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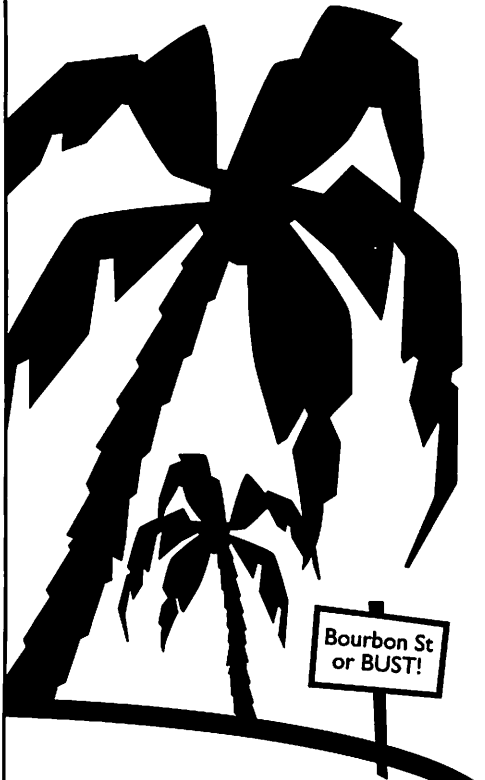
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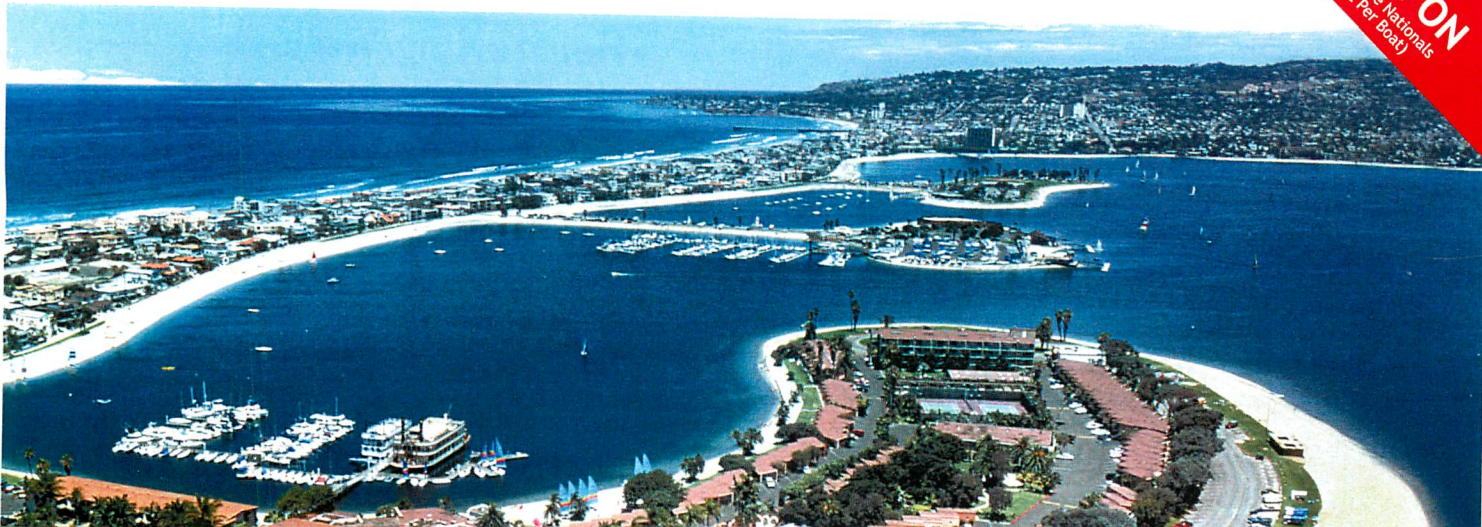
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COMMODORES COMMENTS

Be an Ambassador for the Class...

For many parts of the Snipe world, this is the time of year to prepare for another sailing season. This will be a very big year for SCIRA. The 1999 Snipe Class World Championships will be held in Santiago de la Ribera, Spain in September. The Junior World Championships are also being held in Spain during the month of August. The European, South American, and North American Championships are all being scheduled and organized, and regional regatta schedules are being carefully constructed.

Typically, SCIRA governors, fleet captains, and other volunteers conduct key meetings and complete SCIRA business at these major championships and the majority of SCIRA work is accomplished this way. While this works well and will continue, there are also drawbacks. SCIRA governors are also sailors and competitors and there is a regatta schedule going on. The SCIRA meetings are competing for time with the competitive schedule and social events. The result is that there is not always the amount of time we would all want for careful discussion and study of issues and actions at these meetings. This is the reason that much SCIRA Board of Governors business is executed throughout the year on a quarterly agenda of business issues. The SCIRA Board of Governors is, in fact, a "working" board with board motions being brought forward and acted on throughout the year.

This past month, through the hard work and instigation of two past commodores of SCIRA, Buzz Levinson and Terry Timm, a productive SCIRA meeting was held in Atlanta, Georgia. The attendees composed a virtual braintrust of SCIRA past commodores, board members, US district governors, and interested Snipe sailors. Snipe boat builders and sailmakers were also invited to understand their viewpoints and perspective. All attendees devoted a weekend of their time to focus

on the relevant issues facing the Snipe class today (Thankfully it rained all weekend so this group of sailors didn't have to wistfully stare at the beakoning puffs on a sunny Allatoona Lake). The focused agenda covered issues such as boat, blade, and spar standardization; cost of new and used boats; the future of the Snipe Bulletin; restructuring of SCIRA membership and dues; better cooperation with boat builders and sailmakers; and how we can grow membership and promote the class. Based on the success of this meeting, I suggest that this event is repeated every other year and that similar meetings are held on each SCIRA continent with minutes sent to the SCIRA office.

The common theme of the weekend centered around how we can promote the class, grow membership, and continue to thrive in an evolving sailing world. There was much discussion about changing the boat in various ways. This discussion will continue and there are some things which should be done. It became clear, though, that the critical issues facing our future are not with the boat itself. The Snipe is a great boat as it exists today, although we will continue to evolve it slowly and carefully as SCIRA has in the past. SCIRA already has a great product to offer to the sailing world! The issue is how we package it and offer it to new potential customers in a volunteer organization with modest marketing budgets.

As we all watch the new sailing season evolve, I ask all SCIRA members to consider what you will individually do this year to be an ambassador for the Snipe class. We all must do our part to promote and market this great product that we all love. Everyone's ambassadorship will take a different form, but I ask everyone to do something individually to promote the Snipe class this year. Write to the Snipe Bulletin and tell us about it.

