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AROUND THE SNIPES WORLD

OUR NEWEST FLEET #828 BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

A Charter has been granted to Birmingham, under the direction of Mike Neilson. 5 boats are already sailing, and they are looking for more! Contact Mike at 205-591-8683

FLEET #25, VANCOUVER

It was reported in the December issue that a new fleet was forming in Western Canada. Research into the Snipe archives showed that Vancouver was issued a fleet number probably in the late 30's/early 40's, so Mark Wilson and the other members in Western Canada have revived that fleet!

WANT TO BUILD A SNIPES?

The Wooden Boat School is now offering a West Coast version in addition to the traditional class held in Maine. The class is being offered in San Francisco from June 6-11 taught by our own Joe Norton. Contact The Wooden Boat School (207)359-4651 if interested.

PAN AM TRIALS SITE NEEDED

The Snipe Class needs a site to hold the Pan-Am trials for the 1995 Games. The regatta should be held in the fall of 1994. It is open to all U.S. citizens or residents. Anyone may sail, there will be no entry fee, but you must be a member of SCIRA or join to sail. The U.S. will send one team. The Olympic Yachting committee will ship boats out of Miami in January. Contact Peter Fenner if interested. (214)231-7289.

SPEED AND SMARTS

Dave Dellenbaugh is publishing a new monthly newsletter for racing sailors. It will have hands-on tips about tactics, strategy, rules, boatspeed, boathandling, preparation and more. It covers big boat and one-design subjects, and is designed for both skippers and crews across a wide range of skill levels. For more information, contact Dave Dellenbaugh at 203-374-6981 or Fax: 203-371-0103.

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THE COVER: Ken and Kay Voss round a mark at the Dead of Winter. D. Kelly photo
THE COUNT: Twenty four numbers were issued this month: Twenty to Denmark, three to the U.S., and one to Sweden.

NUMBERED SNIPES: 28691
CHARTERED FLEETS: 828

FROM THE CLASS OFFICE

Thank you to all who have been patient in receiving your Bulletins. It has been a learning experience for both myself and our printer/printer trying to decipher 3 sets of mailing lists. It looks like the Christmas rush did a number on the delivery of the Bulletin, delaying 2nd Class mail beyond belief. I have also come to realize that the majority of mailed Bulletins go to the East Coast, the furthest point from San Diego! I'm doing my best to get the Bulletin back on schedule! Thanks also to certain international sailors who have been keeping tally on their delivery for me so we can evaluate our many methods of delivery. A note to those who move, please let me know as soon as possible, as each returned Bulletin costs the Class \$0.35 (and we get many!)

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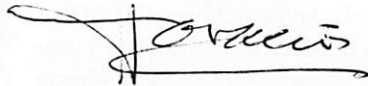
Dear Snipers: Upon reading Terry's Bullhorn in the November Bulletin, I was finally convinced to go back to sailing a Snipe, so as of January 1st, I am the proud co-owner (together with my son Diego) of a 27,000 series. It happens to be a McLaughlin hull with a new plywood deck a cobra mast and all the new go-fast rigging. I had my first sail last week and after 17 years I must confess that on the second day I was feeling quite comfortable in the boat with Diego pulling the right strings at the proper time in about 15 knots of wind. Our idea is to sail the Masters in Japan so training has already started. It is my purpose to set an example for the old-timers that at 62 we can still enjoy sailing a Snipe. It certainly is a wonderful boat and with a total crew weight of 140 kg. and its high boom, totally manageable in a

breeze.

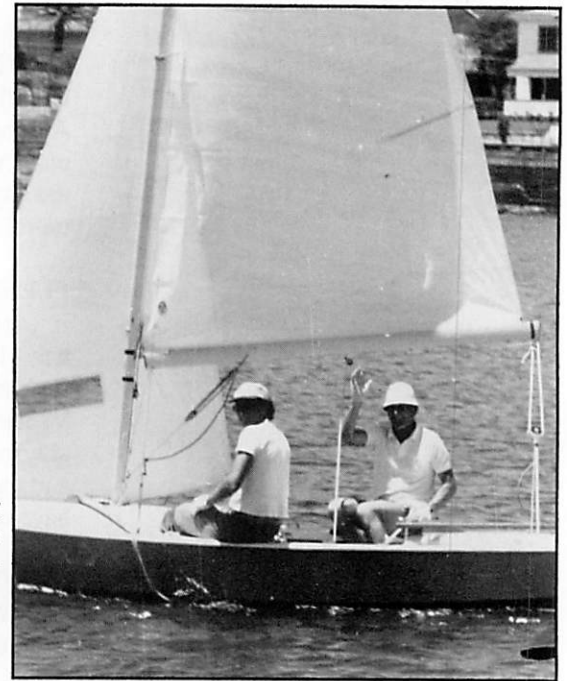
Lets see if some of my past competitors decide to come back so we can all have some fun together for old times sake.

