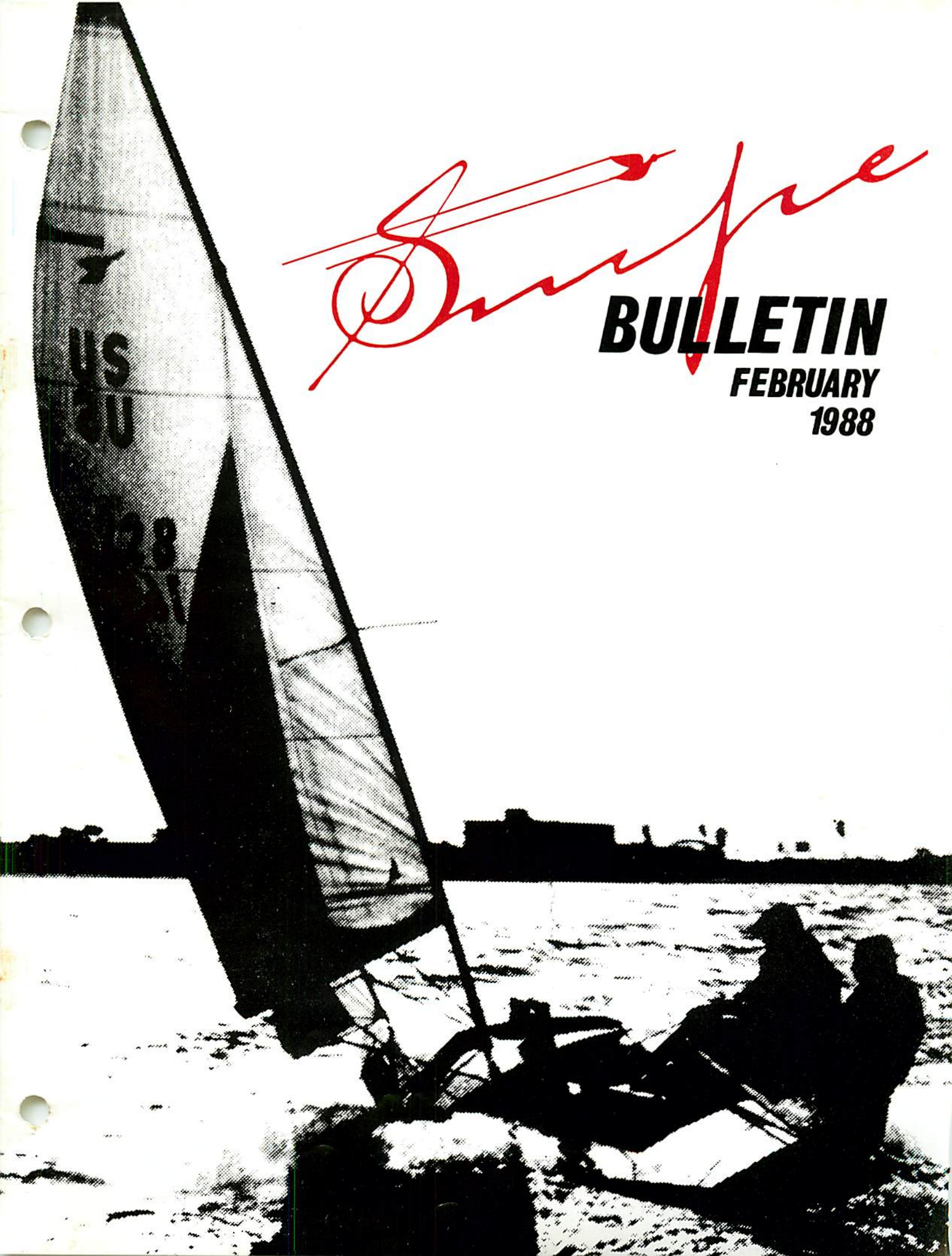


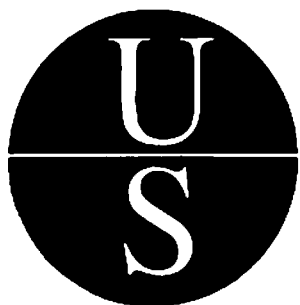
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## LETTERS

### Input Encouraged

I always seem to experience unsettling thoughts at altitudes above 20,000 feet. Flying back to Annapolis from Atlanta on Sunday night the cabin lights were mostly dimmed and further enhanced the unreality of the past weekend.

I had just participated in my first Halloween lunacy and was either feeling the angst of separation from new friends just half made or the residual discomforting effects of what passes for cuisine on U.S. Air. The image of costumed spooks and goblins dancing away under a windless, warm and full mooned October sky was still fresh.

Meanwhile, a short distance away at the sanctum sanctorum in another medieval ritual (SCIRA Board meeting) I had been elected the new U.S. National Secretary. A Board meeting is truly a Gothic event where the hierarchy conducts the business of the class complete with sacrificial blood letting, tongue lashings, invoking the power of deceased spirits, railing against the power of new spirits, faith healing, and finally agreeing to meet in the future to do it all over again.

The next meeting is scheduled to occur at midnight on the vernal equinox at Stonehenge (BYO sacrifice). Looking out the cabin window at the blackness over the wing I resolved then to avoid reading anymore Stephen King novels during my tenure.

I am not new to sailing or Snipes. Fred Thurston got me involved with the class about 12 years ago. A decade ago I sailed Bermuda Race Week with our current National Champion — Steve Callison. Steve had just turned 16 and had already competed in the Western Hemispheres!

I have owned several boats and have traveled the east coast and midwest when time and business have permitted. I am fortunate to belong to the Annapolis fleet, which has grown in the past few years to be perhaps the largest fleet in the country. Much of what I believe to be true about sailing and Snipes is the result of having worked hard to help make it happen in 'Naptown.

I have concerns. Generally, one-design sailing is experiencing difficulty and our class is not immune from those forces which will assuredly relegate some of our sister classes to museum displays. It does not help that while the U.S. organization is not in Chapter 11, neither do we have sufficient capital, exclusive of our operating budget, to adequately promote the Snipe Class. You will be hearing more about fund raising in the coming months and it is a priority with the Board.

