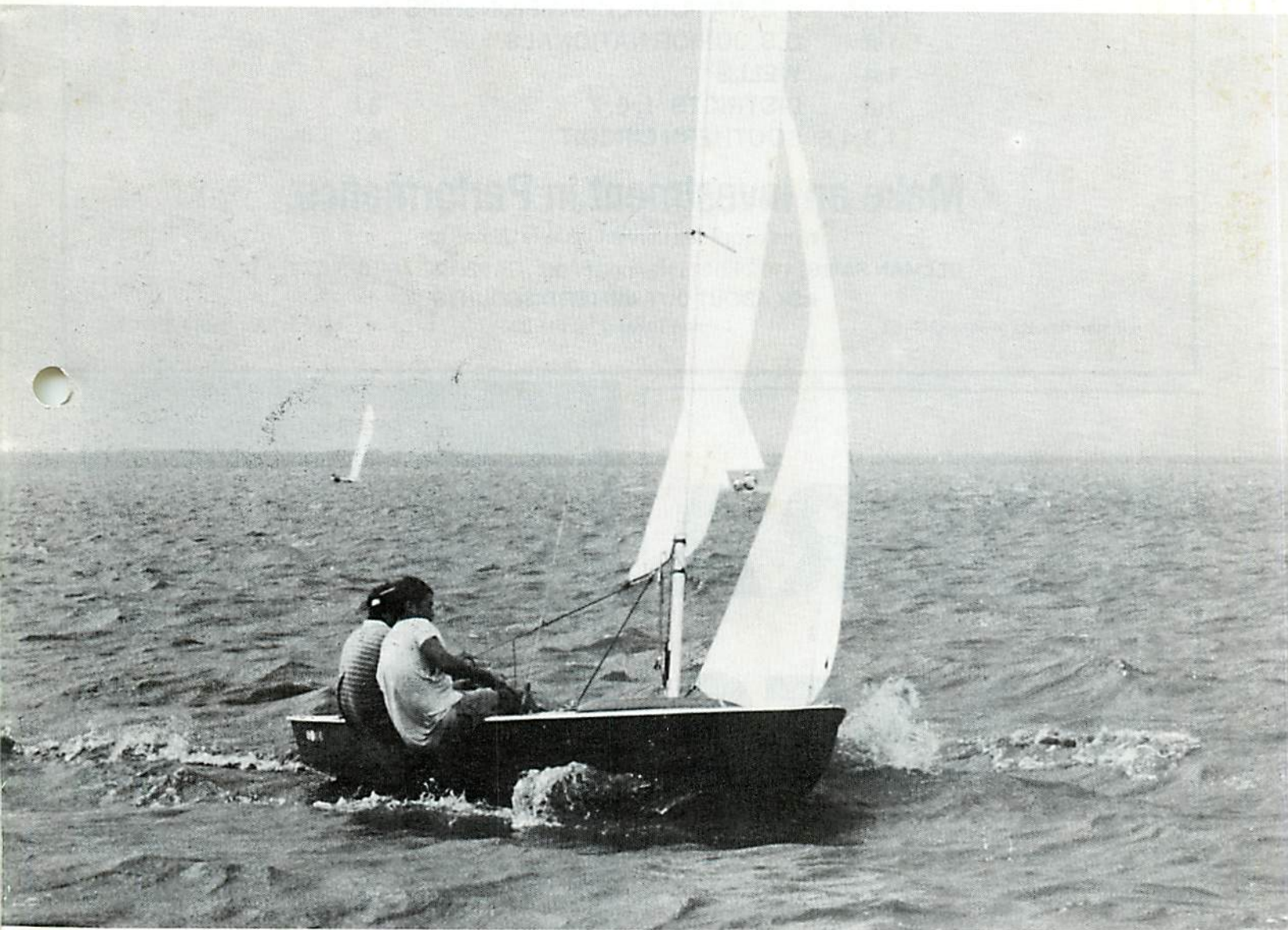


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Reflections on the Masters

The Masters Regatta held at Lake Quassapaug on September 27-29, 1984 was a lot of fun and all participants, winners as well as "losers," enjoyed themselves. The winds were light and variable and there was never a relaxed moment even on the reaches as positions changed rapidly with each puff. It was definitely lake sailing at its finest.