Promotion of our class is not necessarily with the juniors. Lots of us can still enjoy the boat and the wonderful friendship that sailing a Snipe has given us all in the past.

Try it, it can be done.



Your friend, Horacio Garcia Pastori
From the SCIRA archives. Uruguyan National champion, now Commodore Horacio Garcia Pastori with crew Felix Leborne. Taken probably around 1972-73.



WORLD SNIPE FESTIVAL

1994 JAPAN

Masters World

July 27-31, Gamagori

Junior World

August 2-7, Mikkabi

Womens World

August 11-15, Yokohama

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OTHER QUALIFYING/WORLD REGATTAS

1994 Western Hemispheres

1st week of December

Montevideo, Uruguay

U.S. Qualifying Regatta--Don Q

Regatta--Miami, March 18-20

1994 U.S. National Championships

July 11-15

Dallas, Texas

1994 European Championships

September 8-14

Mahon, Menorca, Spain

1995 Pan-Am Games

March 11-26

La Plata del Mar, Argentina

1995 World Championships

July 3-9

Rimini, Italy

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SEVENTH ANNUAL DEAD OF WINTER REGATTA

The 1994 Dead of Winter Regatta, traditionally a heavy air race, was short on wind, but scored high on the fun meter, as usual, in spite of the light breezes.

Snipers came from around the world to sail this three day event on Tampa Bay and party on New Year's Eve. Birger Jansen and Carine Juliussen, regulars at DOW and so many other American regattas, flew in from Norway; Sarah and George Mees from England, who attended the 1992 DOW, made it back again, to the delight of the locals; first time DOW winter racer, Pascal Blondelle, flew in from Paris late the night before the regatta and still managed to sail all the first day and stay awake (well, almost) until midnight for the New Year's Eve fireworks! Quite a sport! Another pair of good sports, Anne and Id Crook from Ontario, registered their boat and helped with judging duties, even though they weren't planning to race (the boat is on the way to Nassau!). And of course, the State of Ohio was very well represented, with much appreciated guest appearances made by The Blender, at all the appropriate intervals!

Friday brought forth the promised—2 races + 1 party (New Year's Eve bash), but Saturday was a total loss. Wind readings were -0-knots from nowhere. The R.C. had a report of wind at the skyway bridge, so the fleet was towed out, waiting for the breeze to arrive. It didn't. So the R.C. towed the fleet back in. A spirited game of volleyball ensued on the beach, with as many as 20 in the game at a time, with score cards being presented by those on the sidelines, Olympic style. Much of the spirit was imported to the beach in The Blender, which was operated by bootleg power from a city outlet - our thanks to the City and the Chamber of Commerce!

The Saturday evening banquet was the usual fantastic feast by St. Pete Y.C., and the annual door prizes (North jib, North main, Masthead Enterprises Snipe deck cover)

Don Hackbarth (not shown) and Nancy Green--winners of the "Flipper" trophy. Dennis Kelly photo



Dave Chapin and crew Alan Capellin in winning form. Dennis Kelly photo

went home with teams from all over: The main was won by Robert Dull from Annapolis; the jib was won by Scott Elliott from Charlotte, N.C.; and the Snipe deck cover was won by local, Mark Mendelblatt. Mark's cover is in tatters, and besides, he needed some serious consolation for Friday's first race - he left the dock without a plug and darn near sunk before he could get back in, scoring 30 points for a DNF for that race.