Simply stated, to do what we have to do to survive and flourish will require all of us to make contributions. Some of the funding mechanisms will actually be fun. There will be communications to you from your respective District Governors and articles detailing some successes in the *Bulletin*.

If you have an idea that may be useful please call me and/or Tom Payne. We encourage your active input. Whether you choose to write or not please do not dismiss the seriousness of the need or our intent to appease that need.

Transitions can be difficult. Both Tom Payne and I accept our new positions with considerable humility. Following in the footsteps of Buzz and Ralph will be most challenging. Their noteworthy contributions to the traditions of the Snipe class are incalculable. The best thanks we can give them will be the vigilant maintenance of those traditions that will ensure a healthy and active class.

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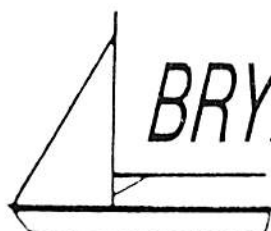
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## UNCOMMON SENSE

Tom Payne

### The sky is falling! The sky is falling!

As members of an international class we should all pay close attention to what is going on at the upper levels of the IYRU. The decisions that are made there will affect the future of sailing. The annual meeting of 1987 was a blockbuster.

If you're a member of USYRU (you should be) you may have seen President Bill Lynn's report in the December issue of *American Sailor*, USYRU's fine publication. After reading Bill's report and the minutes of the IYRU meeting I have several thoughts and a few nagging doubts. These are, of course, my comments, and in no way reflect the official policy of SCIRA.

Bill says that the meeting was "A refreshing change from the (past) attempts to preserve the status quo..."

I assume that the refreshing change is a new willingness to find a way to commercialize and professionalize our sport. The efforts of various committees and the resulting proposed rules are evidence enough that the powers-that-be are prepared to make some sweeping and radical changes.

Another big topic at the meeting was cheating. Bill estimates that five percent may cheat, and he says: "Five percent may not seem like an alarming number, but in a sport that is self-policing, it is a very serious problem."

If it's so bad now, what's going to happen when big bucks are on the line? What professional sport is free of corruption? What professional team or individual would deny a win-at-all-costs philosophy? Do you think amateur racing would be immune from major-league cheating? Look at college football and the use of steroids by high school athletes, just two examples of the filter-down effect of rules bending.

Anyone who's ever been in a protest meeting knows how vague the rules can be. Now, consider this proposed rule: "Advertised products shall comply with moral and ethical standards."

Does that mean that Bullfrog Beer is okay and Fumo cigarette papers would be banned? What about a known polluter of the environment? Or a manufacturer of nuclear weapons? Would Playboy magazine be okay, but Hustler would not? What about national and cultural considerations? Would past civil or criminal convictions be considered? I realize that these are silly sounding questions, but then I didn't

write the rule. I'd like to see some *specific* examples of what would be unacceptable. Morals and ethics are very nebulous areas.

Referring to sponsorship and professionalism Bill Lynn says: "... we don't yet know the ultimate impact that they will have on our sport."

I agree, and I have to say that I personally like the status quo. I don't care to make any money from sailing (no chance, Payne, you'd starve) and I sure don't want to advertise anything on my boat, in fact I REFUSE to advertise on my boat. And I don't want someone else to say who can race and who can't. I don't care if some guy just won a million bucks with a big commercial on his sails. If he wants to race Snipes, then I say "come on, dude!"

Here's the bottom line. It's time for SCIRA to address these issues. Please let your officers know how you feel. Time is running out if we wish to control our own destiny.

### Your New Executive

...has been as busy as a one-armed paper hanger. There must be two billion things to get done, and it's all compounded by the Holidays. We are making progress, though. Most of the stuff is here now, and one more trip to Chattanooga should get the rest. I'm organizing, editorializing, computing and filing, and learning. All at the same time. I can't think of anything that's gone astray, although I decided to delay the Officers Directory until next month's *Bulletin*. I feel that it's got to be 100 percent correct, and it *will* be out for the start of the new season. Now, back to work...

### Promotion Time

We have enough SCIRA pocket patches and window stickers to supply the entire civilized world. Buy some and promote the class. Also, we have a few copies of *Scientific Sailboat Racing*, by Ted Wells. This is an excellent book for skippers of all skill levels and contains lots of timeless valuable advice and wisdom from the man that they call "Mr. Snipe." We'll offer a fleet discount on the books, five copies for \$45.00 (regular price \$10.95/ea.), and on the patches 10 for \$25.00 for the large. (reg. \$3.00/ea.) and 10 window stickers for \$5.00 (reg. 75 cents/ea.) BUY! BUY! BUY! Place your orders now, Fleet Captains. Show your Class!!!

### Tipos, Tpyos, TYPOS

Yes, there were a few in the January issue. We mis-spelled Vickie Nyshays' name, and the correct address for the new SCIRA office is RT. 16, not Rt. 6. Give yourself five points if you spotted them before reading this!!! (I love a thorough reader!)

## SCIRA Board Elects

The Board has elected the following officers: Jerry Thompson, Commodore; Per-Ole Holm, Vice Commodore; Pete Fennner, Rear Commodore; and Board Members At Large Rob Gorman and Roger Nylund. Look for more information on our new officers in the March issue, along with the complete listing of all SCIRA officers.

## Phil Richmond Is New U.S. National Secretary

A 12-year veteran of Snipe sailing, Phil Richmond of Annapolis, Md., is the new U.S. National Secretary, replacing Ralph Swanson who held the post for 17 years.

A 39-year old stockbroker, Phil has been involved at the upper levels of Class, club, and race management. He is a USYRU Associate Judge and USYRU Senior Race Officer and has served as principal race officer at a number of major regattas, including the 1985 Snipe North Americans.

Phil is a member of Annapolis Snipe Fleet #532, and has been involved in promotion and management of the fleet, helping it become the largest fleet in the U.S.