As a final teaser on the subject....what exactly are you and your fleet doing for World Snipe Day May 5th?

Commodore Lee Griffith

THE COVER: 1999 Brazilian Nationals with 74 entries, framed by the beautiful scenery of Rio de Janeiro. Hector Echebaster photo.

THE COUNT: 26 numbers were issued this month. 2 to Brazil; 10 to Japan; 4 to Italy; 1 to the US and 9 to Spain.

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50th BRAZILIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

January 24 - 30, 1999

The 50th Brazilian National Championship was hosted by fleet 159 from the Iate Clube do Rio de Janeiro. As traditional the Fernando Avelar Trophy was raced on Sunday, 24 first day of the Championship as a more of "get to know the course" race. Sailing on the Guanabara Bay of the lovely Rio de Janeiro is a privilege, The Sugar Loaf and The Christ, with open arms welcoming all sailors. The winning team was: Leonardo Priolli and Eduardo Neves (the last World Champion crew). 74 Snipes signed up so the organising committee divided the fleet into 4 groups: yellow, white, purple and green. Each group sailed 6 races (one colour group against another) in 3 days, until after a drop race, the first 37 (half of the fleet) were classified as the Gold group and the rest as Silver group.

Day 1: The two first races started with an extremely hot day with winds of 12-15 knots, outgoing tide and high waves. The Race Committee made a very short starting line and several starts had to be made as most of the fleet had an early start. Both races were Olympic course.

Day 2: The day started hotter than ever, very mild winds so the Race Committee waited over 2 hours to start the first race. This time the starting line was longer, but not enough. When the first race started sailors were already tired of waiting. With winds at 8 - 10 knots the Race Committee chose a windward-leeward course. Day 3: Lots of clouds and less heat was the weather of the third day. Winds were good 10 to 12 knots. Both races were a windward-leeward course. The starting line was long enough (sailors comments) only one boat of both races had an OCS. The fish were flying over the Snipes, and Fernando Garrafa the Brazilian measurer "fished" one, and as in the evening the club offered a bar-b-q his dinner was guaranteed.. With these 6 results and a drop race, the fleet was divided into two groups: gold fleet and silver fleet. By now the leading team was: André Fonseca / Rodrigo Duarte followed by Paulo / Ricardo Santos and Ivan Pimentel / Rodrigo Lins.

Day 4: From now on the first start was for the gold fleet with the silver fleet starting 7 minutes later. The course chosen for the first race of the day was the Olympic one as winds were 15 to 18 knots. The tide was strong and many sailors had a certain difficulty in sailing. One of them was Kurt Diemer, the new Brazilian Snipe Constructor, who got to the first mark to realize that his skipper had fallen off the Snipea meter back and he was sailing alone. Ivan Pimentel, winner of the gold fleet of both

races that day, used all his skills and knowledge of being used to sailing in Rio and won the first race with a great advantage over the second. The winners of the silver fleet were: Bruno Motta/Bruno Gauer (a junior team) who won both races too.

Day 5: The 9th race was organised for this day. It was a difficult day for the sailors. The race committee took 2 hours to decide what kind of course, where to put the marks as the winds were not constant. Tempers were high and most of the sailors were starting to get really nervous. Finally the chosen course was the Olympic one and as the wind was mild and with the tide, slowly going out, the race was over in one hour. The winners were: gold fleet Andre Fonseca, silver fleet again Bruno Motta. Day 6 and last day: By this time Andre Fonseca had one point less than Ivan Pimentel so it was going to be The D Day. Nothing worked. First the winds were strong coming from the north-west and which meant having a start against the outgoing tide so the race committee decided to postpone and wait at the club. After over one hour the wind had changed to south-east

the Race Committee went out and so did most of the sailors. As most of the sailors reached the course, the weather changed, winds started to blow strong, over 30 knots. Those who were out on the course went for shelter. Sometime later the wind stopped blowing. With no conditions to sail and no more time, the race committee had no other option and cancelled the race. As some were being brought in by some rescue boats another storm approached. It is the third time in a row that there is a storm and damage to Snipes on the last day of the Nationals. We hope it is not going to become a tradition.

In the evening the Iate Clube do Rio de Janeiro hosted a memorable party, good food, lovely prizes and the best - a dance which went late into the night, everybody having great fun and relaxing after a week of tense races.

--Celia Garrafa

Top Results:

Gold Fleet:

1st Andre Fonseca/ Rodrigo Duarte
2nd Ivan Pimentel/Rodrigo Lins
3rd Paulo Santos/Ricardo Santos
4th Bruno de Amorim/Eduardo Rodrigues
5th Roberto Paradede/Daniel Ortega

Silver Fleet:

1st Bruno Motta/Bruno Gauer
2nd Pablo Furlan/Piero Furlan
3rd Francisco Vianna/Helio de Aquino Jr
1st Roberto Paradede/ Daniel Ortega
2nd Frederico Vasconcellos /Pedro Mascarenhas
3rd Marcos Mascarenhas / Pedro Caldas

Junior :

Master:

1st Paulo Santos/Ricardo Santos
2nd Bibi Juetz/Fernando Krahe
3rd Henrique Motta/Jorge Bueno

Ladies Team:

1st Caroline Bejar/Renata Veiga
2nd Mariana Teixeira/Simone Dani
3rd Vivian Mac Knight/ Nina Morgado

Mixed Team:

Jose Paulo Barcellos/ Amanda Dias
2nd Carlos Chaves / Virginia Almeida
3rd Mario Simoes/Deborah Wilcox

Teen Team:

(born after
1982)

1st Rafael Lima/ Bernardo Mulhbauer
2nd Michel Weber/ Flavio Scherer
3rd Felipe Chaves/ Affonso Chaves Neto



UK News

**The Old Fox
Leslie Lancaster
Retires at 91**

1999 sees the retirement from active Snipe competition of a 91 year old UK member, Leslie Lancaster. Whilst Leslie retains his deep support and interest in the Class, plus, assures all that where and when it becomes necessary his opinion and argument shall still be voiced to both defend and progress SCIRA.. he is far from over the hill.

Holder of many titles in championship racing the one title and nickname sums up this very wily sailor... "The Old Fox". Leslie has served on numerous SCIRA UK committee's, held for three separate terms as Fleet Captain of the Maldon fleet and also undertaken most offices in Maldon Yacht Club, inclusive of Commodore.

Although Leslie talks of retirement and sold his beloved Snipe *Marnie*, it has been noticed on the Maldon Yacht Club notice of 1999 "crews available" there is top of the list the name Leslie Lancaster...