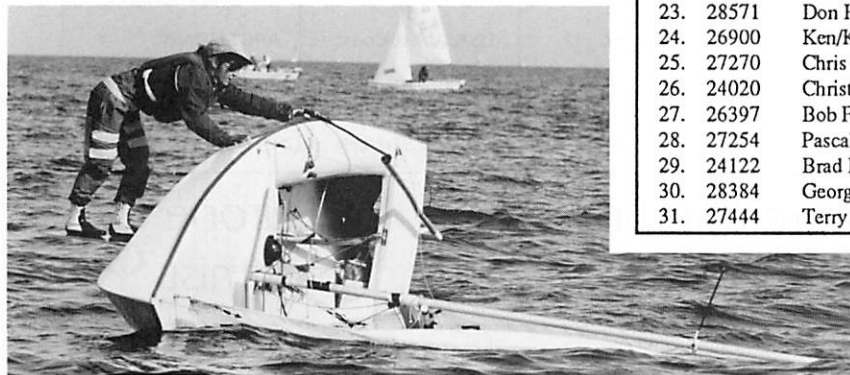
Sunday racing was light and shifty, with plenty of incoming tide to push the fleet over the start early. Lots of general recalls, a repeat of Friday's start techniques. So the

R.C. got quite a workout with the flags. By Sunday they had the routine down pat, but the SCIRA Sanctioned Regatta rules for "Black Flag" caught them off guard on Friday, hence the YMPs you see listed in the results.

The fleet was greeted with hamburgers and chicken sandwiches grilling there at the dock when they returned Sunday afternoon for the trophy presentation. Hot food was very welcome, while the out of towners packed up boats in a light rain. Trophies were awarded five deep, to skipper and crew. Two new trophies were developed for this

Results

	Boat	Skipper/Crew	Finishes	Points
1.	28450	Dave Chapin/Alan Capellin	4-2-1-4	10.75
2.	28401	Hal Gilreath/Brian Hackbarth	3-3-7-8	21.00
3.	22729	David Mendelblatt/Holly Kickliter	2-1-17-3	22.75
4.	25948	Ethan/Trudy Bixby	8-10-16-2	36.00
5.	26099	Steve Lippincott/Dana Moore	11-4-10-12	37.00
6.	27273	Mark Mendelblatt/Ashley Twining	DNF-6-2-1	38.75
7.	25125	Gene Ratliffe/Arne Duggan	6-9-5-20	40.00
8.	27788	Robert Dull/Leigh Morgan	9-12-15-10	46.00
9.	28472	Charlie/Michele Bustamante	1-7-26-13	46.75
10.	24600	Craig Beardsley/Mimi Pritchard	YMP-5-20-7	48.67
11.	25428	Paul Silvermail/Sandy Bjurmark	13-14-12-14	53.00
12.	27772	Bill Welch/Dee Schilling	14-17-3-23	57.00
13.	28677	Bill Buckles/Pete Ilgenfritz	10-16-21-11	58.00
14.	27027	Gordon Hackstaff/Cindy Herbert	16-15-13-17	61.00
15.	24087	Sam Mollet/Rod Koch	17-18-4-24	63.00
16.	25374	Roberto Lizano/Barbara Torres	12-23-14-21	70.00
17.	26926	Lisa Foulke/Alex Pline	YMP-11-25-12	70.00
18.	23625	Dick Hand/Vanessa Linsley	21-20-8-22	71.00
19.	28388	Scott Elliott/Megan McCullough	YMP-22-9-18	71.33
20.	2727	Ray Gauthier/Lianne Dean	18-21-6-27	72.00
21.	27410	Birger Jansen/Carine Juliussen	YMP-8-DSQ-9	75.33
22.	28099	Jack Elfman/Cindy Lister	27-19-18-15	79.00
23.	28571	Don Hackbarth/Nancy Green	19-29-19-13	80.00
24.	26900	Ken/Kay Voss	20-24-23-19	86.00
25.	27270	Chris Klotz/Leslie Fisher	DNC-DNC-11-16	93.00
26.	24020	Christian Obenshain/Ashley Sarrett	23-13-DNF-DNF	102.00
27.	26397	Bob Foster/Carly Franklin	22-26-24-DNC	105.00
28.	27254	Pascal Blondelle/Gordon Gillette	25-27-27-28	111.00
29.	24122	Brad Dunn/Gavin Glenn-Harris	29-PMS-22-25	112.00
30.	28384	George/Sarah Mees	28-25-DNF-26	120.00
31.	27444	Terry McSweeney/Stacey Brinker	26-28-DNF-DNC	120.00



year; the Flipper award and the MOF (pronounced muff) award. The MOF (middle of fleet) was awarded to Lisa Foulke (she will be Mrs. Pline by the time you read this article!) and Alex Pline. She was skippering in preparation for the Women's Worlds in Japan this summer. The Flipper award was to have been awarded by vote, for the most spectacular capsize; considering the light air, we were fortunate to have a recipient at all! Don Hackbarth was kind enough to provide us with a gloriously executed intentional capsize on Friday, to repair his jib halyard. His crew, Nancy Green, did a very class walkover to the board without getting a drop of water on herself while Don did the repairs in the drink.

