vice Secretaries Report: Ola Nygard. Ola has been well informed from John Broughton, and has carried out his duties. He was the SCIRA Representative at the World Masters in Oslo, Norway; attended the World Board meeting in Rimini; was the SCIRA Representative at the 1995 Jr. Europeans in Soen, Norway. His contacts are mostly in N. Europe. He will attend the Womens and Jr. Worlds in Spain next month as a Board member. He is chairman of the Long Range Planning committee and will be submitting a report in Dec/Jan. of this year.

Northern Europe: Birger Jansen. They held the Jr. Europeans in Norway with 9 countries; the World Masters also in Norway. They are trying to hold more regattas in N. Europe. He is happy to welcome Russia and hopes to attend regattas in Russia in the future.

South Europe: Paco Perez Lopez. He is glad to work for the Class and thanked John and Jo Broughton for their work in Europe and the World. He has had contact with all National Secretaries and the Board with observations of holes in SCIRA through a letter he sent. He has received some responses to his letter. Changes were made in Rimini, and he is proud, especially with the Jr. World Deed of Gift - no new boats having to be provided and no entry fee. He thinks it is very important to oversee measurement in SCIRA, and this was also included in his April 16 letter with committees and communication. It is very important that all proposed

committees have important people on them. we are all working for SCIRA worldwide and this letter will have all people working together. He has proposed this to the incoming European Nat. Secretary. Most important is to centralize measurement through out each Nat. Sec. for the Class.

East Europe: Alexei Fomin. We have been working very hard this past year. Our work has directed the attention of new sailors to the Snipe family, boat builders for production; and officials recognizing the Class in Eastern Europe. We are trying to make the Snipe Class as a base to prepare the young sailors and encourage the experienced to sail. I have had contact with the representatives from Estonia, Latvia and the Ukraine who are interested. We sent information to them as well as other regions in Russia to expand the knowledge of the Class. Information included history, structure, measuring rules and construction rules. We have been translating the Bulletin from 1991-1995. During our talks we found some difficulties for development of the Class in Russia. I think the main reasons were political and economic instability in the Eastern Europe regions. The National Federation was developed especially for the Olympic classes. These regions are developed differently compared with Western Europe and the U.S.

Our first stage of development was finished with the great assistance of John Broughton, the Executive Committee and Past Commodores Davis and Matsumoto. We are now preparing plans for intensive development of SCIRA and official recognition by the Russian Sailing Federation. The Russian Championship will be held this October in Sochi. The Snipe Class will be presented for the first time as an official class there. We are planning to include our regattas in our national sailing calendar and increase our fleet by 10 boats.

Poland is also interested in SCIRA. There are many good sailors and boat builders in Poland. Poland will be our progress for the future, but it will be taken step-by-step.

I would like to discuss Antonio Roquette's program for 1997-1998. I support his point about information. It is necessary to give SCIRA timely information. SCIRA regattas should be included in the IYRU calendar because it is important for the development of the Class in Europe and especially to help growth in Eastern Europe. I also support that we should reserve 2 pages in the Snipe Bulletin for news from Europe. This information should come from reliable sources. I think the Internet will also help us coordinate our work between

the meetings. I also recognize the fact that we will have to attract the junior sailors. Masters and juniors are our future, as it shows the boat can be sailed by all.

Moscow Sailing Sport Development Fund under the Moscow Sport Committee and Bank under the Moscow government helped us to develop the Snipe Class. This idea is really at an international scale. I would like to know in detail the program concerning the extra fees in order to help the young sailors. In case of the supporting of this fund, we can call it the Fund of Future Generations and all National Secretaries have to present their decision in carrying out this idea by the end of the year. John Broughton thanked Burt Eaton for his help in the development of Russia as a Snipe country.

