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North Americans

March 30-April 1, 6 races
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From the Commodore

The Snipe Class is Present in Europe's Largest Regatta

In the beginning of Autumn in Trieste, a big boat regatta is held named the Coppa d'Autunno (Autumn trophy).

The peculiarity of this regatta, which has been held every year in the last quarter of the century, is that it is open to every boat, except one-designs, from 19' upwards which all race without handicap, divided into classes only on the waterline length.

You can easily imagine that this means having on the starting line, side to side, small old wooden boats and big racers of the latest generation like Il Moro de Venezia, creating a fascinating mix of competition, amusement and happy parties. It is really a big sailing festival where for the most, the race is only an excuse to hang out all day and meet a lot of friends.

The 1995 edition had 1300 entries and thanks to perfect weather conditions, over

1100 scored. The course is a single triangle of about 18 miles, with the starting line, long, over two miles, and the last leg situated along the coast so that people can gather on shore and on the hills nearby to look out at the incredible panorama.

Obviously local Snipe sailors participate every year and on this the latest event my Fleet Sistiana teamed together to participate on the same boat. We skippered and crewed a Beneteau 42 owned by Mr. Longhi with two big Snipe Class flags hoisted and a big red "Snipe Class" writing on the boat's side, where the other boats had sponsors names. Our performance was excellent as "Simun V" scored 46th overall. Class flags and the insignia attracted the attention of many sailors, spectators and media and I think this has been a very good way to promote the Snipe Class.

Giorgio Brezich

Around The Snipe World

Reminder for 1996

Sailors and Sailmakers

Sail royalties are required on all sails made as of 1/1/96. No sail will be measured without a royalty. See your National Secretary to obtain sail royalties.

US Sailors and Sailmakers

US sails will require both the US and International royalties on new sails built as of 1/1/96.

For all Sailors

As of 1998, all sails will require royalties (no grandfathering of pre-1996 sails after 1998)

1996 Dues are Due!

Please send your dues to your fleet captain, or if your are not affiliated with a fleet, directly to the SCIRA office. US Dues:

\$40 senior
\$30 co-owner (each)
\$20 crew
\$20 junior
\$55 family

THE COVER: A snow covered Snipe sailing in the Dick E. Duncan Frosty Pumpkin Regatta last November in Cleveland.

THE COUNT: 14 numbers were issued. 3 to Brasil, 1 to Denmark and 10 to a builder.

NUMBERED SNIPES: 29026

CHARTERED FLEETS: 836

Major Regatta Schedule

1996 North American Championships

Nassau, Bahamas
March 30-April 1

1996 World Masters Championships

Oslo, Norway
June 30-July 6

1996 US National Championships

Pensacola, Florida
Jr.-July 12-14
Sr.-July 15-19

1996 World Masters Championships

Oslo, Norway
June 30-July 6

1996 European Championships

Denmark
August 10-17

1996 Womens World Championships

Mar Menor, Spain
September 8-11

1996 Junior World Championships

Mar Menor, Spain
September 12-15

1996 Pacific Coast Championships

US qualifier for 1997 Worlds
San Diego, CA
September 19-22

1996 US Masters Championships

Tulsa, Oklahoma
September 23-27

1996 Western Hemisphere Championships

Larchmont, New York
September 29-October 4

Meet the Board

As of January 1, several new officers took their places to serve SCIRA for the next several years. With the new rule passed in Rimini that all voting Board members must be owner of Snipes, we think you will find all of our Board members to be active Snipe sailors with impressive sailing backgrounds!

Commodore Giorgio Brezich

Trieste, Italy - As reported in last years Bulletin, Giorgio has been sailing Snipes now for 50 years with such impressive titles to his name as 3 time Italian Jr. Champion, 9 time Italian National Champion, Southern European and Mediterranean Champion. Giorgio was National Secretary for Italy from 1989 to 1996 and a Member at Large from 1991-1993. Giorgio took a major role in organizing the 1995 World Championships in Rimini, Italy.