--John Broughton



photo above: Leslie Lancaster with John White, Maldon Fleet Captain. Photo was taken in October 1998 at Leslie's last championship race - the British Snipe South Eastern Championship, hosted by Maldon Yacht Club.



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The Strategy of SCIRA Europe

Many people ask me; what will you do as the new SCIRA European Secretary? Good question! I can answer like this: develop the class; bring young people to the Snipe.. but this is basic and obvious!

The first item is to develop SCIRA Europe. Currently rules pertaining to SCIRA Europe don't exist. So, following the plan originally conceived by Antonio Roquette, I have proposed an amended European Statute. This will provide Europe with some administrative rules and guidelines. For example, the election of the European General Secretary, Northern and Southern Secretaries and the other European officers; meeting schedules and other items pertaining to the administration of SCIRA Europe. This work is currently in progress and I hope the new European Statute can be approved at the 1999 Snipe Worlds. There are some rumors that the Europeans seek to divide themselves from the rest of SCIRA. This is absolutely false! We all work together and work well as SCIRA International to keep our Class strong around the world.

The second step is to produce the European calendar. Normal? Not this year! It's the first time that we actually have a European calendar. My goal is to increase the

exchange of regattas between the different countries. Our European Championship is held in even numbered years. What do we do in the odd numbered years? Only a few crews from each country go to the Worlds, but it should be important to find other competitions for competitors for those not attending the Worlds. Currently we have the European Cup and the Northern and Southern European Championships. We must find a way to increase participation at these regattas.

We also have to look at the European Championship. This event must become more important in the sailing world, as we need more attendees, we need better race committees and we need better organization. In the last two European Championships, for example, the race committees didn't follow the SCIRA rules. SCIRA Europe must be very strong to ensure compliance of our rules at championship regattas. We also have a Junior European Championship in which we must also place increased importance.

Today SCIRA is represented in many European countries, but this is not enough. We must increase our strength in important countries like Germany. And we have opportunities in all the countries of Eastern! In many of these countries the Snipe is the ideal boat.

We must market the Snipe through exposi-

tions, advertising and newspapers and promote the Class in Europe from the junior to the National Sailing Federation levels.

So you see, we have a full agenda and we are open to your ideas and input. We have a good team in the European officers; André Callot, Vice Euro Secretary; Pedro Pons, Southern European Secretary; Ola Nygard, Northern European Secretary and Alexei Fomin, Eastern European Secretary. These gentlemen have a wealth of ideas and are ready to work for the Class, so I believe you will be hearing from Europe in the coming year!

Ezio Braga
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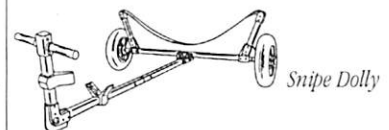
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1999 US Regatta Schedule

as of 2/20/99

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District 1

May 22-23	Blue/Grey	Island Heights, NJ
June 5-6	Districts/Colonial Cup	Annapolis, MD
June 26-27	Whittemore/St. John	Lake Quassapaug, CT
July 10-11	Winchester Invitational	Winchester, MA
August 14-15	Down Bays	Little Egg Harbor, NJ
August 28-29	Board of Governors	Lake Quassapaug, CT
September 11-12	NJ State Champs	Surf City, NJ
September 17-19	North Americans	Cottage Park, MA
September 25-26	Mystic Lake Open	Medford, MA
October 16-17	Frigid Digit	Annapolis, MD

District 2

March 23-17	US Pan Am Trials	New Orleans, LA
May 29-30	SouthWesterns	Dallas, TX
June 19-20	District Champs	Lincoln, NE
July 3-4	Missouri Valley	Omaha, NE
July 10-11	Norm Tanner	Bow Mar, CO
August 14-15	Rocky Mountain	Grand Lake, CO
September 4-5	2000 Nationals Warm-up	Oklahoma City, OK
September 18-19	Ramel Williams	Lake Lotawana, MO

District 3

June 5-6	Cowan Lake	Cowan Lake, OH
June 12-13	District Champs	Columbus, OH
June 19-20	Barton Pond	Ann Arbor, MI
June 26-27	Governor's Cup	Springfield, IL
July 10-11	Michigan Open	Grand Rapids, MI
July 17-18	Gull Lake Regatta	Gull Lake, MI
September 11-12	Indiana Open	Indianapolis, IN
September 13-16	US Masters	Indianapolis, IN
September 25-26	Carlyle Regatta	Carlyle, IL

District 4

March 10-11	Midwinters	Clearwater, FL
March 13-14	Don Q Rum	Miami, FL
April 17-18	AYC Invitational	Atlanta, GA
May 8-9	Southern	Privateer, TN
May 22-23	District Champs	Lake Lanier, GA
July 31-August 1	Southeastern	Lake Lanier, GA
September 11-12	Florida Jr. Champs	Miami, FL
September 11-12	Battle of Atlanta	Lake Lanier, GA
October 30-31	Halloween	Atlanta, GA
November 27-28	Florida State Champs	St. Pete, FL

District 5

July 10-11	New York State Open	Chataqua, NY
July 24-25	District Champs	Cuba, NY
August 14-15	Briody Regatta	Newport, NY

District 6

March 27-28	Olympic Classes Regatta	Alamitos Bay, CA
April 24-25	Herb Shear Memorial*	Mission Bay, CA
May 29-30	Memorial Day*	Alamitos Bay, CA
July 10-11	District Champs*	Mission Bay, CA
July 31-August 1	24 hour Regatta	Mission Bay, CA
October 2-3	Lake Cachuma*	Santa Barbara, CA
October 30-31	Carolyn Nute Memorial*	Mission Bay, CA
November 20-21	Turkey Day	Alamitos Bay, CA
December 11-12	Hot Rum	Mission Bay

*traveling trophy regatta

District 7

March 7	Midwinter #4a	Richmond, CA
March 13-14	Spring Regatta	St. Francis YC, CA
March 14	Midwinter #4b	Lake Merrit, CA
April 3	Spring Regatta	Richmond, CA
April 17	Flatwater #1	Encinal, CA
May 1	Flatwater #2	Encinal, CA
May 15-16	Spring Regatta	Lake Washington, CA
June 12	Flatwater #3	Encinal, CA
June 19-20	Districts	Clear Lake, CA
July 17	Flatwater #4	Encinal, CA
August 7	Flatwater #5	Encinal, CA
August 14-15	PCCs/Al Morris	Yale Lake, WA
August 28	Flatwater #6	Encinal, CA
September 25-26	Nor Cal Open	Richmond, CA
October 23-24	Fall Classic	St. Francis YC, CA
November 20	Turkey Shoot	Lake Washington, CA

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SCIRA Major Regatta Schedule