Stepping into Quassapaug Yacht Club is like taking a time machine trip back through Snipe history. Quassy is, was, and probably always will be a Snipe place. The pictures, paintings and plaques on the wall all tell a lot of Snipe history because the Quassy sailors made a lot of it. And a lot of the great sailors of the past were there which made it super.

As usual Ralph and Berta Swanson pitched in to help make the regatta a success. Ralph brought boats for needy contestants and Berta furnished expertise on the Race Committee. Very few people realize how much they have contributed to the Snipe Class over the years. Snipe would not be the leading one-design class it is today had it not been for the Swansons doing so much in so many ways to help.

I would volunteer a couple of suggestions for future regattas. Try to hold them on lakes and in dense Snipe areas. It might be well to have age groups of 45-54, 55-64, 65 and over. Also, a combined skipper/crew age of 80 might be considered. Another rule that might be good would be to legally allow skippers and crews to exchange positions in the series as long as they are compatible with the rules. (Dan Blodgett and I did it this regatta and we both enjoyed it.)

Lightweight teams definitely dominated the regatta, but maybe the heavies won the party. The regatta was fun and relatively low key (although there were a couple of protests) and let's hope it stays that way.

Hats off to the Quassapaug Yacht Club for a job well done.

Buzz Levinson

Past SCIRA Commodore

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George Becker, Ft. Worth, Texas, died while on a recent cruise with his wife, Bobbie. George, Bobbie, and Cres Cresswell will be well remembered throughout the Southwest as THE Snipe race committee.



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Gonzalo Diaz
Miami Fleet 7

THE COVER

Miyuki Kai and Akira Kansaku, Japan, finished a close second at the Western Hemisphere Championship, San Bernardino, Paraguay. Buzz Lamb photo.

THE SCORE

Four numbers were issued in the last month of 1984 with all going to the U.S.A. No new fleets were chartered.

Thirteen countries got 386 numbers during the year. This represents a 24% increase and our 53-year average is 493. Five new fleets were chartered during the year. All this is encouraging news, especially when you take into account the general decline in one-design racing.

Numbers issued were as follows:

Japan	120	Finland	10
U.S.A.	104	Paraguay	5
Spain	80	Denmark	2
Italy	20	Canada	1
Portugal	17	England	1
Sweden	14	Uruguay	1
Argentina	11	Total	386

Numbered SNIPES — 26127
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When is Sculling Permitted?

And what exactly is sculling?

Is sculling ever legal? What is sculling? An examination of Part I - Definitions of the rules will reveal that the term sculling is not defined. Does this mean that sculling is permitted? The answer is no. Rule 60 - Means of Propulsion, Section 60.2 - Actions that are Prohibited

(a) Repeated forceful movement of the helm (sculling).

Thus the term sculling is used to designate repeated forceful movement of the helm and furthermore this action is prohibited. Thus the answer to the question, "Is sculling ever legal?" is an emphatic no.

How, then, does one explain Appeal No. 56 in which the skipper of a small centerboard yacht named Eastwind approaches a mark in an "extremely light" wind. His boat is not responding to his normal helm. He fears that he will hit the mark. Quoting from Appeal No. 56, "In order to bring her up faster her skipper returned the tiller

to approximately midships several times, the testimony indicating three to six times, and then pushed it hard to starboard in an effort to bring Eastwind up faster and clear the mark.

It appears to this humble salt, that this action clearly fits the description "repeated forceful movement of the helm." Yet, the decision of the appeals committee states: "Eastwind did not resort to 'sculling' and that her skipper, while moving his tiller to starboard several times before reaching mark 'B' and to port several times after reaching the mark, did not bring it beyond amidships, the purpose and results of his actions being only to alter the course of his yacht and not to give her headway, his actions did not constitute an infringement of Rule 60."