IYRU: Per Ole Holm. The latest meeting was in Hamburg where the focus was on the disciplines for the 2000 Olympics. We must look at these championships for the Olympics because we have so many Snipe sailors in the Olympic classes, although my main effort is still on SCIRA. Education and training are also a focus for IYRU, and they are budgeting these. There is also a committee researching sail numbers and letters, as they are difficult to read. The Experimental Racing Rules are shortly coming into enforcement. IYRU has changed its name to ISAF. John Broughton commented that we must still use our SCIRA courses and maintain an independence of IYRU.

National Secretaries Reports:

Belgium - Andre Callot. Belgium is maintaining at 65 boats and 1 fleet. 37 are paying dues. 2 new people join and 2 people leave, keeping us stable. 17 were at our Nationals in 1995. We expect 25 at this year's Nationals. Our main concern is to drop the price of a new boat to encourage younger sailors.

Denmark - Bjarne Iversen. We have decided not to continue to produce our own Bulletin, but instead to encourage sailors to receive the official Bulletin. We will send our reports through the Internet. Currently we have 35+ subscribers. We have sold 100 decals. 50 boats compete at regattas. 32 attended our Nationals. We have interest from new clubs and juniors want to sail Snipes. We currently have 11 good junior teams. The Federation supported a new 2-man dinghy, but it has run into problems and is possibly looking for another boat. We will actively campaign the Snipe to replace this



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European National Secretaries Meeting

boat. We help the Scandinavian Championships this year and the European Championships. We will discuss the problems later, but basically the organizers were not knowledgeable about SCIRA policies.

Finland - Sampo Valjus. Finland thanked Denmark for hosting the Europeans. The Snipe is ambiguous in Finland. The Laser and Europe are the only classes larger than the Snipe. You must have 20 boats to hold a National Championship, and the Snipe, Laser and Europe are the only classes able to do this. We need boats, and have a large market for used boats. We hope to cooperate with other Scandinavian countries for a list. We were in the Helsinki boat show. Our market is young adults. We had 5 new boats at our Nationals. Activity is nice with new blood coming into the class. Local activity is in 2 fleets and about 17 travel. We need fleet captains to lead fleets. We have a good positive future in Finland.

John Broughton encouraged the Northern European Sec. to meet with the NS to encourage use of the Internet list of used boats.

France - Gilles Boisauvert. 1995 we had slow growth. New young blood continues to come into the class. The attendance at Seté Championship was low. Snipes participated in 40 regattas in 1995, and 32 in 1994. 4 regattas were international. We had 16 at our Nationals. 2 boats each will go to Spain for the Women's and Juniors. We have sold 50 decals. We now have 1 person in charge of youth Snipe sailing and 1 person in charge of wooden boat owners. Gilles suggests a calendar like France's for Europe.

Italy - Ezio Braga. In the 1980's our numbers were down. This year we currently have 14 new boats and 4 being built. We have 3 new fleets. We have a national ranking list which gives us a longer season and encourages participation at national events. We have 177 registered boats and 420 members. We have 3 builders in Europe; Lillia, Persson Nord Est and Fiberglass. We have competition from the J-24 and skiffs. J-24 sailors are selling their boats and were are pushing the Snipe. The image of the Snipe in Italy is for older people, and we are trying to change this by holding regattas in beautiful places with lots of wind to attract younger interest. No Jr. champs were held this year. The jr. age is too low, we would like to see it raised to 25 years. We have a coach and training clinics, but need to have results which are important for our Federation and for juniors. Our Nationals will be held next week in Rome and we anticipate 65 boats. We would like the 2002 Europeans in Rome.

Norway - Birger Jansen. We are strong. Fleets in the west coast are growing and we have good fleet captains. The new boats are too expensive. We must sell used Snipes. Activity is good. We have too many regattas and will reduce the schedule with fewer but larger regattas.

Portugal - Antonio Roquette. The Class is decreasing in Portugal. The Federation is supporting Snipes, but our NS has had family problems. We hope to have a positive report for next year. We will host the 1998 Europeans. Portugal pays for 100 decals, but we do not have that many boats.