1999 South American Championship

Algarrobo, Chile
Juniors: March 28-31
Seniors: April 1-4

1999 Junior World Championship

Almeria, Spain
August 17-21

1999 Northern European Championship

Harwich, United Kingdom
August 5-8

1999 Pan American Games

Gimli, Manitoba, Canada
July 25-31

1999 World Championship

Santiago de la Ribera, Spain
September 4-12

1999 North American Championship

Cottage Park, Maryland
September 17-19

US Major Regatta Schedule

1999 US Pan American Trials

March 23-27
New Orleans, LA
Lake Ponchartrain, Southern YC

1999 US National Championship

Junior, Women's and Senior
Mission Bay, California
Junior & Women's - July 24-25
Senior - July 26-30
Top 3 qualify for 2000 WH & O in Argentina

1999 US Masters Championship

Indianapolis, Indiana
September 13-16

1999 North American Championship

Cottage Park, Massachusetts
September 17-19

*Top US sailors qualifies for 2000 WH & O in Argentina
Top Jr. sailor qualifies for 2000 WH & O in Argentina*

1999 US District Championship Schedule

District 1: June 5-6 - Annapolis, MD
District 2: June 19-20 - Lincoln, NE
District 3: May 12-13 - Columbus, OH
District 4: May 22-23 - Lake Lanier, GA
District 5: July 24-25 - Cuba Lake, NY
District 6: July 10-11 - Mission Bay, CA
District 7: June 19-20 - Clear Lake, CA

1998 Snipe Champions

Trophy

Trophy	Winner
Masters World Championship	Bibi Juetz /Felipe Vasconcellos, Brazil
Roy Yamaguchi Women's World Championship	Ekaterina Skoudina /Tatiana Lartseva, Russia
European Championship Hayward Western Hemisphere	Aureliano Negrin /David Martin, Spain Eduardo Santambrogio /Gonzo Martinez, Argentina
Mills North American Champion	George Szabo/ Jeff Baker, USA
South American Championship	Ricardo Fabini /Saralegui, Uruguay
Junior European Championship	Gabriel Orfila /Arturo Barranco, Spain
Reichner High Point Trophy	Neil Martin, England

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Argentina	Senior Junior Master Womens	Cristian Noé & E. Ezequiel González Ignacio F. Viñas & Lucas Gómez Julio Labandeira & Verena Zagni Adriana Lischeron & M.Zapia
Bahamas	Senior	Robert Dunkley & Lee McCoy
Bermuda	Senior	Mark Henneberger & Bob Petty
Brazil	Senior	Alexandre Paradedá & F. Fernandes
Canada	Senior	John Jackman & Steve Stewart
Chile	Senior	Sebastián Larrain & Juan Gacte
Colombia	Senior	Felipe Castillo & M.I. Astorquia
Denmark	Senior Junior	Preben Kristensen & Uffe Schmidt Otto Nielsen & Thomas Rasmussen
Finland	Senior	Ville Aalto-Set & Jussi Nevas
Italy	Senior	Gabriele Bernardis & Stefano Pontalti
Japan	Senior Junior Master Womens	J. Shiraishi & K. Sumita Shimada & Kanamori K. Kawakami & S. Omori K. Isobe & Y. Matsuura
Spain	Senior Junior Masters Womens	Aureliano Negrin & David Ruiz Gonzalo Morales & J. de la Cruz Felix Gancedo & Carlos Llamas Blanca Espinosa & R. Fernandez
Sweden	Senior Junior Masters Womens	Patrik Jönsson & Rickard Oberpichers Martin Wigfors & Johan Wigfors Tommy and Christina Sandberg Sofia Watz & Linda Johansson
United States	Senior Junior Masters Womens	George Szabo & Eric Wilcox Steve Hochart & Jonathan Boyd George & Greg Fisher Jennifer Rousmaniere & Barb Evans
United Kingdom	Senior Junior Womens	Tim & Kay Tavinor Phillip Marshall & Anne Gregory Sue Antonelli & Sarah Mees
Uruguay	Senior Junior	Ricardo Fabini & Ignacio Saralegui Pablo Defazio & Diego Stefani

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Nordic Championship	Thomas Iversen & Schmidt
Bacardi Series	George Szabo & Jeff Baker
Gamblin Series	Shinichi Uchida & Lori Lowe
Zimmerman Trophy	George Szabo/C. Newman/J. Baker
Wiibroe Cup	Thomas Iversen & Nicolas Hansen
Bermuda Int'l Race Week	Lee Griffith & Lisa Griffith
Open Belgian Championship	Preben Kristensen & Offe Schmidt

European Regatta Calendar

April 1-2 Copa de España, Spain
 April 1-2-3 Sanremo, Easter Regatta, Italy
 April 1-4 Trofeo Princesa Sofia, Majorca, Spain
 April 10-11 Brouwershaven, Holland
 April 17-18 Orta, Italy
 April 17-18 Gran Trofeo, Valencia, Spain
 April 24-25 Trieste, Italy
 April 24-25 Horsens, Italy
 April 24-25 Bracciano, Italy

 May 1-2 Le Havre, France
 May 1-2 Monfalcone, Italy
 May 1-2 Majsnipen, Sweden
 May 8-9 Cazaux, France
 May 8-9 Var, Berum, Norway
 May 8-9 Blue Circle, UK
 May 8-9 GUL - Malmo, Sweden
 May 15-16 Cerro, Italy
 May 15-16 Club Nautico, Madrid, Spain
 May 15-16 Trofeo Bahia de Vigo, Spain
 May 21-24 Wibro Cup, Espergaerde, Denmark
 May 21-24 Tampere, Finland
 May 22-24 Lorient, France
 May 29-30 Spring Cup, Asgarstrand, Norway
 May 29-30 Trofeo Diller's, Madrid, Spain

 June 5-6 Le Havre, France
 June 5-6 les Mureaux, France
 June 5-6 Erth Town, UK
 June 12-13 Créteil, France
 June 12-13 Red & Green Cup, Vestfjordens, Norway
 June 12-13 Brenzone, Italy
 June 12-13 Maldon, UK
 June 12-13 Horsens, Denmark
 June 19-20 Talamone, Italy
 June 19-20 Helsinki, Finland
 June 19-20 Caldonazzo, Italy
 June 24-27 Norwegian Nationals
 June 26-27 Créteil, France
 June 26-27 Belgirate, Italy
 June 26-27 Oostershelde, Holland
 June 26-27 Stone, UK
 June 26-28 Trofeo Inauguración, Santiago de la Ribera, Spain