So there we have it. A fine kettle of fish. Repeated forceful movement of the tiller is sculling, but repeated forceful movement

of the tiller whose only purpose is to alter course and not to give headway is not sculling. Thus in answer to our original question, sculling is never legal but an action that seems to fit the given description of sculling but which is to alter course and not give headway is permitted (but this action is not "sculling").

This decision is better understood by consulting Webster's New Twentieth Century Dictionary, Second Edition, which defines the verb scull as "to use scull or sculls; to propel, as a boat, with scull or sculls." Scull, as a noun, is defined as "an oar twisted from side to side over the stern of a boat to move it forward." Clearly, the term scull, as used in general conversation, implies the intention of propulsion. Furthermore, the Basic Rule 60, of which 60.2 is a subsection, states: Unless otherwise permitted by this rule, a yacht shall be propelled only by the natural action of the wind on the sails and spars, and the water on the hull and underwater surfaces."

Our Submerged Rule now emerges: repeated and forceful movements of the helm whose only purpose is to alter course are permitted.

*Gary Boswell
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Not only did the 62 sailors participating in this year's Masters dance the night away to a lively new 50s band, "Satisfaction," but there was satisfaction all around during the three days of sailing fun and challenge. The 31 boats challenged the fluky winds of Lake Quassapaug, Middlebury, CT all seven races. The moments of frustration were offset by the camaraderie of sailors with visitors from California, Tennessee, Georgia, Maryland, Ohio, Canada and New England. Four past SCIRA commodores as well as three previous Masters Champions participated. The esteemed race committee included Berta Swanson, Whitey Held and Dick May.

Race 1 and 2. A strong westerly wind died moments before the first race began, setting the stage for three days of relatively calm, fluky winds. The first race surprisingly escaped a restart like all the rest, as Dave Lence crossed the finish line first with Fritz Gram close behind. The second race of the day saw Fritz and his wife/crew maneuver through the fleet, crossing first, while Lence shadowed their moves to finish second. Woody Norwood copped third place in both races. A faster dash was made to the dock where sailors raced to the clubhouse to be greeted by hors d'oeuvres, beer and an open bar. The Atlanta group dutifully watched over the bar while most other sailors went off to the local restaurants to compare the day's events and visit.

Races 3, 4, 5. Day two, a cold wave brought out the wetsuits, etc., but no more wind. While the sailors were ready to face a lake with which they felt more familiar, Quassy remained a stranger to many. The



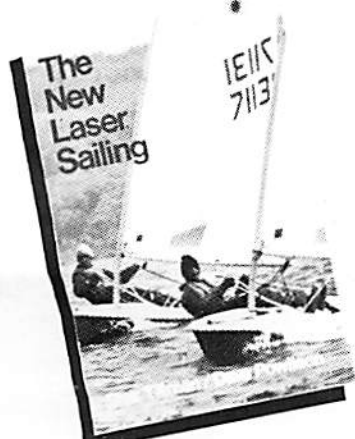
Drifting and shifting obtain new meaning on Lake Quassapaug. R. May photo.

leader after day one, Fritz Gram, discovered this phenomenon by crossing 11, 2, and 19. This opened the way for Dave Lence and his crew, Sue Tabor, to put the pressure on by capturing 6, 8, and another first. Jerry Thompson also pulled into a contending position in the first two races of the day, crossing the line second in each, followed by a fourth. Means Davis and Carl Cheney were firmly establishing close positions by crossing the line 1, 4, 6, and 4, 15, 7, respectively. Day two ended with Lence in first, Davis in second, and Thompson in third, as all tried to compute scores with drop races in mind.

After three hardy races and a delicious

grilled steak dinner, sailors showed their true grit by dancing away till after midnight. We had a special appearance during the evening by "The Blues Brothers," all the way from Joliet, Illinois. Sailors were joined by a super crowd of QYC members to dance the twist and other 50s' dances, while Paul Festerson accompanied the band on his flute. In all, over 170 people were on hand to celebrate the Masters event that night and to witness the well-matched couple of Fritz Gram and Id Crook win the dance contest.