Russia - Alexei Fomin. We would like to publish a Russian Bulletin. We have photos of construction of a new sailing club in Moscow. We would like to invite people to Russia to sail. We have 3 new boats from Persson and Matsumoto provided sails.

Spain - Rodrigo Marques de Torres. The Class is growing. Decal sales are up. At our Juniors, we had 40 boats. There is a problem with measuring. We need a uniform measurement system in Europe. We have had problems with professionals (ie sailmakers, builders) on Race Committee, which has caused problems. We are holding the Jr. and Womens Worlds. We have a list of 15 boats for charter for the Juniors. We have a lower fee

for Women's charter boats. Pepe Perez has published the Spanish Bulletin which is free to Spanish sailors. We have a large calendar of regattas. The Federations supports Snipes with everything.

Sweden - Mats Göthlin. We are stable. There were 38 boats at the Nationals. We have sent full teams to the Europeans, Masters and Jr. Worlds. We are the biggest 2-man dinghy in Sweden. We attract young people (not juniors) and Olympic sailors. 2 470 sailors are here at the Europeans. Tommy Svensson is producing the Skipper Snipe. He has built 4 new low cost boats. We need used boats.

Switzerland - Arlette Jan. We need good used boats. We have 2 boats for demonstration. We have a interest in holding regattas in Geneva, but we're not ready yet, but will let you know.

United Kingdom - Brian Gregory. We have 7 fleets and 76 boats. 3 fleets are stable, other have small numbers of boats actively racing. 106 paid members and 70 boats. We held the European Cup with 28 boats. Spain, France, Poland, Norway participated. We expected more in attendance, but there was a calendar date clash. We expect 25 at our 1996 Nationals. We average 20 boats at regattas. We held a 1 week training and tuning program. Our standard of sailing is improving. The Internet is a great help. The International High Point was won by a Brit this year. We are attracting Juniors, but it is difficult. We would support 25 as the Jr. age. Promotion - we have had articles published in Yachts & Yachting and were active in the Boat Show. ITSA Marine and now Victor Boats are producing Snipes in the UK.

European Measuring Committee - Erling Olsen. Minor problems were found at the measuring of this Championship. No decals and royalties were the major problems as well as boats with no MOI.

Center Plate Report - Antonio Roquette. Antonio sent 3 boards out with a low cost of production of \$7. Bids.

1998 Europeans - Portugal

2000 World Masters - Italy and Denmark to bid

1999 Worlds - Spain

2000 Europeans - Norway

2002 Europeans - Rome

1998 Jr Europeans - open

European Masters - Spain, Santiago de la Ribera

It was noted that the Jr. Worlds dates have now changed, and as per the deed of gift, the Jr Europeans will also move. There was discussion of the importance to organize good regattas and the European regatta schedules. It was proposed by Ezio Braga to postpone the European Cup and create the Northern (Nordic) and Southern European championships, rotating between countries. It was noted that for the Northern (Nordics), it can only be held in Scandinavian countries, but all can attend. Vote passed with one opposed, Rodrigo Torres of Spain.

Election of Officers

East - Alexei Fomin

North - Ola Nygard

South - Paco Perez

Vice European Secretary - Birger Jansen

European General Secretary - Antonio Roquette

European Measuring Committee

Re-elected: Tom Arnulf, Jose Iglesia, Erling Olsen. Renzo Longhi of Italy was added to the committee.

The European National Secretaries and Board regret the unfortunate incident from the 1995 nominating process.

Incoming European General Secretary - Antonio Roquette. He has proposed a December meeting for all N. S. to submit for project SCIRA Europe. He is proposing to meet in Paris. He would like to meet 2 times a year. Antonio passed out his plan for Europe. **New Business.**

—European hosting policy update. John Broughton to work with all National Secretaries.

—European Secretary. J. Broughton proposed that each NS contribute to a fund to aid in expenses for E. General Secretary. He will put it on the incoming agenda for the December meeting.