Vice Commodore Gonzo Diaz

Miami, Florida - Gonzo too is a true competitor. Part of the sailing Diaz family, Gonzo represented the US at the 1980 Western Hemisphere Championships helping his brother sail to a 2nd place finish in Rio de la Plata, Argentina. He has been steering his own Snipe since 1973 and can be seen on the US regatta circuit. Gonzo served as a Board Member from 1990-1992.

Rear Commodore Akibumi Shinoda

Handa, Japan - Shinoda started sailing in Nagoya in 1954 at the University of Nagoya in Snipes. His accomplishments include 1964 National Champion, participant in the 1963 Snipe Worlds in Bendor, France, and 1987 and 1988 Japan Masters Champion. Shinoda has been a Board member of the Japan Yachting Association from 1976-1983; National Secretary 1988-1989, SCIRA Board member 1990-1995, Chairman of the Karatsu World Championship, Chairman of the 1994 Masters, Juniors and Womens Worlds, and is current President of SCIRA Japan. Shinoda is Exec. Vice President of Toyoda Automatic Loom Works, and with his wife Keiko, have 2 married daughters and one son. Shinoda says: "Snipes are a good yacht with high endurance; the performance is kept good for a long time. Also, families, not skilled, as well as the skillful yachtsmen are able to enjoy it."

Other officer changes:

New National Secretaries

Finland - Sampo Valjus

Italy - Ezio Braga

United States - Lee Griffith

Thanks to outgoing Board members, Past Commodore Horacio Garcia Pastori, Dan Williams, Peter Fenner and Chuck Loomis

Member at Large Antonio Roquette

Porto, Portugal - Antonio's first love is the Snipe. This comment he made prominent while serving as President of the Portuguese Sailing Federation, a position he currently holds as well as a member of Superior Council of Sports and Vice President of the Portuguese Confederation of Sports. Antonio began sailing in 1946 and has been sailing Snipes since 1951. His accolades include 5 time Portuguese National champion, 6 time Vaurien Class champion, Star National champion, 470 National champion and the 1980 Vaurien World Champion. Antonio is President of Inapal Holding (currently helping with the carbon board testing), resides with his wife Nene, and has 6 children, 3 girls and 3 boys, which all sail Snipes. Antonio says, "I think that is a wonderful world, where during all my life I've been sailing. The Snipe Class is like a family, where I have very good friends."

Member at Large Sean Biehl

San Diego, California - Sean has been on the Board previously, and is continuing on for one year to complete Lee Griffith's position, which he left to become US National Secretary. Sean began sailing Snipes in 1980, crewing for Tom Nute and Jeff Lenhart. He bought his first boat from Earl Elms and has been sailing ever since. Sean is a scientist for Naval Research and Development in San Diego.

Chief Measurer Hisanao Kato

Komae, Japan - Kato began sailing in 1942 in the Yachting Club of Waseda University and with the selection of the Snipe as the University boat in 1947, began sailing Snipes. Kato had the first Snipe built in Japan, (given the number 1, due to the inability of Japan to send fees to the US in post-war occupation) and Kato has been a SCIRA member since. In 1967, Kato was appointed a member of the Japanese Yachting Assoc. measuring committee and also to reinforce sailing techniques. He was a measurer of the Finn and Star class boats at the 1969 Tokyo Olympics, a Board member of the Japan Yachting Assoc., and is currently a IYRU International measurer of the Snipe, 420 and Lechner Classes. Kato is currently the chief measurer of the Japanese Snipe and Vice Commodore of the Japan Snipe Association. He is a chief director of a student sailing club, organized with groups of 800 people without intercollegiate members and recognized

officially by the Japanese Yachting Association.

Kato admires the Snipe Class organization and the world fleet system. He sees the Snipe being used by people of all generations from to sailors to beginners.