Race 5 and 6. Sailors dragged in on day three for the final round of trying to master the Quassy winds. Jerry Thompson rounded the windward mark first and held his lead for two more legs until the winds decided he'd had enough air and pulled out — for the nth time. By the next mark, his recovery was more fortunate than that of Dave Lence, who went around dead last only to cross the finish line eighth. Gram placed first, sailing right back into contention, while Means Davis, with a third, also hung close. The stage was set for the final race, with Gram needing to beat Lence and stay close to Davis to capture the championship. The by-now-typical winds shuffled the fleet during the entire race, including one mark rounding featuring the entire fleet. In the end, Fritz finished third, to take the title. Davis was second, and Lence 8th.



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Master of Masters, Ted Wells, 25025, was a winner in his division. 24999 is Martin Fraser.



Top 5 at the Masters: Skippers, l to r, rear: Jerry Thompson, Fritz Gram, Means Davis, Dave Lence, Carl Cheney. Crews in front row.

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Texas Beats Oklahoma In Sooner (Or Later) Regatta

The first annual Sooner (or later) Regatta, August 25-26, saw 14 visiting Snipes join seven from Oklahoma City Boat Club Fleet 14 for the first sanctioned Snipe regatta on Lake Hefner in 20 years. Visiting skippers came from as far north as Lincoln, Ne.; as far south as Houston, Tx.; as far east as Muskogee, Ok.; and as far west as Lubbock, Tx. They ranged in age from 70+ (Ted Wells) to 16 (Karen Chandler of the Oklahoma City Boat Club explorer post), and represented 10 different Snipe fleets. The weather cooperated in making the regatta a tremendous success. The 100+-degree weather broke for the weekend and the usually calm winds picked up to provide good sailing. When the spray cleared the members of Fleet 14 were better organizers than sailors as only Ed Olson with crew Joe Rappaport made the top 10 with a fifth place finish while Greg Gust of Harbor Lights Boat Club, Dallas, Tx. with crew Honey Donohue took first.

The first race began with moderate but shifty winds from the south. Before the first boat made it around the olympic course the wind shifted 30 degrees to the east making the already favored port side the only place to be. Gust led the way, followed by Pete Fenner of the White Rock Sailing Club, Dallas, Tx. Behind them were Doug Goppert of the Missouri Yacht Club, Steve Sherman, also of White Rock, and Ed Olson from the Oklahoma City Boat Club.

In the second race the wind held in the

southeast and Gust, Sherman and Fenner held in the first three places. Olson was bottled up at the start and only managed an 11th place while Martin Bebb of Muskogee, Ok. finished fourth.

Sunday morning dawned clear with winds close to 20. Gust was in the lead with 1.5 points, but Fenner with five and Sherman with six were not out of the running. Fenner took the lead at the start and held it until the final windward leg of the olympic course when Gust managed to get by to finish with his third first place. Fenner held on to second place in the race and the regatta. Goppert took third and Olson finished fourth ahead of Sherman.

Several well-known "old timers" lent their experience to the regatta. Steve Taylor ran a flawless series as he did so many times as race chairman for the Snipe Nationals (there were no general recalls and no protests!) and Ted Wells showed he could still manage the shifty lake winds with finishes of six, 13, and nine for 10th place overall.

The trophies, stained glass panels made by Ed Olson and Pat Melly, were a spectacular conclusion to what we hope will become an annual event.

Eliot Schechter, M.D.
Fleet 14

Pacific Coast Championship

from the San Francisco Bay Fleet Newsletter

Thanks in large part to the efforts of Warren Wheaton, the Snipe Pacific Coast Championship was staged by St. Francis Yacht Club September 15-16, and it was a great success. Twenty-eight boats showed up to test their skills against the winds and tides of San Francisco Bay. The winds varied from zip in the mornings to 15 in the afternoon. The flood tides created exciting beats, as the fleet tacked in close to shore to avoid the stream. A strong contingent from Southern California dominated the regatta with three local boats breaking into the top ten.