—Jr. Age limit. The age limit is chosen by the Federations.

—Mylar. There was a question of legality of mylar mains. It was explained that the Rules Committee voted and approved.

—Russia. Alexei Fomin gave a new telephone/fax number: 924-1019. He suggests DHL or Fax correspondence only.

—European Championship entry fee/social charges. To be discussed at the December meeting. Need specifics on hosting NS & officials; letter of why we provide this on file; minimum number of rescue boats.

—Carbon Boards. Discussion of process and status.

—Rules for Conducting Int. Regattas - scoring. Finland does not like scoring system. Suggested to write comments to John Broughton.

—Used Boat list and parts for Europe. Internet will help.

—Sanctioned Regattas. A question was raised on what constitutes a Sanctioned regatta, and the use of individual sponsorship (not allowed).

—Thank you to John Broughton: "The Portuguese Association of the Snipe Class proposes a vote of thanks to Mr John Broughton for all the work he has done in the 9 years he headed SCIRA Europe. We would like to thank him for his dedication and the quality he has always demonstrated, as well as the personal commitment he has made, which has often deprived him of his private and family life. The Snipe Class shall always be beholden to our dear friend, John Broughton."

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 pm.

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Twenty six Snipes sailed for the Carolyn Nute trophy. George Szabo and Eric Wilcox sailed a totally consistent regatta with no first places but no race higher than third. Doug and Beth Hart came back from a devastating over early "I" flag restart in the first race to sail three bullets and two thirds to bring home the second place trophy. Regatta chairman Gene Ratliffe and Tami Brite took third place.

—Jerome Fournier
District 6 Governor

1	George Szabo/Eric Wilcox	14.00
2	Doug/Beth Hart	21.25
3	Gene Ratliffe/Tami Brite	23.50
4	Ken Redler/Julie Manzer	42.75
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22	George Walker/Roberta Hunt	130.00
23	Steve Woodruff/Dorsey	134.00
24	Craig Storms/Jennifer Betts	145.00
25	Dave/Christopher Wright	148.00
26	Russell Oiring/Debbie Bendinelli	150.00

Manhasset Bay Snipe Regatta

Manhasset Bay, New York

August 17, 18, 1996

The 3rd annual Manhasset Bay Snipe Regatta was held on the "pristine waters" of Manhasset Bay. Saturday provided the opportunity for all sailors to relax poolside (with full cocktail service available) as the breeze decided to take the day off. The exception was Gavin O'Hare, who arrived with his new Skipper Snipe, and he used the day to put his boat together. On Sunday a light southwest breeze greeted the Snipe sailors, and Gavin O'Hare showed that being in the shipyard versus being poolside would be time well spent, as he and crew Brook Molinari, proceeded to win the first race. The second and third races were won by "locals" Pedro Lorson/Mimi Berry. Of the 15+ races the Race Committee planned to run over the weekend, the "Wind Gods" decided 3 would be enough. Despite the disappointment of only getting in 3 races, all seemed to enjoy the "civilized" 2pm start on Saturday, the early finish time on Sunday, and the many extras the Manhasset Bay Yacht Club had to offer.

—Pedro Lorson

Skipper/Crew	Hull #	Finishes
1. Pedro Lorson/Mimi Berry	28044	2-1-1
2. Ned Jones/Council	28852	4-2-3
3. Gavin O'Hare/Brook Molinari	23591	1-4-8
4. Hawkeye Dull/Jennifer Mitchell	27888	9-3-7
5. John/Maggie Manderson	28065	7-8-6
6. Brad Dunn/?	24122	6-12-2
7. Dana/Scott Schnipper	26091	11-5-5
8. John Steiner/Mike Benchimol	25736	3-10-9
9. Jim Lyman/Cushman	26753	10-10-4
10. Eric/Karen Reinke	25483	8-6-dnc
11. Bob Coyle/?	24695	12-9-dnc