If light and shifty is your forte, you missed a dynamite opportunity. But don't expect this stuff again next year! We have in our usually order for big breeze - and it's going to be another New Year's Eve party. See you for the 1995 "First is Best" Dead of Winter regatta!

—Bill & Sherry Welch, Fleet 801



Lisa Foulke and Alex Pline going to weather. Dennis Kelly photo.

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ARGENTINA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Proud Start, Sad Finish

The Argentine National Championships were sailed November 27, 1993 in shifty winds from 10 to 20 knots. The Championships were full of good competition, and all sailors were proud of their countrymen's finishes in the World Championships held just two week prior.

Unfortunately, the National Championships had a bad turn. Before the last race, fourth place finisher Juan Calabrese's crew, Martin Bortolucci was killed in an accident. It was a very difficult moment for all competitors, as Martin was 19 years old, and a very good sailor. The last race of the Championship has been named the "Martin Bortolucci Cup" in memory of him.

National Secretary Johnny Mac Call was very consistent in all races, and earned the title of Argentine National Champion for 1993. Johnny told the competitors, "Old is the wind, but still blows."

Results—top 15 of 21

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Finishes	Points
1. 28644	Johnny Mac Call/Palmito Meraso	2-2-3-1-1-(4)	8.50
2. 20241	Andre Domato/Jorge Engelhard	1-1-5-(7)-1	14.25
3. 10883	Guillermo Parada/Sicho Sichon	3-4-(12)-2-5-2	16.00
4. 12107	Juan Calabrese/Martin Bortolucci	4-3-8-(DNF)-2-3	20.00
5. 12000	Gonzalo Crivello	7-(8)-1-4-6-6	23.75
6. 26084	P. Contouris	6-5-(13)-5-4-8	28.00
7. 18863	M. Pereyra	9-7-2-6-(11)-9	33.00
8. 25724	F. Engelhard	10-9-(11)-3-8-5	35.00
9. 22204	H. Longarella	5-11-7-8-(12)-7	38.00
10. 28207	H. Peralta	8-10-(15)-14-9-12	53.00
11. 12109	R. Ricoveri	12-12-(14)-9-14-10	57.00
12. 24639	T. Garcia	(DNC)-6-6-DNF-3-DNC	59.00
13. 22205	G. Crivello	11-13-10-13-(15)-13	60.00
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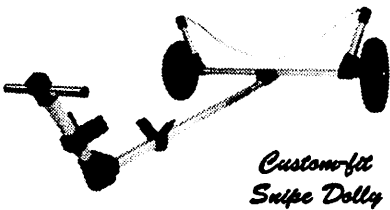
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CITRUS BOWL REGATTA

December 3, 4, 5.

Snipers from the US and Canada joined 649 boats (yes, that is 649) at Sanford, Florida for this mega regatta. Friday afternoon and evening seminars, held around the Holiday Inn which served as regatta headquarters, included such speakers as Brad and Dave Dellenbaugh, Jim Brady, Peter Johnstone, Randy Smyth, Ed Baird, Julia Trotman and Morgan Reeser....all that information for free!

Saturday, sunny and warm winds began light and building, with 15 Snipers sailing 3 races back to back on a course shared with Vanguard 15s, Coronado 15s, and International Canoes. It was crowded, but fun, especially when two noted Snipers were seen embracing the starting pin!

Party time in the evening included a hosted Myers Rum party to ease the line for dinner.

