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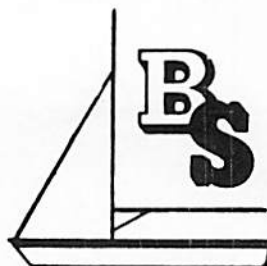
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In accordance with the action of the U.S. Board of Governors the following new categories of membership are established: Sustaining, \$50; Sponsoring, \$100; Benefactor, Over \$100.

All members are encouraged to increase their dues to one of the above categories. This is especially advantageous to members in the U.S. since amounts in excess of \$20 are tax deductible, qualifying as a charitable deduction.

Letters To The Editor

Gonzalo Diaz urges another look at the Low Point scoring system versus the Olympic scoring system:

Looking at the 1981 World Championship we have figured out the first 10 places with the Low Point system; the first score is Olympic, the second is Low Point.

1. Lenhart, 2-1-2-4-3-1-(ns), 19.7, 12.5; 2. Gancedo, 8-(nf)-1-3-2-6-2, 37.4, 21.75; 3. Graef, 1-2-5-2-10-(dsq)-3, 37.7, 22.75; 4. Stewart, 3-(11)-4-7-5-2-4, 47.7, 25; 5. McCall, 5-(nf)-3-5-4-4-7, 54.7, 28; 6. Bjurstrom, 6-8-11-8-7-(13)-1, 69.7, 40.75; 7. Chapin, nf-7-7-1-1-3-(dsq), 73.7, 54.5; 8. Hartmann, 11-5-13-9-(14)-9-8, 90, 55; 9. Brown, 9-4-6-(nf)-24-5-12, 92.7, 60; 10. Haenelt, 10-(dsq)-18-11-9-10-5, 98, 63.

As you can see, it would have made no difference to use the Low Point System. Then, is there any advantage in using the Low Point System?? Yes!

1. For the competitor in the racing course is so much easier to figure out how his competition is doing and consequently make very important tactical decisions.

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Why do we use the Olympic Score System?

1. There was a time that we were hoping to have the Snipe in the Olympics and thought it would be a good idea to be familiar with their point score system. I don't think we are looking to that any more, why bother?

2. Another reason why we use the Olympic Score System is to give an advantage to the guys placing among the first seven places. I don't agree with that either. The Olympic Point System favors inconsistency, for example, a guy with a 10 and 2 is ahead of a guy with 6 and 6

when they should be at least tied, which is the case under the Low Point system. Your comments are invited.

Past Commodore Gonzalo Diaz

Dear Editor,

Commodores must come and go, but please, please let us keep "Troilus the Cockroach." He's the best thing that has happened to the Snipe BULLETIN in the nearly 20 years that I have been reading it.

Can't we make him "Cockroach Snip-us Emeritus?"

*An admirer of Troilus
Fleet 77, Winchester*

Ed. Note: Although the admirer was anonymous, you may write: Lewis A. Law, 321 Mystic St., Arlington, MA 02174, president of the Troilus fan club.

THE COVER

Finland's pretty, blue-eyed Lila Bjurstrom washes salt from the boat and sails after she and her husband Hakan won the exciting last race of the World Championship at Alamitos Bay, just nipping former champion Felix Gancedo at the finish line. Their downwind performance was particularly outstanding, in that it appeared to be as effortless as it was fast! (Photo by Per Gothlin)

THE SCORE

The year ended rather quietly with only two numbers being issued and those going to the U.S.A. One fleet charter was issued to Silver Lake Yacht Club at Lona, Wisconsin. The fleet captain is Robert Roth, 4194 Hillcrest Lane, Wayzata, MN 55391.

The numbers issued for the year were down a little from last year, totaling 373. The average for the entire 50 years is 502, which is pretty good considering all changes that have occurred in that period.

Numbers were issued as follows:

Japan	150	Sweden	10
U.S.A.	78	France	5
Spain	60	Norway	5
Brazil	30	Portugal	4
Argentina	20	England	1
Finland	10	Total	373

Numbered SNIPES— 25080
Chartered Fleets — 782

Directory Introduces New SCIRA Leadership

The centerfold of this issue, as in every February BULLETIN, features a listing of all SCIRA's "brass" from the Commodore through the local U.S. Fleet Captains. All board members, national secretaries, and U.S. District Governors are listed with current mailing addresses. Keep this listing handy for your 1982 correspondence.