Mike Segerblom and Ron Rosenberg regained the title that they won in 1982. Mark Reynolds and Rob Lindley showed continual improvement to finish second. Dave Chapin and Kenyon Marton finished third. Jeff Lenhart and Bob Lorenzini were fourth and Chris Raab and David Swain were fifth. The St. Francis was up to its high standards with prawn, hot hors d'oeuvres, and champagne for the awards

Spencer Allen
San Francisco Bay Fleet 12

PACIFIC COAST CHAMPIONSHIP

(Top 15 of 28)

Skipper	Fleet	Finishes	Points	Position
Mike Segerblom	Alamitos Bay	17-2-2-1-5	9.75	1
Mark Reynolds	Mission Bay	4-4-4-3-1	11.75	2
Dave Chapin	Mission Bay	3-10-3-5-2	13	4
Jeff Lenhart	Mission Bay	1-3-5-7-6	14.75	4
Chris Raab	Alamitos Bay	12-1-1-10-7	18.5	5
Jim Warfield	San Francisco	7-8-11-6-4	25	6
Jerry Thompson	Alamitos Bay	5-6-7-8-10	26	7
Dan Blodgett	San Francisco	2-11-8-11-DNF	32	8
Martin VanWolfswinkle	Houston	8-5-10-13-9	32	9
Warren Wheaton	San Francisco	PMS-18-6-12-3	39	10
Jim Grubbs	Lake Washington	9-21-DNS-2-8	40	11
Packy Davis	San Francisco	16-14-12-9-12	47	12
Bill Leffler	Seattle	10-13-13-17-14	50	13
Ron Fox	Alamitos Bay	23-24-9-14-11	57	14
Robb Walker	Alamitos Bay	13-15-DNF-16-13	57	15

SOONER (Or Later) REGATTA

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Fleet	Finishes	Points	Position
24679	Gust/Donohue	HLBC	1-1-1	2.25	1
25515	Fenner/Elliott	WRSC	2-3-2	7	2
25514	Sherman/Fritz	WRSC	4-2-5	11	3
25850	Goppert/Goppert	MYC	3-7-3	13	4
25376	Olson/Rappaport	OCBC	5-11-4	20	5
24092	Slomski/Teague	WRSC	7-6-7	20	6
23662	Bookhout/Harville	HLSC	10-8-6	24	7
20013	Bebb/Parrish		12-4-8	24	8
25659	Schmidt/Alexander	LSC	8-5-12	25	9
25025	Wells/Craig	WSC	6-13-9	28	10
25783	Saunders/Pierce	WVSC	9-9-10	28	11
25868	Wightman/Wightman	LHSC	14-10-11	35	12
3662	Smedley/Humphries	HLBC	11-12-13	36	13
17222	Quade/Quade	WR	13-15-14	42	14
21603	McElwaine/Thompson	SYC	15-14-17	46	15
20902	Anita Geil	OCBC	16-16-16	48	16
20183	Schechter/Schechter	OCBC	17-17-15	49	17
13049	Dan Geil/Cathy Geil	OCBC	18-19-DNS	58	18
22776	Payne-McGovern/McGovern		19-18-DNS	58	19
20249	Coman/Wege		20-DNS-DNF	59	20
15948	Chandler/White	OCBC	21-DNF-DNS	62	21

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Competition Strong In Florida State Juniors

The 1984 Florida State Snipe Junior Championship was sailed on Saturday, August 25 and Sunday, August 26 out of Coconut Grove Sailing Club with nine juniors attending. The series was full of competition with no boat in complete control.

The wind was about six knots out of the south-southeast for the first race which was won by Eric Carlson with a nice lead. Jim Weber and Joe Logan followed. The wind varied slightly in direction and velocity for the next two races with Weber, Logan and Carlson finishing very close in the second race and Carlson nosing out Logan in the third race.

On Sunday, the start of the fourth race was delayed because of lack of wind. At 11:30 with a breeze of five knots out of the east the Juniors got started again. This race was won by Weber going away with Eldred and Carlson rounding out the top three. For the last race, the wind picked up to about 15 knots. These were the conditions Mark Eldred had been waiting for and he won the race with Logan and Weber coming on at the end.

Jim Weber won over Eric Carlson based on the most times beating the other competitor since they tied at 12.5 points. Joe Logan took third overall with 14 points. That is close!! Our thanks to the Coconut Grove SC race committee headed by John Schoendorf for a super regatta.