A Word About *Snipe Tales*

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Your book "Snipe Tales" is now in circulation and is being very well received. Sales are approaching 100 (as of November 1, 1996). This was before any mention in the Bulletin and publicity generated that way. Since SCIRA received the profit it will hopefully keep going strong. Actually the books contain a lot of interesting stories from all over the country and beyond. Gonzalo Diaz sent in some real gems from his younger days in Cuba. The stories also cover quite a time span, starting in the 1930's with stories by Perry Bass, Lou Varalayay, and Walt Hall, all Snipe Champions of that era. It is a shame that we didn't start soon enough to include Ted Wells, but he is frequently mentioned. We actually received quite a few stories after the deadline, so it looks like we could very easily publish a Volume II next summer. It should definitely include some Tales of the NOW generation Snipe sailors. So, if you get the book and want to be included in the next volume please get moving and write up one of your interesting experiences. One thing I might ask everyone to do is include a little background info on yourself so that sailors everywhere can get a better perspective on how extensive Snipe sailing is and has been.

I have shown the book to people from other classes and even landlubbers who have never sailed and they are also interested in our history and anecdotes. Please help SCIRA and obtain some pleasure for yourself by sending for a copy. They would make a nice holiday gift for your crew or sailors past.

I recently attended the Atlanta Halloween Regatta and it was great. The sportsmanship, camaraderie and keen competition were as good as ever and that is what has made the Snipe Class so outstanding for so many years.

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—Buzz Levinson

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The nine-boat Crackerbarrel Team Regatta was dominated by the talented tandem of Steve and Shawn Burke, from the Lake Lanier Sailing Club, who claimed the venerable District IV Crackerbarrel Team Regatta for the ninth straight time. One competitor, who shall remain anonymous, said that "There's always hope since today is the opening of dove season and some drunken hunter may shoot out their sails." These good wishes to the contrary, Steve Burke and Rhonda Myers were almost impossible to catch as they ran off four firsts and one second place finish followed closely by brother Shawn and first time crew Joyce Harvey with four seconds and a third. Scotty Cline and his long time (long suffering?) crew Cindy Hackett were the only ones to finally crack the Burke dominance with a bullet in the fourth race. Scotty and Cindy's teammates - John Muhlhausen and Kelly Bradley - also managed some solid races to combine for the second place team trophy. The third place team was Bryant Carpenter and Dustin Kays (US National Jr. Champ) and Chris Stang and Andrew Cason, all from Atlanta YC.

The two Saturday races, held in very light and shifty air, were notable only for clear skies, cool temperatures, and an opportunity to look at the Carroll's beautiful wooden Snipe (12021). At the conclusion of Saturday's second race, the real race began as paddles were broken out for the race back to the docks for the traditional Salty Dogs. Scotty won that race, as I recall. Following multiple Dogs, munchies, and a smoked chicken dinner an easy aire of bonhomie pervaded the sleepy sailors who willingly leapt into the arms of Morpheus for rejuvenation. Sunday was overcast with a steady easterly breeze of 4-6 mph. Muscle Shoals Sailing Club's legendary Dr. Nolan Richards (father of the Portsmouth rating system) and the rest of the MSSC Race Committee set a short course and proceeded to run off three morning races in sufficient time to get everyone back to the docks and packed up for a leisurely ride home. Kudos to the Atlanta Yacht Club for providing six boats, John & Kitsu Muhlhausen for their unflagging enthusiasm and support, Nolan Richards for his fine RC work, and Sue Kuehlthau and Melissa Parkhurst for food duty. We missed quite a few of our longtime stalwarts - notably Nick Longworth and the entire (Means) Davis clan - but we'll hope to see them next year.