Commodore Arturo Delgado was introduced on the cover of the January issue. In the March issue we will feature new Rear Commodore Eugene Tragus, and new board members Per-Ole Holm and John Muhlhausen.

Revised Insurance Coverage Announced

As of January 1, Wally Lineburgh is offering a revised program of Snipe insurance resulting in reduced premiums in most sailing areas. (See ad.)

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U.K. Snipes Fete SCIRA's 50th

Gary Lewis is top contender in British regattas

The highlight in the UK of this extra special Jubilee Year was the raffling of Snipe 25050, and the week of international racing at Southend to celebrate SCIRA's 50th Anniversary. Budworth and Broadstairs also held anniversary open meetings. Budworth invited all the "Golden Oldies" to their anniversary event, but unfortunately high winds did not allow them to show the younger sailors how it was done in days gone by.

Roland Antonelli, Budworth fleet captain took up the suggestion made at the European Secretaries meeting of having an International team race for Snipes. Budworth organized the event, hosting European crews, and was rewarded by Sweden taking back the trophy.

The two newest clubs to adopt Snipes, Crosby S.C., Liverpool, and Holm S.C., Shetland, have been growing. Crosby has 10 Snipes, whilst Holm has 12. One of our oldest fleets, Maldon, with their new clubhouse, improved launching facilities, and established committee boat starts, is working toward hosting the UK's 1982 South Eastern Championship.

The Broadstairs fleet, under captain John Bean and Commodore John Martin, is completing arrangements for the 1982 European Cup, end of June. The Broadstairs SC has had a perpetual trophy designed for the winning boat, to be presented for the first time in 1982. Fleets throughout the UK are contributing other items to allow each race winner to take home a prize. Broadstairs is renowned for its hospitality.*

To stop SCIRA UK becoming lethargic in the second half of the century, foundations are already being laid for the 1983 season. To push our truly international organization a "one off" regatta is being planned for the summer of '83, open to all Snipe members regardless of ability or country.

To all members of the Snipe World the United Kingdom membership sends best wishes up to the year 2,031. . .!

John R. Broughton
UK National Secretary



Robert Johnston presents trophy to England's 1981 National Champion Gary Lewis.

**See Sanction list for exact dates. John Bean writes: "We hope to have 60 boats from all over Europe and would like to see some Americans as well (entrance & accommodations free for competitors from outside U.K.)."*

National Championship

To celebrate SCIRA's 50th Anniversary the British Snipe Association held six days of racing – the first three devoted to the Jubilee Regatta, and the last three to the UK Nationals. To gain full advantage for the families, the venue chosen was Alexandra Yacht Club at Southend-on-Sea.

The sun shone for the whole event – but the winds were only moderate. It was pleasing to see every fleet in the UK represented. The Swedish couple, Jan and Eva Blomquist from Stavnsnas Snipe fleet, quickly became popular amongst the English and certainly seemed to enjoy themselves, especially at the social events held each evening.

In the Anniversary Regatta's first race UK Champion Stuart Totten took first place, with Jan and Eva quickly mastering the British tide and swell to come in second. Peter Harris took the second race; and with Jan again well up, it was becoming obvious that unless the English boats put up a better performance, the Swedish crew would return with the magnificent trophy: a gold leaf ceramic plate with a beautiful picture of a Snipe. With Jan and Eva scoring a second and first in the last two races, victory was theirs. Anniversary Regatta prizes were presented by past national secretary Horace Crispin. Stuart Totten of Budworth fleet came second, Peter Harris of Stone fleet took third, whilst John Bean, Broadstairs, came fourth.

On Wednesday evening the briefing for the Nationals was interrupted by a thunder storm . . . was the wind to come? Alas, next morning the crews awoke to glorious sunshine and no wind; well, just enough to get a race underway.

Positions in the Anniversary Regatta were completely reversed. Jan and Eva could not find their past form, and Stuart Totten, Peter Harris and John Bean returned poor results, being replaced by Gary Lewis, Peter Wright, Arnie Lind-Hansen, and Paul Mason. As the racing progressed, Gary and Peter Wright started to share out the firsts and seconds of each race between themselves, leaving Paul and Arnie to squabble over the third and fourth position. In contrast to Jan's past performance, his best race was a sixth. The cannon for the last race went to Gary Lewis, whose total for the Nationals was six points.