Sunday began again sunny, with winds of 15 slowly abating. Two races were scheduled and completed by 1 p.m. Great sailing and good competition were prevalent. Budweiser was flowing to all and great door

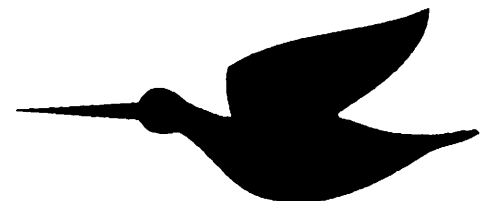
prizes included a week for two at the Bitter End B.V.I. Kids were kept busy diving for dollars in the pool.

This is a must attend for all Snipers! Who knows, we may convert more sailors to join us. Thanks to the Cleveland Blender Team for their many concoctions. Come and join us next year—it's on the way to the Midwinners!

—Id Crook

RESULTS

1. Alex Pline
2. Bill Buckles
3. Mark Duvoisin



60 SNIPES LAND ON MISSION BAY FOR THE CAROLYN NUTE MEMORIAL INVITATIONAL

It was a perfect picture Mission Bay weekend that welcomed 120 sailors to the ultimate test of Snipe skill. Consistency, practice, luck and good clean living all combines to give the team of Rick and Carol Merriman a big win in the Gold flight, besting a fleet of 29 other boats stuffed with sailors that were deep in talent.

Sailed inside Mission Bay, aggressive starts and wild mark rounding were the rule for the weekend. As the 720's and PMS's took their toll, Rick and Carol made their move and won the last race. They finished just ahead of the incredibly consistent team of Gavin O'Hare and Amy Hess and Gerard and Sherry Coleman. The Colemans were the leaders after the first day with only 3.5 points. Their first race Sunday was a 21st, opening it up to Rick and Carol in the home stretch. The Silver flight was just as tough with the team of Keith Carew and Watt Duffy leading going into the last race, only to get stuck in traffic with an eighth. Chuck Sinks and pinch crew Roberta Hunt pulled out a second to win by 2 points.

Saturday evenings costume contest party was as tough as the racing. A great band, great dancing, great costumes, awesome bartending, an extra hour of sleep (time change), what more could anyone ask for? The costume judging was expanded into a few more categories this year with great success. The winners were some of the best ever: The Jamaican Bobsled Team was popular, Princess Jasmine captured the hearts of many with once again Marshall Krampf came out with an incredible version of Mr. Wilson, the next door neighbor from Home Improvement. Just think, we have 11 months to think of the ultimate costume.

At the trophy presentation, Susan Bowden read off the names of those that helped with the regatta, and it became clear that this was a BIG effort. Susan Bowden and regatta Chairman George Walker did an awesome job organizing with George securing donated Patagonia foul weather suits as trophies for the top few. As always, the beautiful perpetual for this regatta was also presented to the Merrimans.

The race committee stood out for great lines, good courses and performance under pressure.

—Mission Bay Fleet Newsletter



above: Typical crowded starts on Mission Bay



left and below left: A series of typical mark roundings around the "dreaded" mark 7 inside Mission Bay. Large fleets have problems, even though they are broken into flights. Roundings like this encourage leeward "gate" mark experiments. Notice the tip of the mark just off 24495's weather traveler.



RESULTS

Gold Fleet—top 10 of 30

1. Rick/Carol Merriman
2. Gavin O'Hare/Amy Hess
3. Gerard/Sherry Coleman
4. Tom/Anita Nute
5. George Szabo/Aimee Graham
6. Argyle Campbell/Ruth Pauling
7. Mike Sturman/Nick Adamson
8. Robb Walker/Rowena Carlson
9. Jeff/Becky Lenhart
10. Craig Leweck/Allison Cecil

Silver Fleet—top 10 of 30

1. Chuck Sinks & assorted crews
2. Keith Carew/Watt Duffy
3. Dave Tillson/Karina Vogel
4. Steve Jacobson/Doug Harkey
5. Steve Stroebel/?
6. Eric Mayol/Chris
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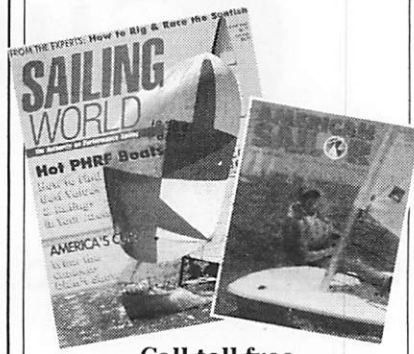
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