—Bill Parkhurst
MSSC Snipe Fleet 784

Team 1

Steve Burke/Rhonda Myers	Lake Lanier	1-1-1-2-1	5
Shawn Burke/Joyce Harvey	Lake Lanier	2-2-2-3-2	11

Team 2

Scotty Cline/Cindy Hackett	Atlanta	4-4-3-1-4	15.75
John Muhlhausen/Kelly Bradley	Atlanta	3-6-4-5-5	23

Team 3

Bryant Carpenter/Dustin Kays	Atlanta	7-3-7-8-3	28
Chris Stang/Andrew Cason	Atlanta	8-7-5-7-7	34

Team 4

David/Stefanie Carroll	Atlanta	9-8-8-4-8	37
Lee/Courtney Bradley	Atlanta	6-9-9-6-9	39

Team 5

Bob/Sue Kuehlthau	Mussel Shoals	5-5-6-9-6	31
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1997 World Championship Update

This is a quick update on Mission Bay Fleet #495 planning efforts for the 1997 World Championship starting September 13th to be sailed on the Pacific Ocean off San Diego.

We would like to start by thanking the US Districts and Fleets that have helped us with our financial burden so far. As of this date, we received \$2,553.04 in contributions. District 4 gave a generous amount that will be earmarked for one of the major functions to be held, as per their request. Barton Boat Club Fleet #520 held a raffle and made a much appreciated donation, as did Narragansett Fleet #017. Alamitos Bay Fleet #218 also contributed a significant amount to the cause. Our own District 6 war chest has been building up with our regatta entry fee charges. We hope that even more Fleet Captains and District Governors will be able to help.

You can keep in touch with our efforts on our Web page via the Snipe page. You can also link up to learn about our Event Sponsor, Soranzo Lemon Liqueur of Vancouver, BC, Canada.

Please feel free to contact Co-Chairmen Jerome Fournier at (619)268-0925/ jromfour@cts.com; Doug DeSouza at (619)224-3825, or Jerelyn Biehl at the SCIRA office.

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The meeting was called to order by Secretary General Don Hackbarth at 8:10am. Those in attendance were: Vice General Secretary Fernando Krahe, Vice Commodore Gonzo Diaz, Rules Committee Chairman Brainard Cooper, Chief Measurer Hisanao Kato, Board members Lisa Foulke Pline and Sean Biehl, National Secretaries Peter Christie, Bahamas; Id Crook, Canada; and Executive Director Jerelyn Biehl.

Minutes of the prior WH meeting in Montevideo in 1994 were approved as published in the Bulletin. Lee Griffith moved and Lisa Pline seconded. m/s/p.

Reports

Bahamas - After the 1996 North Americans, the fleet has been slow. Robert Dunkley focused on his Olympic training in the Laser and was gone quite a bit. They began to sail seriously in August to train for the WH. There are 8 boats in the fleet and 6-7 sail actively. Mark Holowesko has begun to sail with his son. Midwinter Championship dates have been set.

Bermuda - a report was read from NS Kevin Blee. The Fleet is rebuilding with 4-5 boats on the line. They have traced all prior fleet members and boats and have found 80%. One boat has been donated to the fleet for fleet building. A membership policy change at Spanish Point Boat Club now makes it possible for non-club members to sail with the fleet. They are making preparations for the 1997 Bermuda Race Week.

Brazil - Fernando Krahe spoke for Brazil. They have a new boat builder based upon the Thor hull. There is a change in Brazilian law that makes it possible for Pan Am classes to import parts and materials without taxes, into the country, through the Federation. Their membership is steady. Many sailors went into the Laser class for the Olympics. They have attracted Optimist sailors into the Class.

Japan - Hisanao Kato presented the report for Japan. Membership in 1995 was 902 with 73 new boats built. 1995 Nationals had 64 boats, Jrs. 5 boats, Masters 35 boats and Womens 20 boats. For 1996, Nationals are scheduled for November. The Masters had 30 competitors and the Womens, 20. Recently, Japan has had a decline in membership when the Snipe was excluded as one of the high school boats. A active campaign has now begun increasing the number of races for each fleet, building up regattas, creating new fleets, attracting women sailors and starting a total point score system in fleet races.