## "THEY SAID IT"

"The Fleet Captain can make or break a fleet and members must be extra careful to see that the new man to be selected has some qualities of leadership, some good ideas, and a keen realization that success or failure is right in his lap.

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W.F. "Snipes' Bill" Crosby  
Snipe Bulletin, Feb., 1953

Phil and his wife, Noelle, are well-known throughout the east and midwest and look forward to meeting more Snipe sailors.

## Notes From The Frozen North

Plans are well underway for the Canadian International Snipe Race Week, to be hosted by SCIRA Canada and the Oakville Harbor Yacht Club, August 27 through September 4, 1988.

The international race committee will be chaired by Don Cutler, with assistants Berta Swanson, and David and Margaret Barnes from Bermuda. Don ran the Heizerling course at Chautauqua, David and Margaret have run Race Week for the Snipes on the Great Sound, and of course everyone is aware of Berta's knowledge of the Snipe Class. Need we say more?

If you're planning on driving, try to bring an extra boat or two so our international guests will have competitive boats to sail in the World Masters. *Let us know* if we can count on your boat.

If you plan to attend the World Masters and need a boat, please have your entry in by July 1 so we can reserve a boat.

ID CROOK, Chairman  
Canada Snipe Week

## FEBRUARY 1988

**THE COVER:** "BLAST-OFF" — A photo from our archives. Probaby Bill Nute, Jr.

**THE COUNT:** Twenty-seven new numbers issued, with 25 to Spain, 5 to Norway, one to England, and one to U.S.

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## AROUND THE SNIPE WORLD

• District 4 Governor Paul Gillis reports that the tentative date for the 1989 U.S. Nationals is the end of June, 1989. The site will be the Sailing Center at Miami, with Coral Reef Y.C. as host.

• Fleet Captain Ken Kinas of Fleet #129 reports that the fleet's most active member had to travel 125 miles each way to sail in the fleet's point score races. Geoffrey Chatterton sailed in 19 races. Now that's dedication!

• ANOTHER fleet in the works for Long Island, N.Y. Mr. John de Reeder is the principal interested party, with plans to start a fleet in Mattituck. Interested in helping out? You can contact John at P.O. Box 1322, Mattituck, N.Y. 11952.

• Scott Myers stopped by the new office to pick up fleet reports and such. He reports a strong effort planned to reinvigorate the Charleston, South Carolina fleet.

• There's an interesting ad in this month's classifieds. Mr. Vince Casalaina of Berkeley, California is looking for a competitive Snipe. He says he and his son are "tired of big boat racing." Joining the major leagues, eh, Vince?

• **NEWS FROM FINLAND**, National Secretary Roger Nylund reports increased activity and new boats, with 49 paying members. Also, the Bjurstrom brothers, in Tampere, are building new wooden boats.



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*Sunflower Regatta winners, skippers L to R: Delmar Tucking, Ed Weitz, Martin Bebb, John Szczepanski; Crews L to R: Pam Hoggatt, Adam Hawley, Tom Schroder, Doug Flath.*

## John Szczepanski Is Sunflower Victor

As the 1987 Snipe Nationals drew to a close, many skippers and crews trailered their yachts 20 miles west to beautiful Lake Shawnee. The idea was to relax and unwind after the Nationals by competing in the Sunflower Regatta August 1-2. The regatta is hosted annually by Snipe Fleet 597 of the Shawnee Yacht Club, Topeka, Kansas.

Saturday greeted the sailors with temperatures sizzling at over 100° and shifty southwest winds 12-18 mph with gusts approaching 30 mph. The first race was hotly contested with numerous position changes due to the shifty conditions. Martin Bebb fell victim to a "killer puff" and capsized while near the front of the pack. John Szczepanski prevailed followed by Glenn Roth. Bebb recovered to finish a credible sixth.

The second race followed after a brief but much appreciated intermission. The conditions proved just as challenging with more crews taking an unscheduled swim. Martin Bebb placed first with John Szczepanski in second. By days end, there were plenty of war stories to be shared as dinner was served on the patio overlooking Lake Shawnee.



**SUNFLOWER REGATTA**  
(Top 10 of 13 Boats)

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Fleet	Places	Points	Finish
25049	John Szczepanski/Doug Flath	CSA	1-2-2	4.75	1
25517	Martin Bebb/Tom Schroder	Dallas	6-1-3	9.75	2
24095	Ed Weitz/Adam Hawley	INSA	3-4-4	11	3
25850	Delmar Tucking/Pam Hoggatt	SYC	4-6-5	15	4
23275	Glenn Roth/Meredith Wilson	SYC	2-dnf-1	15.75	5
20875	Peter Festersen/Sigrid Festersen	INSA	5-5-6	16	6
19333	Brian Foye/Shannon Foye	MYC	7-7-9	23	7
20841	Carter Weitz/Tami Weitz	Lincoln	8-3-dnf	24	8
24222	Jack Vermillion/Paul Clark	SYC	10-9-8	27	9
21097	Bob Fox/Susan Fox	SYC	11-8-10	29	10

Sunday's final race brought slightly less wind and heat but no less competition. Carter Weitz led early only to DNF by sailing the wrong course. John Szczepanski and Glenn Roth exchanged the lead several times with Roth edging out the victory.

John Szczepanski ended Doug Day's three year reign as Sunflower Champion with both consistency and great sailing. Fleet 597 hopes to see Doug and everyone else back in 1988.

*Glenn Roth  
Shawnee Fleet 597*

## Maldon YC Holds UK South Easterns

With two years to go to celebrate its 25th Anniversary, the Snipe South Eastern Championship at Maldon Y.C., Maldon, Essex, on July 25-27 drew a fair entry. Most UK fleets sent competitors. It was

very encouraging to see Andy Thomas from the Royal Cinque Ports Y.C., Dover, England's original club where Snipe first started in UK, in the mid-30s. Andy is endeavouring to build up Snipe again at Dover, with the help of Alan Milton.