The Regatta Dinner was also the occasion to draw for the raffle of the "Golden Snipe." The winning ticket, drawn out by the mayor of Southend, belonged to Miss Janette Dunlop of King George Snipe Fleet.

Snipe Personalities of renown present at the dinner included: Percy Douglas, Peter Harris, Horace Crispin, John Broughton, Richard Martin, Alan Milton, John Bean, Peter Wright, Ron Wright,



Jubilee Race Week at Alexandra Yacht Club, Southend-on-Sea.



Boats line up for beach launching at Broadstairs Open. (Martin Graham photo)

Paul Mason, Roland Antonelli, Bob Totten – names of those who have given so much to the Class: our solid foundation.

For the prize giving of the UK Nationals – another personality – Robert Johnson and his wife Linda. Robert is Vice Commodore of Cuba Lake Yacht Club, U.S.A., and it was a great pleasure to have American Snipers amongst us, presenting the trophies.

The 1981-82 National Champion: Gary Lewis, Budworth Snipe fleet, with runner-up Peter Wright, King George fleet. The following complete the first twenty overall: 3. Arni Lind-Hansen, Budworth. 4. Paul Mason, Blue Circle. 5. Richard Martin, Crosby. 6. Mark Townsend, Budworth. 7. Stuart Totten, Budworth. 8. David Mason, Blue Circle. 9. John Bean, Broadstairs. 10. Jan Blomquist, Stavnsas. 11. Alan Milton, Broadstairs. 12. Peter Harris, Stone. 13. Wally Hardman, Budworth. 14. Mark Blanchard, Crosby. 15. Bob Totten, Budworth. 16. Mark Ainsworth, Budworth. 17. Peter Brooks, Maldon. 18. Eric Broughton, Stone. 19. Norman Horsler, King George. 20. Roland Antonelli, Budworth.

John Broughton

SCIRA National Secretary for the UK

Broadstairs Open

After an unusual two days of almost continuous rain and Northerly gales, a garden hose ban came into operation on Friday, 26th June, in Broadstairs due to the 'drought'! Possibly this made the Belgians change their mind about coming to the Broadstairs Open. The visitors from Budworth who arrived on Friday found the practice evening race cancelled due to heavy on-shore breakers which three surf boarders in Viking Bay were enjoying. However there was no drought in the 'Tartar Frigate' pub on the jetty where a small band of Snipers did not allow the rain to spoil their 'spirits'.

Saturday morning saw an improve-



Snipes enjoy a wet ride at Broadstairs. (Champion Photography photos)



BROADSTAIRS OPEN (Top 10 of 20 entries)

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Club	Places	Points	Finish
23762	G. Lewis/A. Williams	Budworth	1-2-1-1	0	1
23001	T. Stathan/K. Leatt	Budworth	4-1-6-2	8	2
19327	P. Mason/Alan	Blue Circle	3-3-DNS-7	11.4	3
20247	D. Mason/	Blue Circle	2-5-DNS-8	13	4
19087	P. Farrands/R. Farrands (Jun.)	R.A.F.Y.C.	5-4-3-3	13.7	5
20330	S. Totten/G. Elliott	Budworth	6-7-2-4	14.7	6
20244	C. Frost/P. Frost	Stone	DNF-6-4-5	19.7	7
19084	G. Watkins/S. Crook	Stone	DNF-RETD-5-6	26	8
20559	H. Mockett/D. Tomlinson	Broadstairs	DNF-RETD-DNS-9	40	9
22472	J. Bean/D. Allen	Broadstairs	DNF-RETD-DNS-9	40	10

ment in the weather and more Snipes rolling in for the racing proper. The first race was at 1430 with a fresh N'y 4/5 started with 18 boats tacking along the shore to keep out of the tide. During the race the wind gradually eased off and the course was shortened to a triangle, 'sausage,' triangle. Despite this, with the wind dying right away, only five boats finished within half an hour of the winner, Gary Lewis from Budworth, the remainder being out of time.

In the evening, following the Commodore's Reception in the Clubhouse, everyone safely navigated to the 'Bradstow Mill' pub to enjoy a splendid buffet prepared by Landlord Gwyn and his staff. Some even managed to dance to the disco after. All visitors who requested accommodation were housed with Club mem-

bers to whom many thanks.