USA - 79 boats attended the 1996 Nationals. The 1997 regatta will be held in New Jersey, and we expect the same number of competitors. Membership is stable, averaging 900 members. We will send 2 teams to the Spanish Gold Cup in the Canary Islands. The 1997 Worlds in San Diego are going well with planning. The PCCs, held last weekend in the same location as the Worlds had 42 boats. We have created membership, promotion and fundraising committees for the US. We are still attracting very competitive sailors, mainly from the college ranks. 75% of our membership is made of fleet level sailors that do not travel. 20% of the membership travel and are very competitive. Vangaard and JY manufacturers boats are on the market, and provide these boats inexpensively. We attract these sailors who get bored and need a more attractive boat. Our promotion efforts include Sail Expo, collegiate marketing, the Internet (through Steve Keckler and Alex Pline) and the raffle fo 30,000 has created much interest. US builders - Eclipse molds have been moved to Charleston to a new builder. Mueller is producing boats, and Nickels still may produce some new boats.

Measurement

Chief Measurer Hisanao Kato is in attendance at this regatta. We are in the process of creating a MDS database for all boats.

New Business

—1998 Western Hemispheres in Gamagori, Japan. Request final bid by December, 1996. Motion made by Gonzo Diaz to accept bid by Japan, Lee Griffith seconded. m/s/p.

—1997 Junior Worlds - Porto Alegre, Brazil. Bid received.

—WH inactive countries - Paraguay. No response from NS. Chile - Johnny MacCall has been helping Chile develop with clinics and help in measuring. In 1995 Chile had 1 boat at the South Americans, in 1996, they had 5 boats, and the next S. Americans will be held in Chile. Columbia and Puerto Rico are quiet as well.

—Centerboard - continuous experiments with materials and boards. Quality and consistency is the problem, and they have not found anything to replace aluminum. —Mylar - At the US Nationals, 1/3 of the jibs were mylar, same at the Jr. Worlds. They have approved 5-6 cloths, but no proprietary cloths have been approved yet. Mylar mains have begun to appear, but still experimenting.

—Nominations - Secretary General - Don Hackbarth
 -Vice Secretary - Fernando Krahe

Regatta Bids

—1998 Womens Worlds - US to make a bid
 —1998 Western Hemispheres - Japan
 —1999 Jr. Worlds - US interested
 —2000 Western Hemispheres - Brazil interested

Discussion of increasing the Junior Worlds participation to 3 boats for each country for 1999 will be drafted by Lee Griffith for presentation to the World Board in San Diego.

Discussion of increasing the Senior Worlds participation will also be drafted and presented to the World Board meeting.

Western Hemisphere members expressed statement that the SCIRA Sailing Instructions must be followed at all major regattas. Enforcement by NS and SCIRA Reps must happen.

—Discussion of the charter fees and cost of regatta ensued, and majority were happy with explanation. Meeting was adjourned at 11:45am.

National Secretaries and US District Governors

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Rocky Mountain Snipe Championship



photo: top row; Bill Brush, Jack Wagener, Andy Towles, Steve Tautz, Jim Lowrie. Bottom; Tom Brush, Adrienne Anderson, Clay Towles, Katie Tautz, Jason Lowrie.

Another very successful regatta has come to its conclusion. Saturday morning, August 24, 18 Snipe sailors showed up for the 33rd annual Rocky Mountain Snipe Championship at Grand Lake, Colorado. Our race committee consisted of Don McCannon and his wife Donna. A couple of very experienced people from the Denver Yacht Club came up to arrange for some excellent races. Saturday started off with one race in light breeze. A short break for lunch and two more races in good, but shifty winds. Dinner at Daven

Haven Lodge was enjoyed by one and all. Andy Towles from Oklahoma City had not raced in this regatta for over 25 years, and we were very happy to have him back, as well as the other Snipers from Omaha, Lincoln, Muskogee, Tulsa and Lake Lotawana. This was very competitive group and it showed up in the results. Sunday morning, again with light breeze to start with and then the last race with probably the best wind of the weekend.