Under the watchful eye of fleet captain John Sewell the Maldon race committee started the first race in a Force 3. From the start there was no question that Gary Lewis would not chalk up a clear win for

Race 1. In fact, Gary along with Andy Thomas dominated all the racing despite such well known UK helms as Lewin, Wolstenholm, Martin, and Lawrie making serious challenges throughout the regatta.

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## UK SOUTH EASTERN CHAMPIONSHIP

(Top 9 Boats)

Skipper/Crew	Fleet	Finish
Gary Lewis/Alan Williams	Budworth S.C.	1
Andy Thomas/Mary Twinning	Royal Cinque Ports YC	2
Alexander Lewin/Paul Cowan	Stone S.C.	3
Peter Wolstenholm/Stephen Roberts	Blue Circle S.C.	4
Peter Frost/Charles Frost	Stone S.C.	5
John Sewell/Iain Sinclair	Maldon Y.C.	6
Richard Martin/Robert Herriott	Budworth S.C.	7
Eric Broughton/Mark Lawrie	Stone B.C.	8
Mike Hedgecock/Leslie Ancaster	Maldon Y.C.	9



## Callison/Faust Handily Win Northeasterns

North Cape Yacht Club hosted the Northeastern Championships on the west end of the Lake Erie on July 18-19. Steve Callison and Jane Faust handily won the five race event with consistently good finishes. Everyone else had their ups and downs.

The regatta got rolling Friday night as Bill Buckles hosted a taco and margarita party in his Land-Yacht. The competition for the party award was heavy, but Phyllis Donaldson won by taking an early lead as she made the margaritas. She was closely followed by Cathy Gendron-Johns.

Saturday morning greeted the 21-boat fleet with a 10-knot offshore breeze. Race 1 was sailed in a light chop with a slowly dying and backing breeze. Bill Buckles and Id Crook led until the fourth mark when Callison captured the lead by being inside on the last lift of the beat.

The temperatures rose into the mid-90s as the breeze died. The second and third races were marked by major wind shifts and some nasty holes. Henry Filter outsmarted Mother Nature in Race 2 and won by a wide margin. Mother Nature paid Henry back in the next race though with a 15th. Dan Orr had the hot tiller in Race

NORTHEASTERN CHAMPIONSHIP (Top 10 of 21 Boats)				
Boat	Skipper/Crew	Fleet	Places	Points Finish
26671	Steve Callison/Jane Faust	NYC	1-2-2-4-3	11.75
26461	Kirk Donaldson/Phyllis Donaldson	Barton	3-4-10-1-8	25.75 2
23619	Rob Spring/Joyce Spring	MBYC	5-3-3-11-6	28 3
24116	Doug Nugent/Howie Sutton	RCYC	11-6-9-2-1	28.75 4
25522	Bill Buckles/Id Crook	CYC	2-11-4-5-10	32 5
26113	Dan Orr/Stacia Orr	CSYC	8-12-1-6-12	38.75 6
25871	Henry Filter/Sally Biek	CYC	7-1-15-10-7	39.75 7
26384	Terry Timm/Kate Heywood	NCYC	6-5-dsq-3-4	40 8
23625	Dick Hand/Dave Wiel	PLYC	4-8-7-14-9	42 9
25843	Gweneth Crook/Cathy Jones	OHYC	10-7-6-15-5	43 10

3. He led at the first mark and never looked back. Steve Callison worked his way through the fleet in both Race 2 and 3 to get two second place finishes.

At the end of the first day, Callison had a solid lead followed by Rob Spring in second, and Buckles and Donaldson tied for third. That evening everyone enjoyed the dinner at NCYC followed by fireworks put on by club members.

Sunday brought building winds and seas. Race 4 had choppy seas with strong puffs coming off the SW shore. It paid to sail hard right on the first two beats to reach the freshening breeze first. Buckles lead at the first mark followed by Timm and Donaldson. The trio reversed positions by the second mark. Donaldson retained the lead to win. A close battle for second place developed on the last beat, as Doug Nugent

moved into second followed by Timm and Buckles.

By the time Race 5 started the wind had freshened to lows of 12 knots and highs of 20+. Doug Nugent and his crew Howie Sutton were ready with excellent boat speed. They played the 10 degree shifts well to lead at the first mark. Sam and Brian Mollet challenged Nugent all the way around the course to finish a close second. Callison was third.

The Snipe class wishes to thank Terry Timm for organizing the regatta and North Cape Yacht Club Commodore Bill Drechsler for hosting it. NCYC is an excellent facility for sailing events of all kinds and their membership is among the most hospitable anywhere. Skip McCollough and his race committee did an excellent job setting up the courses.

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## Ganson Evans Sweeps Riff-Raff Regatta

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On the lake in the A Fleet, Ganson Evans and crew Chas Booth took the lead in the first drifter and never looked back. They were doggedly pursued by Cowan's Fleet Captain Bill Worster and crew April who came in second.

In the B Fleet which started five minutes after the A Fleet, Jamie Foreman and crew Karen McNeil demonstrated great skill in light air sailing by passing half of the A Fleet before reaching the finish line and politely asking the race committee to acknowledge their B Fleet status by firing the finish gun amongst the A finishers.

The second race was a repeat of the first; no wind, Evans in first, Worster in second, and Foreman winning the B Fleet amongst the A Fleeters.

After the second race the spirits of the windless sailors were lifted with a wine tasting party and a dinner highlighted with one-inch thick charcoal broiled Iowa pork chops served by Lynn Peterson and her food committee.