Legal Counsel Leigh Savage

Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan - Leigh began sailing in 1973, crewing on SCIRA Treasurer Fred Rozelle's fathers IOR boat. Leigh began sailing Snipes in 1980 while sailing with the Univ. of Michigan. You can usually find Leigh and wife Sally on the regatta circuit, but now have 2 children ready to sail. Leigh says one of his high points of involvement with the Snipe Class was as 1985 US Nationals Chairman. Leigh is a self-employed corporate attorney whose other interests include skiing with the family, squash and hunting. Leigh is currently head of Jr. sailing at Crescent Sail Yacht Club. Leigh sees the Snipe Class as "extremely tough competition for "amateurs" like myself. You find out how tough it is when you sail in other one-design classes. It is a boat you have to sail for a while to get up to speed all the way around the course. The people in the class at all levels are what makes it great."

Rules Chairman Brainard Cooper

Chattanooga, Tennessee - Who doesn't know Brainard? As a member of about every major measurement committee in the US and at World or Western Hemisphere Championships, Brainard has approved or disapproved of just about every piece of Snipe equipment. When not following SCIRA rules, Brainard can be found at the front of a train as Engineer and informing school children and adults alike of Rail safety. With a degree in Journalism, a love of rum and all women, Brainard always uses the correct language (with a southern drawl) and measurement tools. Privateer fleet 142 is home waters for Brainard who still finds time to test the latest on Snipes.

Vice Chairman, Rules Committee Gonzalo E. Diaz

Miami, Florida - Former SCIRA Commodore "Old Man" Gonzalo Diaz has been sailing Snipes all his life. Gonzalo's participation is too numerous to mention, but a couple events stand out including 2nd place in the 1959 Worlds to Paul Elvstrom, 2nd in the 1975 Worlds in Uruguay, 1st crewing for son Augie in the 1972 Western Hemisphere in Colombia, 2nd crewing again in the 1974 Westerns in Argentina and 2nd in the Pan Am Games in 1959. Despite all his success in sailing and business, Gonzalo's greatest joy is seeing the fleet grow.

To All Snipe Sailors

I am proposing that SCIRA consider changing the way that we currently score Did Not Finish (DNF) boats in order to improve our sailing. The Low Point Scoring System which is more commonly used than our Olympic Scoring System now assigns all DNF boats points equal to the number of boats that are recorded as having started a particular race. This is a substantial improvement over the standard IYRU scoring which assigns DNF points at one more than the number of boats that are registered in a series. IYRU scoring can often result in a competitor being penalized with points which include counting boats that were not even being competed against! However, as much as our scoring system is an improvement over IYRU it still does not fairly address the occasional circumstance that occurs when a large number of boats become DNF due to extreme wind conditions. In a race in which thirty boats start and ten boats become DNF, the last one to finish scores twenty points and all the DNFs score thirty points. In this example being DNF means being scored with a penalty that is fifty percent more than the last place boat.

In the case where wind velocity substantially increases after the start of the race our DNF scoring may actually have the unintended effect of encouraging those sailors whose dedication exceeds their ability to continue racing. As a result these boats often end up being salvage problems for the Race Committee. In the opposite situation where the sailing breeze vanishes during a race it usually does so in a manner that favors only a part of the fleet and often increases the time and distance separating the boats. In such a circumstance it may well be that only a handful of boats have the combination of luck and skill necessary

to finish the race, while a large percentage of the fleet draws the deep DNF points. Please remember that in our Championship racing the courses are not permitted to be shortened.

The potential severity of our current scoring methodology can contribute to the circumstance where, in situations such as the aforementioned, the Principal Race Officer may feel that in order to preserve the "fairness of the competition" (IYRU 5.4(d)(iv)) it is appropriate to abandon the race. The abandonment of the third race in last year's World Championship in Italy was influenced by the feeling common to the Jury, Race Committee and the SCIRA Rep that in very poor sailing conditions a very large number of boats might well have not finished and that the resulting scores for that race would have polluted the overall sailing results. This was not an easy decision and it might have come back to haunt us had not the rest of the races been completed. Had we scored our DNFs differently it may have been somewhat easier to have kept that race alive.