We thank everyone that drove a long way to make it a great regatta.

—Carl J. Lundstrom

Skipper/Crew	Fleet	Total
1. Steve/Katie Tautz	Bowmar	10.75
2. Jim/Jason Lowrie	Bowmar	18.50
3. Andy/Clay Towles	Oklahoma City	22.75
4. Bill/Tom Brush	Omaha	30.00
5. Jack Wagener/A. Anderson	Lincoln	35.00
6. John/Mary Buckley	Lincoln	36.00
7. Bruce Hurst/Correne Walmer	Tulsa	37.75
8. Martin Bebb/Katy Towles	Muskogee	46.00
9. Doug/Karen Swenson	Denver	47.00
10. Rick O'Brien/Steve Hart	Denver	51.00
11. Jim/Rita MacKenzie	Denver	54.00
12. Carl Lundstrom/Wendy Mier	Denver	67.00
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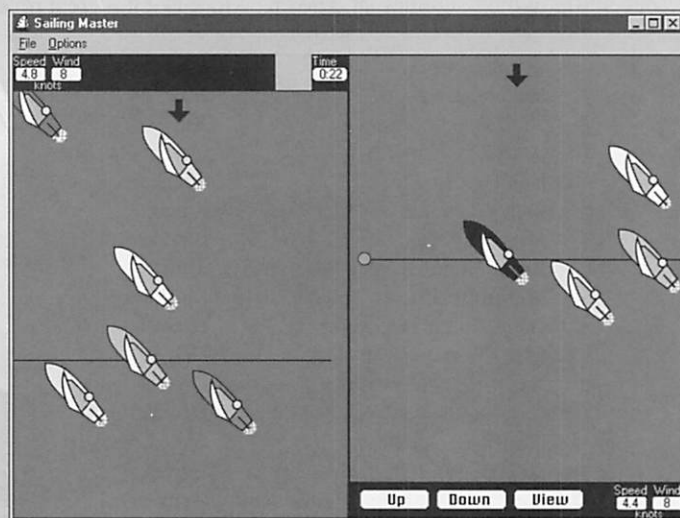


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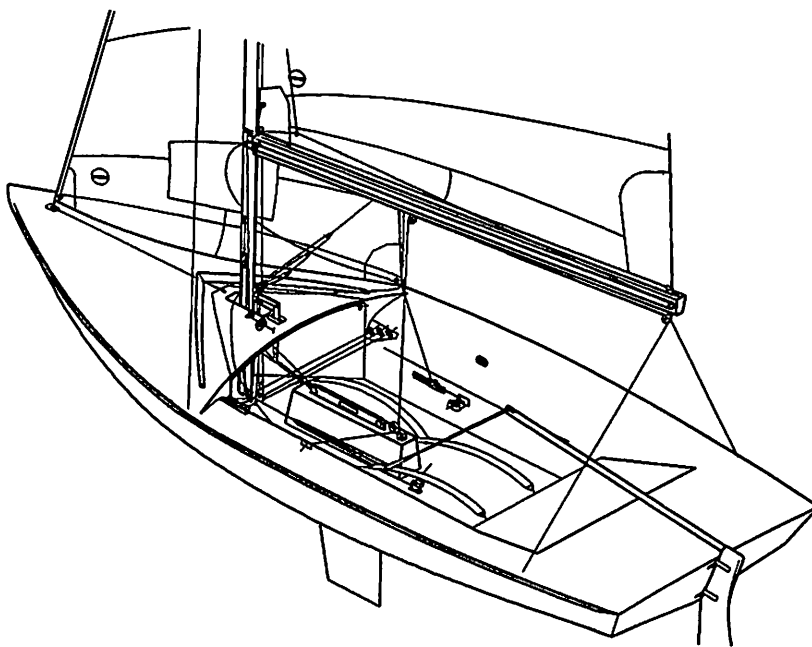
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