Sunday morning brought in a light eight knot breeze which put some action into the last race. Ganson Evans continued his instruction in light air sailing by taking

RIFF RAFF REGATTA (A Fleet, Top 10 of 16 Boats)				
Boat	Skipper/Crew	Fleet	Places	Points Finish
25888	Ganson Evans/Chas Booth	Hoover	1-1-1	2.25 1
25727	Bill Worster/April Worster	Cowan	2-2-7	11 2
21465	Bob Peterson/Lynn Peterson	Cowan	5-3-5	13 3
23187	Jim Menzies/Kim Worster	Cowan	6-5-6	17 4
24630	Mike Zalzal/Cheryl Zalzal	Cowan	10-6-2	18 5
22811	Mark Schoenberger/Mary Stuber	Cowan	3-8-10	21 6
25232	Tom Gougeon/Nancy Gougeon	Cowan	16-4-3	23 7
26164	Dave Smith/Michele Bolyard	Cowan	4-11-11	26 8
24678	Bob Hill/Adam Groth	Acton Lake	11-7-9	27 9
25372	Mike More/Brian More	Cowan	12-12-4	28 10

B Fleet, Top 5 of 11 Boats)				
25728	Jamie Foreman/Karen McNeil	Cowan	1-1-5	6.5 1
24096	Bob Langelels/Charlotte Richey	Cowan Lake	4-2-2	8 2
22562	Jim Hater/Carolyn Hater	Acton Lake	2-4-6	12 3
24272	Bill Flack/James Flack	Cowan	7-5-1	12.75 4
19740	Jeff Clark/Brian Boelk	Hoover	5-6-3	14 5

another first with Mike Zalzal and crew Cheryl in second. In the B Fleet, regatta chairman Bill Flack fine tuned his boat by adjusting the rake of his mast and managed to win the race with Bob Langelels and crew Charlotte Richey in second.

The light air weekend provided excitement only for the trophy winners. How-

ever, the camaraderie, good food, and sunny spring weather made the regatta enjoyable for everyone.

In the final standings Evans won an uncontested first in the A Fleet and Foreman's two firsts held up for a first in the B Fleet.

*Karl Ritters, Cowan Fleet 433*

## Gull Lake Revives Snipe Racing With Regatta

We have been gone but we are back now! And if the comments we heard during our two day sailing affair are any indication next year's event should be even better. We did miss a lot of our friends from close by D-3 fleets. . . Where were you guys! You missed a good one.

The weather was in the high 80s and sunny, while the winds were 8-18 knots out of the SW. The five race series went off with but one recall and no protest. In fact the only problem encountered all weekend was that Kirk Donaldson and Terry Timm needed additional competition to make

things more interesting up front.

We will keep you posted on next year's regatta so be sure to mark your calendars.

FINISHES: 1) Donaldson, 6.5; 2) Timm, 7.5; 3) Johnson, 23; 4) Woodworth, 25; 5) Lawrence, 30; 6) Lawrence, 30 (top junior); 7) Crookston, 33; 8) Willmarth, 40; 9) Woodworth, 48; 10) Patten, 49; 11) Otto, 51; 12) Heywood, 52; 13) Fox, 68; 14) Orr, 68; 15) Turner, 75.

*John Crookston  
Gull Lake Fleet 190*

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## Call-Of-Fall Series Opens At Pine Beach

The first regatta of the Call-of-Fall '87 series of SCIRA District I was held at Pine Beach Y.C., New Jersey on August 29-30.

Harry and Sarah Levinson sailed consistently well to emerge winners of the 24 entries.

The first three races were held in Barnegat Bay in 8-14 knot breezes. The fourth and fifth races were held on Toms River due to an ominous weather forecast.

Ralph Bush did his usual fine job as race committee chairman. Karla and Lee Griffith prepared a variety of delicious lasagne dishes which were enjoyed by all. The average Sniper was not only an articulate and skillful sailor, but a fine lady or gentleman as well.

*Charlie Eshleman  
Pine Beach Fleet 256*

## Callison Tunes for Worlds With Briody Cup Win

It's not every regatta that you have the national champion on the starting line. Everyone was going after Steve Callison, a local fleet member, but saw Steve still in National form winning five of the six races. Steve was warming up for the Worlds two weeks down the road in France.

Jack Mitchell took second and Jeff Mitchell third in typical good racing conditions on Irondequoit Bay.

Saturday night everyone enjoyed good food and drink looking over the beautiful bay in great UPSTATE Rochester, N.Y. Fleet 103 especially thanks our Canadian friends who always make the Briody Cup a special weekend.

## Taylors Shine At Long Island Open

Sue and Scot Taylor from Annapolis outsailed the tough 17-boat fleet to take the 1987 Long Island Open Call-of-Fall Regatta hosted by Sea Cliff Yacht Club, Sept. 26-27. Although Pedro Lorson and Mimi Lorson were the clear leaders after Saturday's four races, Sue and Scott came on with a first and second on Sunday to take this year's L.I. Open.

Saturday arrived with a brisk westerly around 15-20 mph and modestly choppy seas. Pedro and Mimi outsailed everyone to lead for the day with scores of 1-3-1-1. Max Skelley and Lianne Randall were the only ones to be able to blemish the Lorson team's score by taking the second race of the day. Meanwhile Doug Wefer and

### PINE BEACH CALL-OF-FALL REGATTA (Top 10 of 24 Boats)

Boat	Skipper	Fleet	Places	Points	Finish
26894	Harry Levinson	Medford	1-1-7-6-4	18.5	1
26307	Bryan Fishback	Severn	3-5-1-10-1	19.5	2
25782	Henry Filter*		4-4-3-3-6	20	3
25708	Ron Sanstrom		7-2-2-4-7	22	4
25737	Doug Wefer		10-7-4-2-3	26	5
25090	John Drayton	Marblehead	2-6-12-5-2	27	6
26459	Alex Stout	Severn	9-9-5-9-5	37	7
26895	Max Skelley		5-3-10-16-9	42	8
25779	Lorie Stout	Severn	8-8-8-11-8	43	9
26004	Lee Griffith	Pine Beach	6-10-9-14-11	50	10