While there are a number of scoring adjustments that could be made to accommodate these wind situations I would recommend that the Board at least consider these two variations:

All Did Not Finish (DNF) boats shall be scored with two points more than the last boat to finish, not to exceed the points equal to the number of starting boats. Example: 30 boats start and 20 finish, a DNF is 22

or

All Did Not Finish (DNF) boats shall be scored with the average points of all boats that started but did not finish. Fractions are rounded up. Example: 30 boats start and 20 finish, a DNF is 26 (21,22,23...30 divided by 10, fraction up)

The first option is very easy to understand and to score, but does not take into account or weigh the number of DNF boats. If it is thought to be advantageous to adjust for the quantity of DNF boats the second method does consider that weighting. Personally, I prefer the first option or something like it just because it is both simple to understand and to use. On an interim basis the current SCIRA Scoring Program can easily adapt to either of these alternatives by having the scorer calculate the DNF points and enter them manually through the YMP key. Just note on the posted results that YMP is really a DNF.

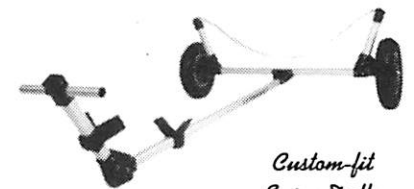
If approved now on a provisional basis as an option and with standardized SCIRA language we should have plenty of time to test the concept and find out what the sailors think about it before the next World Board Meeting in 1997. Those regattas using the *alternative DNF* would need to state that intent in their Notice of Event and Sailing Instructions and should let us know the outcome, if any.

The proposed scoring change in no way alters or amends the current IYRU abandonment provisions available to the Principal Race Officer under 5.4 or 5.5. However, we would now somewhat reduce the incentive to abandon and better serve our sailors.

—Phil Richmond

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June 30	Measuring/Opening Ceremony
July 1	1 st race, grill party
July 2	2 nd race, grill party
July 3	lay day
July 4	3 rd day, shrimp party
July 5	4 th race, grill party
July 6	5 th race, prizegiving dinner

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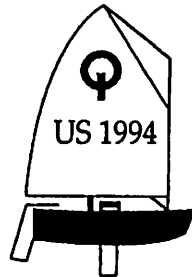
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This DOW presented itself with true to name temperatures - wet suits, dry suits, and full foulies were the fashion for Friday's races. The first race went quickly, with great breeze and close competition. Chris Klotz lead the fleet around the first three marks, loosing boats on the last beat, with Norway's Birger Jansen and Carine Juliussen taking the lead for the finish. The second race of the day was sailed in much lighter conditions, with the heavy current a major factor at mark roundings. Once again, Klotz took the early lead and held it for the first two legs, loosing the battle for inside position at the jibe mark, allowing Ned Jones and Hal Gilreath to take the first and second places at the leeward mark and finish line. The sun warmed the day gradually, layers of clothing were discarded, and "The Blender" made its first appearance of the regatta for the after race gathering at the stern of the Welch's floating home.

Saturday began cool and cloudy with very light breeze. Most of the fleet got off the dock too late to make the warning. Many of the fleet left too late to make the start gun, and a few left so late they did not make the time limit for starting. Consequently, when the RC signaled an abandonment due to a forty degree wind shift with competitors on every leg of the course, quite a lot of Snipers were delighted with the call. A second race was started in very light conditions with Ned Jones showing his usual astounding speed, and taking the lead. The finish was quite exciting in spite of the slow crawl the Snipes were making against the heavy current. Shinichi Uchida of Japan, sailing with local crew Linda Brehmer, stayed in better breeze, taking the lead from Ned Jones fifty feet from the finish, only to lose it again when Ned sailed for a puff, and Uchida went for the pin. Locals Klotz and David Mendelblatt battled the current and each other for the 3rd and 4th positions almost allowing Jerry Thompson to nick them out at the pin, coming in with a great angle and a good puff. There was no hope of beginning another race. The tow in to the dock showed us the best speed of the day, and the awaiting Blender and snacks kept the fleet busy until it was time for dinner.