 July 1-4 Danish National Championship
 July 3-4 Luino, Italy
 July 3-4 Broadstairs, UK
 July 9-11 Hagon Regatta, Hanko, Finland
 July 10-11 Italian Masters/Women, Brenzone, Italy
 July 10-11 Wilsonian, UK
 July 10-13 French Open, Lorient, France
 July 15-17 Audierne, France
 July 17-18 Talamone, Italy
 July 17-18 Bellano, Italy
 July 17-18 Ledro, Italy
 July 19-21 Vetternsnipen, Motala, Sweden
 July 22-24 Nordic Championship, Motala, Sweden
 July 26-27 Abersoch, UK
 July 30-Aug 1 French Open, Martigne, France
 July 30-Aug 1 Torri del Benaco, Italy

 August 4-8 North European Open, Harwich, UK
 August 7-8 Claovey, France
 August 7-8 Brouwershaven, Holland
 August 9-10 Claovey, France
 August 17-19 KNS, Norway
 August 21 Open Junior/Ladies, UK
 August 17-21 Junior World, Almeria, Spain
 August 19-22 Finnish Nationals, Kokkola, Finland
 August 21-22 Vestfjordens, Norway
 August 21-22 Lorient, France
 August 21-24 Italian Championship, Rosignano, Italy
 August 28-29 Open Belgian, Brouwershaven, Holland
 August 29-30 Burnham, UK

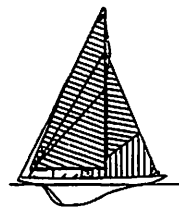
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 September 4-5 Asker, Norway
 September 4-5 Chioggia, Italy
 September 4-5 Pori, Finland
 September 4-11 World Championship, Spain
 September 11-12 Créteil, France
 September 12-13 Masters, Spain
 September 18-19 Créteil, France
 September 18-19 Asgarstrand
 September 18-19 Muggia, Italy
 September 18-19 Budworth, UK
 September 25-26 Cartagena, Spain
 September 25-26 Porto Odesclachi, Italy
 September 25-26 UK

 October 2-3 Berum, Norway
 October 2-3 Chall Le Bour, Belgium
 October 3-4 Castro Vidiales, Spain
 October 8-12 Spanish Nationals, Spain
 October 14-15 Villagarcia, Spain
 October 21-22 Skanderbor, Denmark
 October 23-24 Claovey, Spain
 October 30-31 Ciudadela, Spain
 October 30-Nov 1 Cazaux, France

 December 5-7 Santiago de la Ribera, Spain
 December 5-8 Alicante, Spain

SCIRA National Championships

Argentina	August 14-17	Santiago del Estero
Belgium	August 28-29	Brouwershaven, Holland
Brazil	January 24-30	Rio de Janeiro
Denmark	July 1-4	
France	July 10-13	Lorient
Italy	August 21-24	Rosignano
Norway	June 24-27	Bergen
Spain	October 8-12	
United States	July 24-30	Mission Bay, CA
United Kingdom	August 5-8	Harwich



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Sailing The Christmas Cracker

I had reason to be in England during most of December 1998 and new I would miss one of our mid-winter regattas on the Richmond Riviera, so I wondered if I could get a ride sailing Snipes in England. I had noticed the English winter regatta reports on the Snipe mail server, so I fired off an email to Richard Lambert the author of the reports and asked if there was any chance they could accommodate me. Richard promptly replied that indeed they could, their Christmas Cracker regatta was December 20th and they were expecting about twelve snipes. I was amazed at how simple this was. Richard and I traded emails a number of times as my departure to England approached and Richard had indeed confirmed a snipe for me. I couldn't believe my good fortune and to top it all off the Snipe was actually a brand new Devoti and I could be the first American to sail one. I was duly impressed.

I stayed in contact with Richard after I arrived in England and got directions to Richards house with instructions to be there by 8:45 am. Everyone I met in England carried a road map of the whole country, as the road system has evolved over centuries and is not exactly intuitive. The route to Richards was not made any easier by the roadwork and detours, but I got there on time. It turns out Richard and his wife Nicky were at the Worlds in San Diego having qualified for the English team. They said what a great time they had in San Diego, and what a great job everyone had done to make them feel welcome. After they loaded their car with all manner of foodstuffs we were off to the regatta. The Blue Circle Sailing Club is located in an industrial area of Kent next to the Thames estuary, very much like our venue at Lake Washington in Sacramento. Richard and Nicky it turns out were one of the main organizers of this event and we arrived first to unload all the food they had prepared for the regatta. For the first time after my arrival in England the sky was blue the sun was out and it was not raining, yeah, but it was cold, the temp must have been hovering around 38 degrees, brrrr. As we waited for the other competitors to show up I helped Richard uncover some of the Snipes kept at the club.

My ride arrived along with Ian, Richard, Phillip and Mr. and Mrs. Marshall. The Marshall's own two Snipes, Ian and Richard usually sail their new Devoti and Phillip and his junior crew sail their Skipper Snipe. I was going to be paired with Richard Marshall in the new Devoti and Ian and Phillip were going to sail their Skipper snipe. We quickly got the boats rigged and we bent on the sails I had brought from the States. I thought it would be cool to have a USA sail number on the lake.

The skippers meeting described the course as sort of "T" shaped with all marks left to port. There were snags down the center of the lake marked with poles with just two gates to pass from one side of the lake to the other. There was a windward leeward leg in the main body of the lake with a reaching leg through the gates to the other side of the lake and back. In all there were about five marks to negotiate to make a lap. We wrote the marks down and taped the sequence into the boat where Richard and I could both see it. I had so many layers of clothes on I felt like a penguin, with about the same dexterity and mobility. We hopped in the boat and took off for the start area. After we had convinced ourselves we could go upwind and downwind in the 12 knots of breeze, I made a mental note of the new names for various items in the boat i.e. centreplate for daggerboard and kicker for the vang.

We had what was for me a great start about a third of the way down the line from the favored committee boat end, going fast with clear air to weather. There had been plenty of heated conversations at the start we had managed to avoid. Richard took over the tactical chores while I settled down in the unfamiliar Devoti and concentrated on driving the boat as fast as I

could. We rounded the top mark in fourth place right behind Richard and Nicky Lambert. Our first few mark roundings were a little sketchy, nearly capsizing rounding the bottom mark when the mainsheet cleated. Thankfully Richard kept the boat right side up and I made a concerted effort to keep the mainsheet out of the cam cleat. After the first lap was complete I confirmed with Richard we were finishing, he said no we have four more laps to go. What! you have to be kidding was my response. Four more laps I repeated incredulously. Oh my god this was going to be a long day. The fleet gradually divided up into a distinct "A" and "B" fleet with Richard and I bringing up the tail end of the "A" fleet with a growing gap to the "B" fleet. Mercifully the Race committee shortened the race to three laps and Richard and I finished a respectable fourth in the Snipe fleet.