### BRIODY CUP (Top 10 of 17 Boats)

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Fleet	Places	Points	Finish
	Steve Callison/A. Tomaselli	NYC	1-1-1-1-1-4	3.75	1
24806	Jack Mitchell/K. Mitchell	RHYC	2-7-2-2-4-1	10.75	2
23397	Jeff Mitchell/M. Paulssen	RHYC	10-2-10-5-2-2	21	3
26106	Chris Hains/Don Hains	Oakville YC	4-12-9-4-3-5	25	4
26298	Kevin Haller/R. Gresser	NYC	3-4-8-6-8-8	29	5
26160	George Hock/A. Hock	NYC	6-8-3-10-7-7	31	6
26742	John Korkosz/A. Korkosz	Galway Lake YC	8-5-12-7-9-3	32	7
26468	Daniel Fien/M. Wait	NYC	11-3-4-8-11-12	37	8
25370	Norm Dahl/Cathy Horvath	NYC	5-9-7-11-12-11	43	9
3518	Charlie Webster/D. Guitheal	NYC	17-10-dns-3-5-9	44	10

### LONG ISLAND OPEN (Top 10 of 17 Boats)

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Fleet	Places	Points	Finish
25764	Sue Taylor/Scott Taylor	Annapolis	2-4-5-2-2-1	10.75	1
25737	Doug Wefer/Kris Meyer	Sea Cliff	4-6-2-6-1-2	13.5	2
26895	Max Skelley/Lianne Randall	Annapolis	3-1-6-4-3-5	15.75	3
25165	Pedro Lorson/Mimi Lorson	Sea Cliff	1-3-1-1-ns-ns	22.25	4
26004	Lee Griffith/Edie Yarborough	Pine Beach	5-5-3-7-8-nf	28	5
26753	Steve Shepstone/Melissa Shepstone	Sea Cliff	6-7-9-3-pms-4	29	6
25460	Fred Abels/Dennis Finn	Sea Cliff	12-8-4-5-6-7	30	7
26459	Alex Stout/Lorie Stout	Annapolis	7-2-8-dsq-10-8	35	8
26455	Griff Hall/Marlies Fuchs	Annapolis	nf-ns-7-8-9-3	43	9
26091	Dana Schnipper/Judy Saren	Sea Cliff	9-9-10-ns-11-6	45	10

Kris Meyer were just staying close, never more than a few boats from the top.

Sunday brought new high pressure and the wind went around to the north and began at 10 mph only to drop to about 6-8 mph by the end of the last race.

In the first race Steve and Melissa Shepstone sailed beautifully to finish second only to discover they were over early. With this, the Taylors moved up to second in the race and into the lead for the regatta. The last race was close but with fine speed and tactics Sue and Scott earned a well deserved victory.

Race committee persons Bill Burtis, Jon Hendrickson, and Brendon Cryan ran a superb event. Bryan and Ellie Dougherty organized a terrific steak dinner and after dinner Lee Griffith showed everyone how to have a good time.

Thanks everyone for coming. See you next year!

*Doug Wefer  
Sea Cliff Fleet 4*

## SCIRA TALENT/RESOURCE SEARCH

We're preparing a resource guide of SCIRA members whose talents or business connections might be helpful to the Association.

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Regatta winners, L to R: Harry Levinson, Sarah Levinson, Lisa Gorman, Rob Gorman, Dave Lence, Dave Koepp, Laurie Rogers, Dave Rogers, Suzanne Grown, Lee Griffith, Lindsey Griffith (light air crew).

## Quassapaug Holds Board Of Governors Regatta

On August 22-23, Quassapaug Yacht Club hosted its annual Board of Governors Regatta. On Saturday morning, the junior regatta was sailed.

At the start of the first race the skies opened up with a tremendous downpour. Mike Mills and Ifer Baener sailed right through it to victory followed by Sondra and Suzanne Brown, and Tara Nelson and Marcia Tricca. The next race, with clearing skies and building winds, saw Mills repeat followed by Nelson and Brown.

The Seniors started with clear skies and a 10-20 mph breeze out of the southwest. Rob Gorman jumped to a big lead in the first race and went on to win. Joel Zackin and Dave Lence battled for second with Lence being the eventual victor.

The second race was Harry Levinson's all the way as he went wire to wire. There was a whole group of boats battling for second. Zackin rounded the first mark second followed by Lence and then Rogers. In the end it was Rogers second and Zackin third.

The third race was a close battle. Rogers held a slight lead over Levinson, Zackin and Steve Shepstone around the first triangle. At the second windward mark, Rogers and Levinson had worked their way to a nice lead over the others. Levinson, who was flying downwind all weekend, took the lead and went on to win followed by Rogers, Shepstone and Zackin.

The fourth race was a see-saw battle most of the way. Gorman led initially followed by a pack which included Mike Elser, Levinson, Mike Ingham and Mike Mills. Levinson, still flying downwind, went on to win followed by Gorman and Elser.

Saturday night was one of Quassapaug's patented steak dinners, followed by dancing. Everyone had a great time as the D.J. played into the early morning hours. District I kept in practice for the chugging contest against the Californians. Both individual and team competitions were rehearsed to perfection. Now all we need is

### BOARD OF GOVERNORS REGATTA (Top 15 of 24 Boats)

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Fleet	Places	Points	Finish
26894	Harry & Sarah Levinson	Medford	5-1-1-1-2-6	9.25	1
25810	Rob & Lisa Gorman	Marblehead	1-7-7-2-1-11	17.5	2
26714	Dave Lence/Dave Koepp	Winchester	2-6-10-5-5-1	18.75	3
24110	Dave & Laurie Rogers	Quassapaug	14-2-2-7-3-5	19	4
26004	Lee Griffith/Suzanne Brown	Pine Beach	4-8-11-11-4-2	29	5
22800	Jel Zackin/Betsy Wheeler		3-3-4-15-7-16	32	6
25480	Jim Barnes/Cheryl Reinhart	Marblehead	10-9-5-13-11-4	39	7
24999	Martin Fraser/Tara Nelson	Medford	8-5-6-9-14-17	42	8
22290	Mike Mills/Ifer Baener	Winchester	12-10-8-4-10-12	44	9
24572	Mike Ingham/Meme Harris		11-12-9-6-12-10	48	10
25003	Sue Tabor/Dene Kouletsis	Winchester	6-15-15-16-9-3	48	11
26753	Steve & Melissa Shepstone	Sea Cliff	9-4-3-8-ns-ns	49	12
26743	Mike Elser/Jayne Elser	Quassapaug	16-16-14-3-8-13	54	13
25838	Peter Wolcott/Kerri Mellor	Quassapaug	15-14-17-12-6-19	64	14
26305	Paul & Kathy Wood	Quassapaug	17-17-13-14-13-8	65	15

### JUNIORS (Top 3 of 5 Boats)

22290	Mike Mills/Ifer Baener	Winchester	1-1	1.5	1
24999	Tara Nelson/Maria Tricca	Medford	3-2	5	2
25714	Sondra Brown/Suzanne Brown	Quassapaug	2-3	5	3

## SPRING SELL-ABRATION! CALLING ALL SNIPES.

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to get some challengers.