We all woke to grim conditions on Sunday morning, New Year's Eve day. A steady downpour, with thunder and lightening and



photo above: Ned Jones and Kari Warren during the DOW. Photo by Dennis Kelly.

not much breeze convinced the RC Chair Pat Seidenspinner, that it would be best to postpone until noon. At noon, the AP was lowered and a much diminished fleet sailed out to the start in a steady 18, gusting over 20. Many had decided to pack up their boats and get a head start on their New Year's Eve partying or their drive home. 1/2 of the registered Snipes finished race number four, and most felt it was the best race of the series. The wind and waves were great, with the wind settling down to about fifteen by the start. We were rained on a bit, sometimes heavy enough that you could barely see the marks or finish line, but it was warm enough not to be uncomfortable. The competition was keen with Birger Jansen and Scott Nixon getting the best of Ned Jones, in spite of his incredible speed, and Bill Buckles showing his usual big wind prowess.

The regatta ended officially at the prize giving at the Sailing Center. Burgers, chicken and chili were served to the wet competitors

as they packed boats.

St. Pete fleet 801 has a strong local "B" fleet and we feel it is an excellent means of promoting competition in fleet races and big regattas as well. DOW always sports an A fleet with trophies 5 deep, and B fleet with trophies 3 deep. This year B fleet designation was assigned after the first day of racing, making the bottom third of the fleet the B team, but taking into account breakdowns, DSQs, DNS, DNF, as well as overall experience of the individual skipper, to weed out sailors who had scored below their usual standards due to any of the above mentioned natural hazards. Congratulations to our B fleet winners - the competition was tough, as expected, and a couple of top ten finishes have take our 1st and 2nd placers out of B fleet for next time!

—Sherry Welch
Fleet 801

Results--top 20 of 46

Skipper/Crew	Hull #	Fleet	Finishes	Points
1. Ned Jones/Kari Warren	28852	Annapolis	4-1-1-3	8.5
2. Chris Klotz/Sherry Welch	27270	St. Pete	5-3-3-6	17
3. Birger Jansen/Carine Juliussen	27410	Norway	1-7-15-1	23.5
4. Scott Nixon/Samantha Rosemont	28214	Annapolis	3-4-16-2	25
5. Ethan/Trudy Bixby	25948	St. Pete	2-8-18-5	33
6. David Mendelblatt/H. Kickliter	27732	St. Pete	9-10-4-11	34
7. Shinichi Uchida/Linda Brehmer	28758	Japan	13-5-2-16	36
8. Alex/Lisa Pline	26926	Annapolis	7-16-9-7	39
9. Steve Lippincott/Scott Norman	26761	St. Pete	8-12-12-10	42
10. Ted/Tracy Pinkerton	29099	Cleveland	15-22-14-13	64
11. Kara Shadwick/Chris Museler	25949	St. Pete	14-34-8-9	65
12. Jerry Thompson/Dee Schilling	24702	Alamitos Bay	12-9-5-dnc	72
13. Woody Norwood/Jennifer Ayers	26100	Atlanta	17-23-20-12	72
14. Hal Gilreath/Phil Casasa	28142	Lake Lanier	6-2-22-dnc	76
15. Craig/Mimi Beardsley	24600	Lake Lanier	11-6-13-dnc	76
16. Chris Haines/Dave Whyman	16182	Oakville YS	27-27-7-18	79
17. Bill Buckles/Gilreath/Ilggenfritz	29092	Cleveland	ret-30-6-4	81
18. Bob Oberg/Cindy Frederick	23591	Annapolis	21-26-19-17	83
19. Jeff/Amy Linton	22851	St. Pete	16-13-10-dnc	85
20. Don Hackbarth/Andrew Cason	28571	Atlanta	18-29-28-14	89

48th Japanese Nationals

The 48th Japan Nationals for 1995 were held at Fukuoka during November 15-19, with 65 teams participating. Fukuoka is the place where the first Japan Nationals were held. The anticipated wind conditions were to be very heavy winds, however, the actual conditions were very light winds and shifty conditions! Therefore, we could only sail 5 races from the 7 scheduled.