What followed would turn into a pattern repeated after every race. We would all sail back to the dock, furl the sails, march into the club house and have a hot cup of tea, very civilized and very British. Considering how cold it was I was not complaining, the hot tea warmed me up. Mr. and Mrs. Marshall were encouraging, they told us our tacking improved as the race wore on, they had been observing our efforts from the cozy confines of their warm car parked next to the lake.

After another race committee briefing where they explained the new course, shortened by one mark and a couple marks left to starboard, we left the dock for race two. The wind had picked up to about 14-15 knots so we made a few upwind sail adjustments. We were in good shape about a quarter of the way down the line with twenty seconds to go when we found ourselves being hailed to come up by a boat fast approaching from leeward and clear astern. We accelerated and bore off into a gap to leeward then came back up onto the wind as the gun went off and we had another good start. It was chaos at the top mark, we approached on the starboard tack layline ready to round to port then realized we needed to round to starboard, oops! We dodged the first two boats that rounded and bore off in front of us, starboard we cried, as we bore off to make the mark with the rest of the fleet on port scrambling to give us room. I think we rounded in third or maybe fourth, but we were subsequently rolled by boats in the passing lane on the way to the bottom mark. We were now planing on the reaching legs, I was amazed at how quickly the Devoti planed, certainly not in my McLaughlin back home with similar wind strength and crew weight. We had a terrific race with another Snipe for fifth place, we would position on what seemed like every leg. The racing was much closer in this race with no discernable separation into an "A" or "B" fleet. Richard was terrific he always managed to keep us in clear air and out of trouble upwind. Praise the Lord the race committee had again shortened the race after three laps and we were coming into the last bottom mark right on the tail of our opponent. We had a great rounding and were going fast on the beat to the finish. We traded tacks with our opponent and gradually we got ahead and managed to hold them off to take fifth in the Snipe fleet. The Devoti was impressive upwind too.

Back to the docks and the club house for more hot tea and the hearty lunch prepared by Richard and Nicky. We had jacket potatoes slathered with your choice of cheese, beans or chili, yum. It was way too much for me I was only able to demolish about half of my more than generous portion.

The third and final race of the day turned out to be a bust and we took it as our throw out. After fouling out not once but twice in basic port starboard infractions it was obvious I was getting tired. The blue skies were suddenly replaced by menacing black clouds and the wind suddenly picked up to a solid 20 knots and I was not

having any fun. The reaches were now very exciting but the spray coming off the bow was like someone throwing buckets of ice water in your face, capsizing was NOT an option. With my aversion to the mainsheet cam cleat I was having trouble holding onto the mainsheet with only one ratchet block taking the load, I told Richard I had reached my threshold. I know Richard could easily have carried on, but he gamely called it a day too and we headed for the dock and a jump on getting the boat out of the water and packed away. Putting the boat away on its very trick dolly-trailer combination was a snap. The trailer itself never has to be put in the water to launch or retrieve the Snipe, you simply roll the dolly on and off the trailer. The Snipe lives on the dolly which is locked into the trailer for towing, very slick item.

After a hot shower we all retired to tell our war stories in the club house with of course more hot tea. The hospitality of the Blue Circle Sailing Club was second to none, they repeatedly refused to let me pay for anything like registration, any of the numerous cups of tea or lunch. Ian and Richard Marshall refused to accept any fee for chartering their new Devoti, just think of it as a Christmas present, they said. Thanks guys I had a terrific time sailing with you all, it was fun and I would like to extend an invitation to any of you and the Snipe community in general to sail with us in San Francisco if you ever find yourselves in the neighborhood.

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XXX Comodoro Rasco Regatta

Miami, Florida

Peter Commette sailing Saturday with Brian Kamilar and Sunday with daughter Sheehan won the XXX ANNUAL COMODORO RASCO REGATTA. Ernesto Rodriguez with crew Naomy Basto were the runner up. Kay Voss and Jane Snedaker won the AICARDI FLEET with Bergie and Beto Montarroyos in second place. We had two boats from out of town, Matt and Laura Bryant that took THIRD overall and Jim Richter with crew Cindy Weatherby.

We sailed 3 races on Saturday with Easterly Winds 10 to 15 and 2 races on Sunday with Southeasterly Winds 10 to 12. What can I say? Biscayne Bay at its best!! The Weather had been specially ordered for this Regatta!

The Race Committee did an excellent job with Windward Leeward Courses and moving the weather mark with every windshift. We thank Race Committee Chairman Jack King and the dedicated Club Members and friends that helped, among them Garie Blackwell, Jeanne Buntun, Marge Sherman, Davis Tompkins, Will Bourne, Jr., Sharon Terenzio, Vicky Rosenbloom, Heather Wulkan and Bruce Schneider.

All, including members of the Race Committee, enjoyed Saturday night LASAGNA dinner by Carmen Diaz. Thanks for coming!

Our Coconut Grove Sailing Club Commodore Bill Beavers presented trophies for the first and second skippers and crews both for



the Rasco and the Aircardi (Blue Fleet). After trophy presentation, the traditional LA BOMBA took place with the winners drinking from LA BOMBA while the sailors sang LA BOMBA VA, LA BOMBA VA!! And they drank it all!!

Photo above: Standing from left to right: Jane Snedaker, CGSC Commodore Bill Beavers, Kay Voss, CGSC Vice Commodore Stuart Sorg, Peter & Sheehan Commete, Race Committee chairman Jack King. Front, left to right; Beto Montarroyos & children, Bergie Montarroyos and Naomy Bastos.