Sunday morning saw an increase in the wind to N'y 6 and although about a dozen boats sampled the 'reaching,' the 2nd race at 1000 was postponed until 1330 to get tide with wind. This upset the '50th Anniversary Sailpast and Salute' planned to follow the 1000 race. However the opportunity was taken to line up the boats at the water's edge for commemorative photographs later followed at midday with a champagne toast to the strains of a seven piece traditionally dressed Bavarian Band partly composed of Club members. This highlight will be remembered for the sight of Paul Mason, last year's winner, lying on the beach in a windsuit consuming meat pie and beans with a glass of champagne.

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With a stiff NNE 6/7 at 1330 only 10 boats started the 2nd race, run on a triangular course which provided some exhilarating reaching/surfing more akin to power boat racing. After two laps Hugh Mockett came in with the jib halyard Highfield lever adrift. Another half lap and yours truly capsized trying to re-round the East mark after hitting the buoy and had difficulty righting the boat in the conditions due to the dagger plate lashing being too slack. Seven Snipes finished, led by Tony Statham from Budworth.

With the third race starting immediately there were now only 6 starters in the strenuous conditions. Gary Lewis proved he prefers plenty of wind by completing the course in what must be a record time ahead of Stuart Totten also from Budworth. Gary and Stuart and their crews represented the U.K. in September in the World Championships on the open sea in California. After this Broadstairs Open, I think they will handle anything the Pacific Ocean has in store.

At the prize giving in the Clubhouse the general opinion was that the weekend had been most enjoyable despite the unkind weather for June. Having now got the bad weather out of the way we look forward to a glorious Snipe European Cup at Broadstairs next year.

John Bean
Snipe Fleet Captain

Crosby Open

Sunday, October 25, 1981 was a day of no wind for the residents of the city of Liverpool, England, including the suburb of Crosby, home of Crosby Sailing Club. Not a meteorological fact to hit the news bulletins, but a sad state of affairs for the Snipe crews attending the annual one day Snipe Open, organized by the Crosby Club. True to form, the Budworth Snipe fleet, under their captain, Roland Antonelli, attended the meeting in strength with eight boats.



A flock of Snipes at Budworth.

By careful attention to each little wisp of movement in the almost still air the first race finished in a clear 'takeover' of the Budworth Crews. First was Gary Lewis, second Arnie Lind-Hanson, third Roland Antonelli, with Richard Martin bringing Crosby in at fourth.

The second race again saw no change in Gary taking first and Arnie second. But changes came in the third, fourth and fifth finishing; respectively Don Smith, Bob Totten and Mark Blanchard of Crosby. The third and final race of the day saw a clear win for Gary Lewis and crew Alan Williams overall, but Budworth's Don and Roland fought hard for third overall, being that Arnie and crew Alan Nuttall had a safe second. Don Smith, crewed by his son Colin, kept Roland and Fiona Gray, in 20025, just to the rear of their transom to clinch third.

Final results - 1. Gary Lewis, Alan Williams; 2. Arnie Lind-Hanson, Alan Nuttall; 3. Don Smith, Colin Smith; 4. Roland Antonelli, Fiona Gray; 5. Richard Martin, Raymond Johnson (highest

placed Crosby Snipe); 6. Bob Totten, Tony Hitchcock.

Crosby challenged the visitors with eight boats, plus their usual northern hospitality, making for a memorable day. Though not yet formed into an official chartered fleet, the "Crosby Snipe Boys" are a keen enthusiastic bunch, numbering eleven helms. This season has seen their getting on the Open Meeting Circuit and tasting the pressure of higher competitive racing.

Budworth's Howarth Trophy

Roland Antonelli, Snipe Class Captain, gathered together the largest fleet of Snipes seen in England for many years when 43 Snipes raced in winds ranging from force 4-7 during the whole event.

Budworth's National Champion Gary Lewis, crewed by Alan Williams, held off an eight-boat Swedish challenge led by past winner Roger Streling, crewed by Barbro Andreasson, who took second place. The wind claimed its usual crop of retirements, driving the masts of the capsized deep into the mud.

Gothenburg S.C. took the Medway Team racing trophy in a pairs competition, with Roger Streling and Jan Stombeck beating fellow club members Bert Forsberg and Thomas Carlberg in a one race final.

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pleased to have with us our genial National Secretary John Broughton and his charming wife Jo.

On Sunday the club hosted twenty ex-

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We gave them thrills and spills, the white water of the planing hull with cameras clicking throughout the day. Without doubt this was a Golden Jubilee to be remembered.