The most interesting matter was whether the team of Shiga/Maruyama could be National Champion three times in a row. They finished first in the final race at the Worlds in Rimini. The 1995 Nationals proved quite different results. The winning team was Fukagawa/Morinaga. Mr. Fukagawa was a team mate of Shiga's while together on the Fukuoka University Sailing Team. Second was Iwase/Kamiya who also participated in the Worlds in Rimini. The third team was Ohyabu/Tomita with Takamura/Takeshita placing fourth. Mr. Takamura participated in the Jr. Worlds in 1990 in Cartagena, Spain. Fifth was Maeda/Gotah who were the winners of the Enterprise Class in the 1994 Asian Games held in Japan. These five teams earned the honor to participate in the Western Hemisphere Championships to be held in Larchmont, New York in September of 1996.

—Jiro Yamamoto

photo :
Light air racing on Fukuoka.
Photo by J. Kurita



Results-- top 15 of 65

1. Fukagawa/Morinaga	27717	13-43-2-1-5	20.75
2. Iwase/Kamiya	28877	dnf-10-1-6-9	25.75
3. Ohyabu/Tomita	28596	8-13-3-20-2	26
4. Takamura/Takeshita	28874	3-1-13-25-15	31.75
5. Maeda/Gotah	28548	2-8-15-11-16	36
6. Sugitano/Shimada	26207	11-6-11-37-8	36
7. Sarasawa/Nakamura	28875	4-2-22-12-37	40
8. Shiraiishi/Yamagata	28923	15-23-14-3-11	43
9. Inoue/Tsutsui	28729	1-9-12-24-23	44.75
10. Yoshioka/Ikenabe	28794	10-4-24-8-59	46
11. Matsuzaki/Ono	28715	7-24-7-9-27	47
12. Koga/Saitoh	28112	12-5-17-17-34	51
13. Horikawa/Sekine	28495	19-12-4-43-20	55
14. Abe/Kohzuki	28878	5-16-dsq-33-6	60
15. Terashita/Yanagi	28434	dnf-33-5-16-7	61



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XV Festival Cordobes Internacional de Snipes

Ha finalizado el "XV Festival Cordobes Internacional de Snipes", organizado por el Club Náutico Cordoba, la Flota 451 y la Asoc. Argentina de Snipes.

Fue como un sueño, el juntar nada menos que 60 embarcaciones de todo tipo de nivel. Estaban presentes las flotas del Norte: Santiago del Estero, Tucumán, Salta y Jujuy; también las de Rosario, San Nicolás, Bahía Blanca y Buenos Aires. Además, de la numerosa flota de Chile, especialmente invitada.

El Festival incluía el "Campeonato Argentino '95, la 1 selección para El Hemisferio Occidental '96 y El Cierre del Gran Prix del Interior del País".

Se corrieron: 1 Regata el sábado 14 con much viento, que la ganaron Guillermo parada y Gonzalo Martinez, de Buenos Aires; el domingo con menos viento y fuertes borneos, se largaron 4 regatas más, completándose 5 en total y ninguna de descarte. Los puestos fueron.

Es de observar la carrera que van tomando la dupla Ocariz/Ocariz de Rosario, que habiendo ganado todo, aquí en Villa Carlos Paz, se perfilan muy bien para del Hemisferio Occidental y el Mundial '96. No debemos olvidar, que en este año también ganaron el Sudamericano Junior en Brasil.

La próxima edición del Festival Cordobes será en Octubre del '96 y vale anunciar que en el '97 vendrá el Sudamericano, y en el '98 el Mundial Master. Como fin de fiesta, tuvimos en la última noche, el sorteo de un timón Primex, un juego de velas North Sails, y un Snipe Primex. Este último, fue ganado por una linda tripulación tucumana, muy querida por la gente de Snipe. Se trata de Norma Naval y Julio Grellet. Para ellos Felicitaciones, y esperamos que ahora sí, mejoren su nivel.