—Gonzalo Diaz, Sr.
Miami Fleet 007

CGSC, Coconut Grove, Florida, Feb 6 - 7

Pos	Sail#	Helmsman	Crew	Club	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	TotPts	Position
1	29114	Peter Commette	Sheehan Commette	LYC	2	2	0.75	2	0.75	7.50	1
2	27363	Ernesto Rodriguez	Naomy Basto	Miami 7	3	4	3	0.75	2	12.75	2
3	29373	Matt Bryant	Laura Bryant	SPYC	4	3	6	6	3	22.00	3
4	24776	Kevin Downey	Cristi Stroud	CGSC	7	8	2	3	6	26.00	4
5	28812	Gonzo Diaz	Pavel Naranjo	CGSC	5	6	7	7	5	30.00	5
6	28814	Gonzalo Diaz, Sr	Chris Armstrong	CGSC	8	5	9	5	4	31.00	6
7	28810	Augie Diaz	Andrew Blom	CGSC	0.75	0.75	4	18DNC	18DNC	41.50	7
8	28672	James "Jim" Richter	Cindy Weatherby	SPYC	10	7	5	8	13DNF	43.00	8
9	27364	Carr Moody	Rick Jarchow	LYC	6	17DNF	18DNC	4	7	52.00	9
10	26900	Kay Voss	Jane Snedaker	CGSC B	12	12	14	9	8	55.00	10
11	24995	Bergie Montarroyos	Beto Montarroyos	CGSC B	11	9	10	12	15OCS	57.00	11
12	22851	Pam Kelly	Michael VandeKreeke	CRYC	9	11	8	14DNF	18DNC	60.00	12
13	25058	Robin Baker	Janet Plitt	PBSC B	13	14	11	16OCS	9	63.00	13
14	28791	Jim Janda	Connie Moore	Miami 7	14	13	15	11	11	64.00	14
15	28694	Linda Wennerstrom		KBYC	15	10	13	18DNC	18DNC	74.00	15
16	25374	John Uchino		Miami 7 B	18DNC	18DNC	18DNC	10	10	74.00	16
17	23391	Fernando DeCardenas	Carlos DeCardenas	CGSC B	17	16	12	18DNC	18DNC	81.00	17
18	26486	Jay/AJ Chen/Suarez	AJ/Jay Suarez/Chen	CRYC B	16	15	16	18DNC	18DNC	83.00	18

1999 DEAD OF WINTER REGATTA

And Crewless in St. Pete

The first Snipe event of the New Year was graced with good breezes, hopefully a positive omen for the coming year for all Snipe regattas! The festivities began with the annual fireworks party aboard the Welch's boat on New Year's Eve. The evening was cool, keeping the partiers, headcount about 50, inside watching sailing videos, catching up with each other and merry making in general. But at midnight, we all crowded onto the upper and aft decks to watch the fireworks display provided by the City of St. Pete, just for us! Most of the revelers were gone by one a.m., some in anticipation of the Third Annual Competition for The Captain Bligh Admiration Cup, the single handed Snipe regatta aptly named "Crewless in St. Pete".

New Year's day dawned with light breeze, make that very light breeze, which is just perfect for single-handing your Snipe. There is quite a bit to do in a Snipe on short courses, when you have to manage it all alone. It does get busy! Twelve Capt. Blighs made it out to the course to start the race. Several others elected to use the day to practice for the real thing, and many others arrived just in time for the noon skipper's meeting (this is not the sort of regatta you rush into at early hours) but not in time to get rigged and splashed for the races. The dirty dozen who lined up for the first start included seven locals, one Canadian competitor, two Japanese competitors, one Viking, and one more Lone Ranger from out of town, Captain Bligh JibeTech. Last year's Champion, local Captain Klotz, took race one, sporting ten year old sails that appeared brown compared with the other solo sailor's gleaming whites. Captain Uchida, the 1997 Champ, made it across eighth, still getting to know his charter boat. However, Captain Pimental, quite familiar with his vessel, finished second, with his crew for DOW standing by in the photo boat complimenting his well executed roundings and tactical decisions. Local Captain Welch finished third, followed by The Viking. Race two was captured handily by Capt. Pimental, with Capt. Klotz taking a second, and Capt. Uchida finishing third, followed by a very determined Viking. Race three saw a change of characters. Capt. Pimental, perhaps wanting to give his crew a taste of the single handed experience, or perhaps just wanting to catch his breath, invited Capt. Carol Newman Cronin to take his vessel for the third race. She swapped places with him without hesitation, and went on to have a dandy pin end start, and to win the race quite handily. The Viking, beginning to get used to this crewless stuff, took second, and Captain Sawada, just beginning to get the hang of his chartered boat, grabbed third. Capt. Klotz slipped across the line in fourth. The last race saw the original cast back at the helm, fully rested, after a ride in the photo boat. Captain Sawada, now fully familiar with his chartered craft, took the number one position at the finish, The Viking snagged another second, with Capt. Klotz of the brown sails finishing third. Captain Pimental collected a fourth place after his rest in the Whaler, which was good enough to win him the High Honor of the 1999 Captain Bligh Admiration Cup, which he will gladly share with Co-Captain, Carol Cronin! Trophies were awarded later in the day at the famous New Year's Day party, hosted by Matt and Laura Bryant.

Saturday, Jan. 2, 1999, began as a perfect day for sailing on Tampa Bay and stayed that way. In spite of a general recall to start off the day, three good races were completed, with the breeze building slightly throughout the day, giving the photos boat some nice photo opportunities on the reaches. The Pimental/Cronin team started off hot with two firsts. The Norwegian team of Birger Jansen and Liv Ulveie looked very strong with two seconds, as did the Canadian entry of Kneulman/

Brown, with two third places. The Japanese team of Uchida/Oka showed promise with two fourths. The last race of the day went to Birger Jansen, with Andy and Carol taking a fifth, Dirk Kneulman nailing second, and Shinichi Uchida earning third; at the end of the first day of racing the standings were Jansen, Pimental, Kneulman, and Uchida, with the Plines and the Bixbys tied for fifth position. Spirits were good after a great day of racing, and the fleet retired to the St. Petersburg Yacht Club for cocktails and dinner.

Day two of racing began rather slowly with light air, and a postponement to give the competitors time to get to the starting area in the light conditions. The breeze picked up as the last of the boats to make it out to the course, and two more races were completed in good time and with good wind. The trophy places didn't change in


spite of two more races, and the tie between the Plines and Bixbys was settled in the Bixby's favor. Boats were packed up, trophies were awarded, and good-byes were exchanged until next time, which for many of us will be the Midwinter Circuit. Hope to see you all there!

Now is the time to make your plans for DOW 2000!!! Come to St. Pete and sail the first Snipe regatta of the century, of the millennia! Watch the Snipe Class Web site and the Bulletin for details. We plan to make this a big one, and hope that YOU will join us! Come early for a little Florida sunshine (with any luck) and to participate in a one-of-a-kind Snipe event, "Crewless in St. Pete"! Some great parties are now in the planning stages. There will be a hefty discount for early registration, and local housing will be at a premium, so register early!

—Bill & Sherry Welch
Fleet 801



photo above: Winning "crewless" skipper, Andrew Pimental, makes a perfect tack - singlehanded. Sherry Welch photo.