*Gonzalo E. Diaz
Miami, Florida*



Winners: Eric Carlson, 2nd; Jim Weber, 1st; and Joe Logan, 3rd.



District V Champs, left to right, Eric & Lynn Eiffert, Steve Callison & Jane Faust, Pat Gardner & Chris Haines, Jane & Fritz Gram, and Tersh & Liz Bugbee.

Steve Callison Wins In District V

Chautauqua Lake played host to the 1984 District V Championship. Competition was excellent in the small fleet of 18 boats that participated. Steve Callison of Newport took victory honors with impressive 1-1-2-3-1 finishes. Eric Eiffert, also of Newport, finished second with 4-2-1-2-2 proving that there is a hot bunch of sailors coming from Irondequoit Bay (we knew it all along). Third place went to Cuba Lake's Fritz and Jane Gram.

Saturday started with a shifty 0-1/4 out of the south/southeast, which generally means postponement on Chautauqua. Sure enough, just as the 10-minute gun was fired, the wind was scared off and we broke for lunch. After lunch the air picked up to a rather shifty 5-10 from the southwest, but enough wind to get three

races in (whew).

After a healthy cocktail hour, sailors helped themselves to a cook-your-own steak dinner.

Sunday the air increased to a healthy 7-15 from the west.

Many thanks to all of the participants who made this a very smooth and fun regatta. It was also the first with me as the fleet captain. Thanks also to Geoff Turner who did a fine job as race committee chairman. We in the Snipe fleet are very happy with the job he is doing.

We will be looking forward to seeing many of you as we are busily preparing to host the 1986 U.S. Nationals. We are working hard to make it a fine year for Snipers on Chautauqua Lake.

*Chris Videll
Chautauqua Fleet 124*

DISTRICT V CHAMPIONSHIP

(Top 12 of 18 Finishers)

Skipper/Crew	Fleet	Finishes	Points	Position
Steve Callison/Jane Faust	Newport	1-1-2-3-1	8.7	1
Eric & Lynn Eiffert	Newport	4-2-1-2-1	17	2
Fritz & Jane Gram	Cuba Lake	2-3-3-5-3	30.1	3
Tersh & Liz Bugbee	Cuba Lake	5-5-4-4-4	44	4
Chris Hains/Pat Gardner	Oakville	3-9-6-1-6	44.1	5
George & Andrea Hock	Newport	9-11-9-6-5	68.7	6
Denny & Lorrie Bush	Chautauqua	8-8-5-9-11	70	7
Bill & Nancy Willmarth	Barton	7-4-7-10-14	70	8
Norm & Laura Dahl	Newport	10-6-8-14-8	75.7	9
Jack Pierotti/Eric Knight	Cuba Lake	11-10-12-8-7	78	10
Rob & Maureen Hays	Cuba Lake	13-7-10-7-12	79	11
Jeff Mitchell/Jim Kerr	Cuba Lake	14-13-11-12-10	90	12

1984 FLORIDA STATE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Finishes	Points	Position
23713	Jim Weber, Jr.	2-1-6-1-3	12.5	1
25233	Eric Carlson	1-3-1-3-5	12.5	2
25482	Joe Logan	3-2-2-5-2	14	3
25374	Mark Eldred	7-5-5-2-1	19.75	4
25171	Will Bonilla	5-6-4-6-4	25	5
25172	Adam Killermann	6-7-8-4-6	30	6
25236	Keith Davids	8-4-3-7-7	31	7
23711	Chris Thomas	9-8-7-8-8	40	8
22292	Jack Dreyfuss	4-NF-NS-NS-NS	44	9

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Suddath Breezes In To Win Bird Bath

The Muscle Shoals Sailing Club on Lake Wilson, Alabama, hosted the third annual Bird Bath Regatta on September 8-9. Remembering last year's drifter, many of the 23 boats in attendance were equipped with lightweight crews. They were to be sorely — no pun intended — disappointed as it blew well both days.