Hay que destacar la colaboración en la organización de lo que fue, a varias personas: En Recepción y Cenas, las Sras. Chani Dracich, Mafalda Tapia, Chabela Giampieri, Graciela Romero y Adriana Aballay. En Secretaría del Campeonato, los Sres. Carlos Wybert, José Corbalan y Andrés Giampieri. En Puerto y Apoyo, los Sres. Francisco Bardossy y Oscar Dracich. En Medición,, los Sres. Eduardo Sanchez y lucas Morsino. En Prensa, a los Sres. Roberto Giassone y Oscar Arrambide. En Regatas, los Sres. Carlos Gastellu, Hugo Canale, Oscar Dracich y Martín Romero. Y en Protestas, los Sres. Carlos Diehl y Arturo Martinez. Además del personal del CNC que siempre tuvo la mejor disposición, durante el evento.

También colaboraron el Cuerpo Especial de Policia del Lago, en apoyo y seguridad. Una Mención aparte is para la Prefectura Naval argentina, delegación Rasrio, que so vino desinteresadamente con sus semirrigidos a poner su granito de apoyo.

La parte de Sponsors, Colaboradores, a todos en gral., va el agradecimiento y esperamos volver a verlos en el próximo XVI Festival Cordobes de Snipes.

—Francisco Agusti
Comodoro

—Rodolfo Frank
Presidente
Club Nautico Cordoba

Results

Juniors

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------|
| 1. Javier/Nicolas Ocariz | Rosario |
| 2. Diego Pena/Pablo Velazco | San Nicolas |
| 3. Juan Gomez/Nicolas Hormanazabal | San Nicolas |

Seniors

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| 1. Javier/Nicolas Ocariz | Rosario |
| 2. Hector Longarella/Javier Lopez | Buenos Aires |
| 3. Guillermo Parada/Gonzalo Martinez | Buenos Aires |
| 4. Hernan Peralta/Esteban Baquedano | Rosario |
| 5. Diego Pena/Pablo Velazco | San Nicolas |
| 6. Matias/Juan I. Pereyra | Buenos Aires |
| 7. Marcelo Pesci/Pablo Bardossy | Cordoba |

Masters

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| 1. Pancho Agusti/Eduardo Sanchez | Cordoba |
| 2. Pedro Sisti/Jorge Engelhard | Buenos Aires |
| 3. Oscar Gonzalez/Servio Corregidor | Salta |

photo: Johnny MacCall & Palmo Merayo round the weather mark at Cordoba



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For more information, contact:

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Sail Expo - St. Pete

November 2-5, 1995 was a sailboat show plus! St. Pete's annual Boat show was selected to be a Sail Expo event, and of course the Snipe Class had to be a presence! The St. Pete and Clearwater fleets combined efforts to put on the Snipe show. Snipe legend, Francis Seavy of the Clearwater Fleet, brought his beautiful "Honey", a 1947 Clark Mills design for display. She was the hook - nobody who loves sailboats can pass by a gorgeous wooden boat without stopping for a look. Steve Lang of the St. Pete Fleet spruced up his practically new Phoenix design (28045) with some new color coded running rigging - and now the hook was baited! Fleet members stood out in the sunshine, missing work and who knows what else, fishing for new Snipers. We snagged a few with quite a few more thinking about it! It was a very successful fishing expedition, all in all. We recommend it at any of your local boat shows. Even if you are indoors, and don't have to suffer getting a tan, I'm sure you will have the same results if done with as much enthusiasm and professionalism as we mustered for this show. It is definitely a team thing. It takes several well prepared snipers to properly cover two boats swarming with potential Snipe sailors; to sift through the "I used to sail a Snipe back in the '50's" crowd with polite and meaningful small talk, to expertly shift the boats displayed as the wind clocks/veers so that sails are properly set at all times (one handily off the wind for pole launching demos) to hand out Snipe Class literature; to reassure reluctant spouses of potential Snipers; to fend off small children with sticky cotton candy fingers; to patiently & intelligently educate the sailing masses (check your fleet for teachers and doctors - they have this educate the masses thing down pat). We used a giant eight foot tall and 12 feet wide backdrop, displaying "great shot" up close photos of our fleet



photo: St. Pete and Clearwater fleet members pose behind Francis Seavy's "Honey" at the St. Pete Boat Show - Sherry Welch, Bob Foster, Steve Lang, Francis Seavy, Ethan Bixby, Dick Edwards, Chris Klotz

members sailing in local and international regattas - these pictures were enlarged to 11x18 and laminated (thanks to local fleet member Tony McCoy) for the display board. We also enlarged an laminated Snipe Bulletin covers that were just too good (the Old Man rounding the jibe mark at the Nationals this year!), as well as color enhanced computer generated "lists" of the local calendar of Snipe races, and another of major national and international events through 1996. This was real eye opener for people who had no idea how strong the Snipe Class is. The display was colorful and

impressive to see - a real sales pitch. If you'd like any advice about doing a boat show, give us a call!