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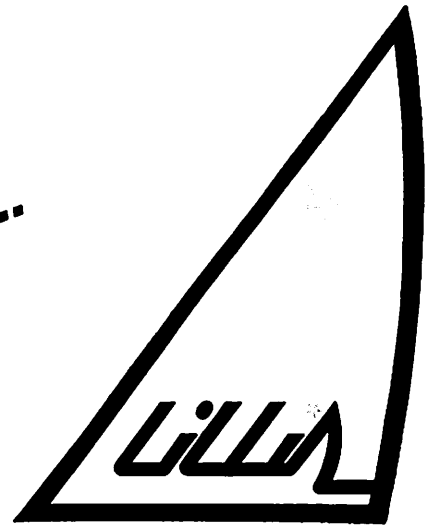
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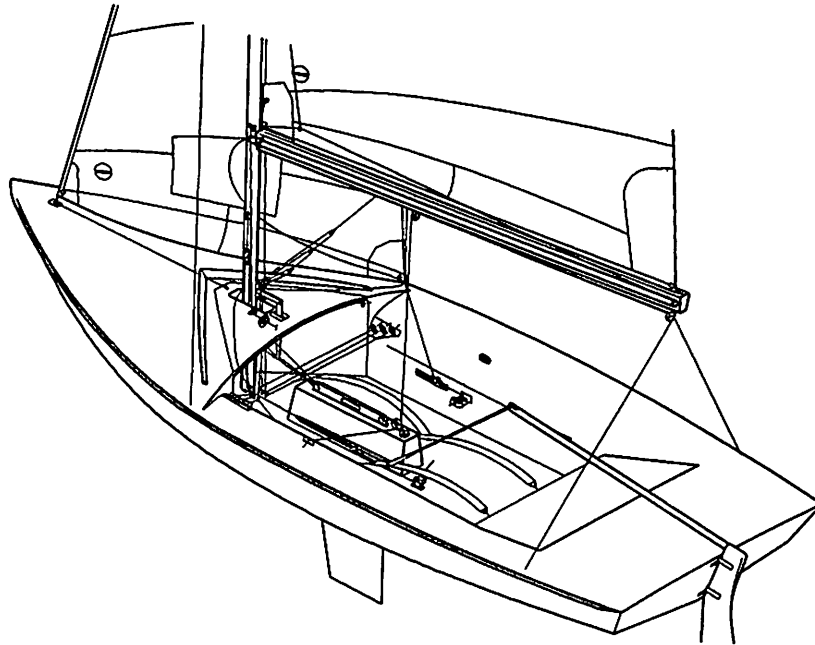


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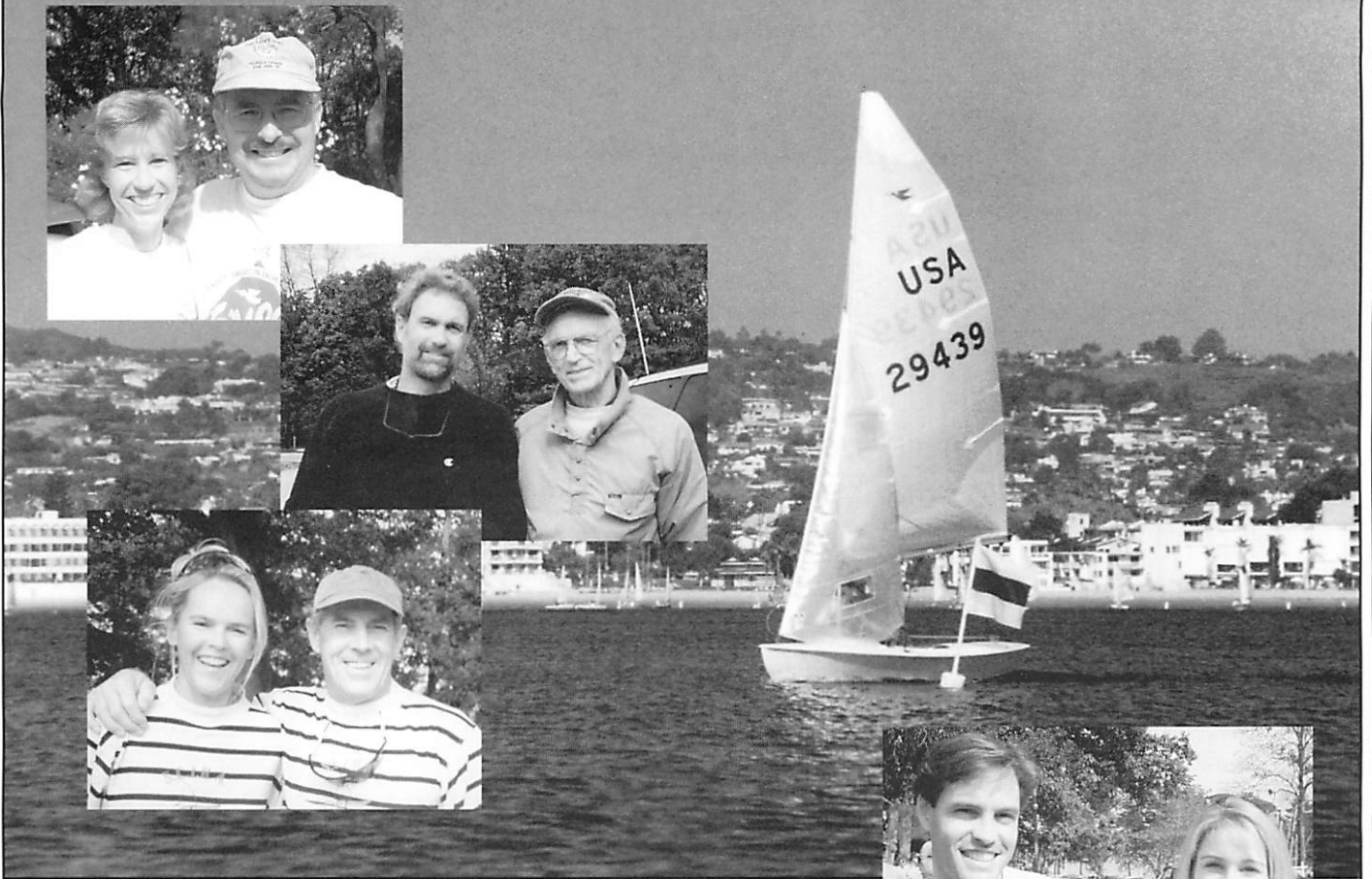
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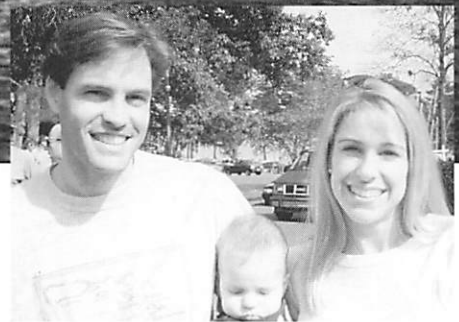
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