After the music stopped, some of the sailors still had plenty of energy left, so the next competition was swimming. It was too dark to see what was going on in the water, but it sure sounded like everyone had a great time. In the end, Martin Fraser won the party award hands down.

Sunday morning was just beautiful with clear blue skies and a northwest breeze blowing 10-15 mph. The first race was back and forth all the way. The first leg saw the fleet split into two groups. Those who went left got a nice shift halfway up the leg, but those to the right got their own just before the mark. Rogers rounded first followed by Zackin, Gorman and then the fleet. The wind died for a moment right after the rounding, and everything got a little shaken up. Gorman worked his way out to a nice lead followed by Peter Wolcott and Lee Griffith. Wolcott and Gorman fought each other the whole way with several lead changes taking place. Wolcott led at the leeward mark followed by Gorman, Griffith, Levinson, and Rogers.

Again, some went right and some went left. This time the right side turned out to be definitely favored. From the left all that could be heard was "Oh no, oh no" from the Griffith boat. "I have to get lucky just once this weekend," he muttered. At the



*Junior winners in the Board of Governors Regatta, L to R: Maria Tricca, Tara Nelson, Mike Mills, Ifer Baener, Sandra Brown, Suzanne Brown.*

finish line it was Gorman, Levinson and Rogers.

The sixth race saw Lence go hard right at the start. He never looked back. Most of the regatta leaders went hard left and just sat. Ingham and Jim Barnes followed Lence around the first mark. Places were shuffled up and down and at the leeward mark it was Lence, Rogers, Levinson, Barnes and Elser. At the finish things changed drastically except for Lence. Griffith finally got his luck and finished second

followed by Sue Tabor.

Levinson won with 9.25, but only 1½ points separated the next three boats. Second went to Gorman with 17.5, third to Lence with 18.75, fourth to Rogers with 19 points, and rounding out the top five was Griffith with 29 points.

Quassapaug YC thanks those who participated. We had a great time, and we hope you did, too. See you in the Spring.

*Dave Rogers  
Quassapaug Fleet 231*



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## Adams' Family Wins Another AC Title

The 1987 Atlantic Coast Championship hosted by Sea Cliff Yacht Club in Sea Cliff, NY, attracted 26 boats. Race Committee Chairman Bill Burtis ran six solid races (five Olympic courses) in the west-southwest winds that ranged from 5-15 mph.

The fleet did not lack the extensive depth of talent the Snipe class is known for, despite L.I. Sound's reputation for having no wind in the summer (which Sea Cliff members hope has been proven false). Seldom did the sailors find themselves without wind, except for the difficult fifth race when the wind died and filled from

a different direction.

Even in the midst of this talent, Ed and Meredith Adams were able to sail away with another Atlantic Coast Championship without having to sail the last race (which they used as a throwout). They sailed tough, taking the first two races and finishing near the top in the next three.

Behind them, things were very close. The equality in the fleet in speed and tactical ability, along with the difficult conditions (choppiness) made it easy to finish a race in the teens.

Doug Clark and Felton Elders finished second by staying out of the teens and

Doug Wefer and Kris Meyer finished third. The Brodsky brothers came on Sunday to take fourth, while Olympic hopeful Sue Taylor and husband Scott rounded out the top five.

Many thanks to all the Sea Cliff Y.C. members and employees that helped make this regatta possible. Also congratulations to Snipe Fleet #4 (Sea Cliff) for the largest turnout of any fleet in the regatta. Sea Cliff continues to grow and hopes to attract lots of new Snipers in the future.

SCYC enjoyed hosting the ACs and is looking forward to their Call-of-Fall Regatta in September.

*Doug Wefer, Sea Cliff Fleet 4*

## Ocean Regatta Draws District IV Sailors

Nearly 50 years ago, the great debate at Lauderdale Yacht Club was "Snipes vs. dinghies," so says the club's official history. It was settled once and for nearly 50 years by a club member who bought seven dinghies.

Who knows what happened to those dinghies. Snipe, however, continued to lurk in the wings until recently when it had a chance to prove what a great blue-water class it can be.

From a modest beginning last year, the Lauderdale Ocean Regatta grew geometrically to 20 boats on the line this August. Winds cooperated by showing their variety from a light 5-8 knots from the southeast on Saturday, typical Florida fare, to an unaccountable northwest breeze for Sunday's first race, picking up to an easterly for the remainder.

District Four made a strong showing for the new locale with five boats from the new St. Petersburg fleet, four boats from Atlanta, and the rest from other Florida ports.