—Bill & Sherry Welch
Fleet 801 Captains

SANCTIONED SNIPE REGATTAS



MARCH 2-3; GEORGIA STATE CHAMPS: Valdosta Yacht Club, Valdosta, GA.

MARCH 17-20; MIDWINTER CHAMPIONSHIPS: Clearwater, Florida. Bob Foster, 2990 Mayfair Ct., Clearwater, FL 34621. 813-796-3805

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MARCH 30-APRIL 1; NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS: Royal Nassau SC, Nassau, Bahamas. Peter Christie, PO Box N1628, Nassau, Bahamas. Fax: 809-326-5642.

APRIL 27-28; HERB SHEAR SPRING INVITATIONAL: Mission Bay Yacht Club, San Diego, CA. Sean Biehl, 1833 Tustin Street, San Diego, CA 92106 619-226-2490.

MAY 11-12; SOUTHERNS: Privateer Yacht Club, Chattanooga, TN.

MAY 18-19; SOUTHEASTERNS: Lake Lanier Sailing Club, Atlanta, GA

JUNE 8-9; DISTRICT 6 CHAMPIONSHIPS: Mission Bay Yacht Club, San Diego, CA 92106. Jerome Fournier, 619-268-0925.

JUNE 15-16; DISTRICT 4 CHAMPIONSHIPS: Atlanta Yacht Club, Atlanta, GA. John Muhlhausen, 770-642-1146

Florida's Sailfest

The annual Sailfest Regatta is held each year over the first weekend in December. Location: Lake Monroe - Sanford, Florida. It is billed as the biggest inland regatta in the world. It seems possible, when you are sitting out there on the lake, surrounded by just about every class you can think of, from IODAs to International Canoes; from Lasers to J-24s. It is a zoo of sailors of every description. Massive parties, internationally known guest speakers lecturing on Friday before racing starts, as well as Saturday evening. It is definitely a happening. And Snipers are well know to sniff out a happening, even if it is a Multi-class event, where Snipes are not even close to being the biggest fleet. And one of the best

party sniffers of all, Bill Buckles of the famed Cleveland Fleet, was of course on hand, with blender in tow. And not to be out done, the Canadian Contingency (Bent Poulsen and Id and Ann Crook) showed and even sailed! And the Welch's, having been scolded for not attending such a marvelous event so close to home the previous year, tried to make up for their shortcomings by each brining a Snipe and sailing separately (thank you JT for the use of your boat!) All in all, it was a great light air regatta, a chance to see old friends and an opportunity to make new ones.

If you'd like to assist the Snipe Class in becoming a bigger presence at this annual Event, please put the first weekend in December on your calendar for 1996! We'll send you a map. In fact, come a week early and race the FL State Champs. Then bring your boat back to St. Pete and leave it stored there until the Dead of Winter regatta a month later! You are missing way too much fun!

—Bill & Sherry Welch
Fleet 801 Captains

Results--crew names not given

Skipper	Hull #	Finishes	Total
1. Steve Lippincott	25948	1-4-2	6.75
2. Bill Buckles	29092	3-1-3	6.75
3. Scott Zebny	25058	5-3-5	13
4. Travis Yates	26459	2-12-1	14.75
5. Bent Poulsen	25843	4-6-8	18
6. Sherry Welch	27772	8-2-9	19
7. Coffman	26165	9-5-6	20
8. Peter Ilgenfritz	27469	7-8-7	22
9. Bill Welch	28972	6-7-10	23
10. Bob Foster	26397	12-12-4	28
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