HOWARTH TROPHY (Top 25 of 43 entries)

Boat	Skipper	Club	Places	Points	Finish
23762	Gary Lewis	Bud. S.C.	2-1-1-1-R	3	1
22426	R. Streling	Goth.	1-3-2-2-DNS	11.7	2
22309	U. Sjoberg	Goth.	3-2-3-5-4	22.4	3
23233	D. Whittaker	Bud. S.C.	4-R-6-6-3	37.1	4
23001	A. Statham	Starcross	8-4-R-8-2	39	5
24745	T. Carlberg	Goth.	11-7-5-3-7	41.7	6
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24748	B. Forsberg	Goth.	5-5-8-9-DNS	49	8
20264	G. Sumner	Bud. S.C.	19-11-R-4-5	60	9
24704	R. Martin	Crosby	12-6-R-14-8	63.7	10
24359	D. Smith	Bud. S.C.	15-9-7-R-9	64	11
21071	R. Dobson	Bud. S.C.	14-10-9-10-11	64	12
23268	W. Hardman	Bud. S.C.	6-13-12-11-R	65.7	13
24750	J. Strombeck	Goth.	17-18-15-DNS-1	68	14
20244	P. Frost	Stone	10-23-11-13-DNS	81	15
20023	M. Andrews	Bud. S.C.	18-15-R-15-12	84	16
22472	J. Bean	Broad.	22-26-DISQ-12-14	98	17
20352	M. Antonelli	Bud. S.C.	20-19-R-R-R	98	18
20323	A. Lind Hansen	Bud. S.C.	21-20-DISQ-R-10	102	19
20350	M. Ainsworth	Bud. S.C.	20-19-R-R-R	109	20
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19894	M. Maudsley	Bud. S.C.	23-29-14-R-DNS	117	22
19084	G. Watkins	Stone	34-28-16-17-DNS	119	23
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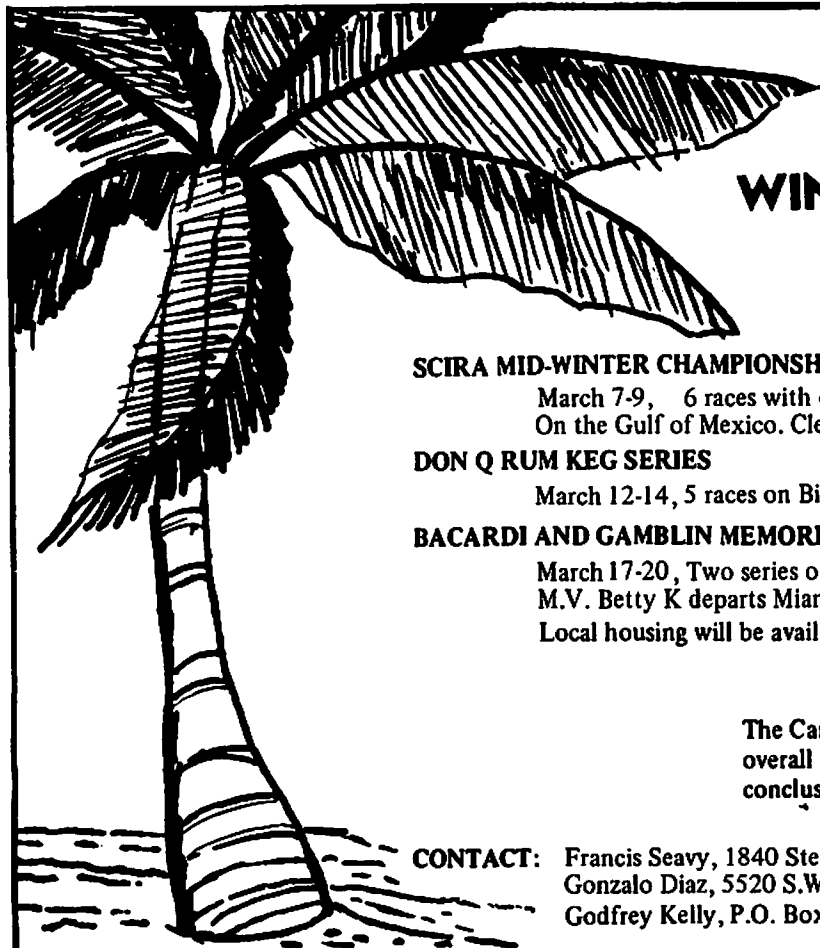
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