Saturday dawned clear, warm and breezy. As everyone rigged, it became evident that there was to be wind in Muscle Shoals this day. The first race began in a steady southeasterly wind of 8-10 mph and continued to build to 14-16 mph by the third and final race of the day.

At the initial starting gun Means Davis jumped off to a lead he was not to relinquish. Woody Norwood and Bill Simons

rounded out the top three finishers in race one. In race two Means copped another bullet, while Steve Suddath and Woody came in second and third. As the wind and waves continued to build, the lightweight Davis team fell out of the top three in the third race. Suddath, now in high gear, took first, followed by Eddie Craig and Martin Zonneberg. At the end of day one Means held first overall, with Steve and Eddie close behind.

Everyone settled down to rest and relaxation with a hearty down-home barbecue dinner. Some folks even had enough strength left to get out their guitars and howl at the moon. Tut Campbell's rendition of "Twist and Shout" was energetic and fitting considering the day's sailing.

Sunday's sky looked ominous as layers of clouds covered the sun. The wind, however, picked up right where it left off, and out came the foul weather gear. Race four commenced at 9:30 in a 12-14 mph southeasterly wind, and by the end of the race it had risen to 18-20. Steve blew right by everybody to take another first with Means and Woody in second and third. Several unintentional underwater expeditions from those at the back of the pack delayed the start of race five. Many headed to the relative safety of the shore never to return. Only 10 boats (the hale, hearty, and/or heavy) hit the starting line in number five. Steve, who once said, "I almost never practice in anything under 15," proved his point by edging out Scott Cline and Means Davis in the final race.

It was over. Steve, excelling in the heavy air, finished in the top spot with Means taking a well-deserved second place. Eddie Craig, Scott Cline, and Jess Coburn finished in third, fourth, and fifth overall. Nick Longworth, our friend out of the Delta Fleet in Memphis, grabbed the coveted last place trophy as the lowest overall skipper who sailed and finished all races — no easy feat on this weekend.

Thanks to the Thistle and Laser fleets who helped make the Bird Bath a success. Also, continuing thanks go to the "first family of Sniping," Means and Peggy Davis, whose support of Muscle Shoals Fleet 784 made the Bird Bath Regatta a reality. Finally, thanks to all the fleets who supported our Regatta. Hope to see you all next year at Bird Bath IV.

Bill Parkhurst

Muscle Shoals Fleet 784

BIRD BATH REGATTA

Boat	Skipper	Fleet	Finishes	Points	Position
24807	Steve Suddath	Lake Lanier	5-2-1-1-1	9½	1
24264	Means Davis	Atlanta	1-1-4-2-3	10½	2
25434	Eddie Craig	Privateer	4-5-2-10-6	27	3
24093	Scott Cline	Privateer	8-4-11-5-2	30	4
24676	Jesse Coburn	Lake Lanier	9-10-5-4-4	32	5
25100	Woody Norwood	Atlanta	2-3-7-3-NS	38	6
24774	Martin Zonneberg	Lake Lanier	12-6-3-9-8	38	7
24604	Bill Parkhurst	Muscle Shoals	14-7-6-8-5	40	8
23663	Skip Remter	Atlanta	6-8-8-12-7	41	9
23272	Tut Campbell	Atlanta	7-9-10-6-NF	42	10
20848	Bill Simons	Privateer	3-14-9-13-NS	62	11
16607	Nick Longworth	Delta	10-18-15-12-9	64	12
16115	Joe Fernon	Atlanta	8-11-14-11-NS	67	13
24791	Bob Kwasha	Lake Lanier	11-12-16-NF-NS	77	14
23273	Bruce Hudson	Atlanta	13-16-12-NF-NS	79	15
24732	Ken Simons	Privateer	17-19-13-7-NS	79	16
24142	Don Hackbarth	Atlanta	16-13-17-14-NS	83	17
22468	Erle Bennett	Delta	15-20-20-NF-NS	93	18
23589	N. Richards	Muscle Shoals	21-15-19-NF-NS	93	19
24109	Bill Walton	Privateer	19-17-18-NS-NS	100	20
19924	Craig Jones	Barefoot	20-21-NF-NF-NS	101	21
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