Tarasa Davis of Atlanta won the first

### ATLANTIC COAST CHAMPIONSHIP (Top 10 of 26 Boats)

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Fleet	Places	Points	Finish
26099	E. Adams/M. Adams	Narragansett Bay	1-1-3-2-2-dnf	8.5	1
26108	D. Clark/F. Elders	Annapolis	6-2-4-5-3-1	14.75	2
25737	D. Wefer/K. Meyer	Sea Cliff	3-11-1-4-13-4	22.75	3
25164	R. Brodsky/S. Brodsky	Marblehead	9-4-10-3-4-8	28	4
25764	S. Taylor/S. Taylor	Annapolis	17-3-8-1-5-17	33.75	5
26895	M. Skelley/L. Randall	Annapolis	2-9-17-20-1-6	34.75	6
25708	R. Sandstrom/K. Duffy	Winchester	7-7-7-13-12-5	38	7
26455	G. Hall/E. Yarborough	Annapolis	4-10-5-12-11-11	41	8
25165	P. Lorson/S. Graf	Sea Cliff	pms-5-2-7-pms-2	44	9
25460	F. Abels/D. Finn	Sea Cliff	11-6-11-16-9-9	46	10

### LAUDERDALE OCEAN REGATTA (Top 10 of 20 Boats)

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Fleet	Places	Finish
25084	Alex Smigelski/Katherine Molchan	LYC	6-1-9-3-1-1	1
24686	Mark Duvoisin/Angela Duvoisin	PYC	8-3-1-1-8-4	2
25172	Carlos Bustamante/M. Bustamante	RTYC	2-5-3-4-15-3	3
24605	Tarasa Davis/Bob Meagher	AYC	1-6-6-7-2-6	4
26395	Gonzalo Diaz Sr./Jose Cardet	CGSC	12-7-2-2-5-10	5
26486	Scott Weston/Eric Flitman	CRYC	7-4-5-10-6-5	6
26100	Woody Norwood/P.J. Mattingly	AYC	5-8-4-9-3-8	7
26762	Mike Gable/Sandy Scheda	SPYC	3-2-8-8-14-13	8
26795	Tom Lihan/Dana Lihan	LYC	4-dn-dn-5-10-2	9
13200	Mike Toppa/Libby Roebuck	SPYC	17-10-12-13-4-9	10

race with her Fort Lauderdale crew, Bob Meagher, and then Alex Smigelski of Fort Lauderdale and Mark Duvoisin of Titusville, Florida, divided the bullets from then on.

Saturday night saw racers and South

Florida Snipers of yore feasting on Caribbean delicacies, conch fritters, swordfish, ribs, and watching the tale of the (video) tapes for the thrill of victory and the agony of taking whisker poles down too soon.

*Ron Payne*

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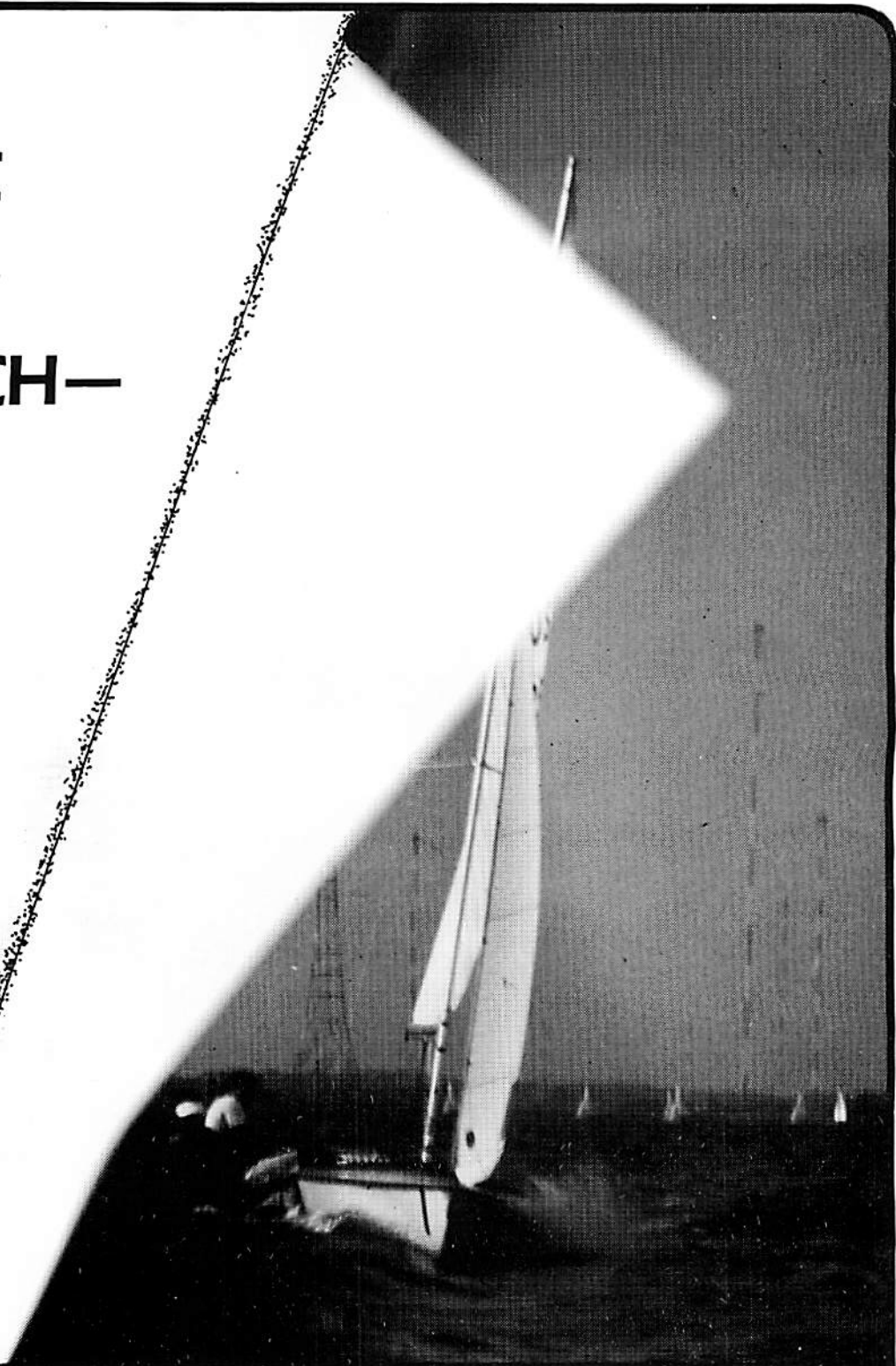
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