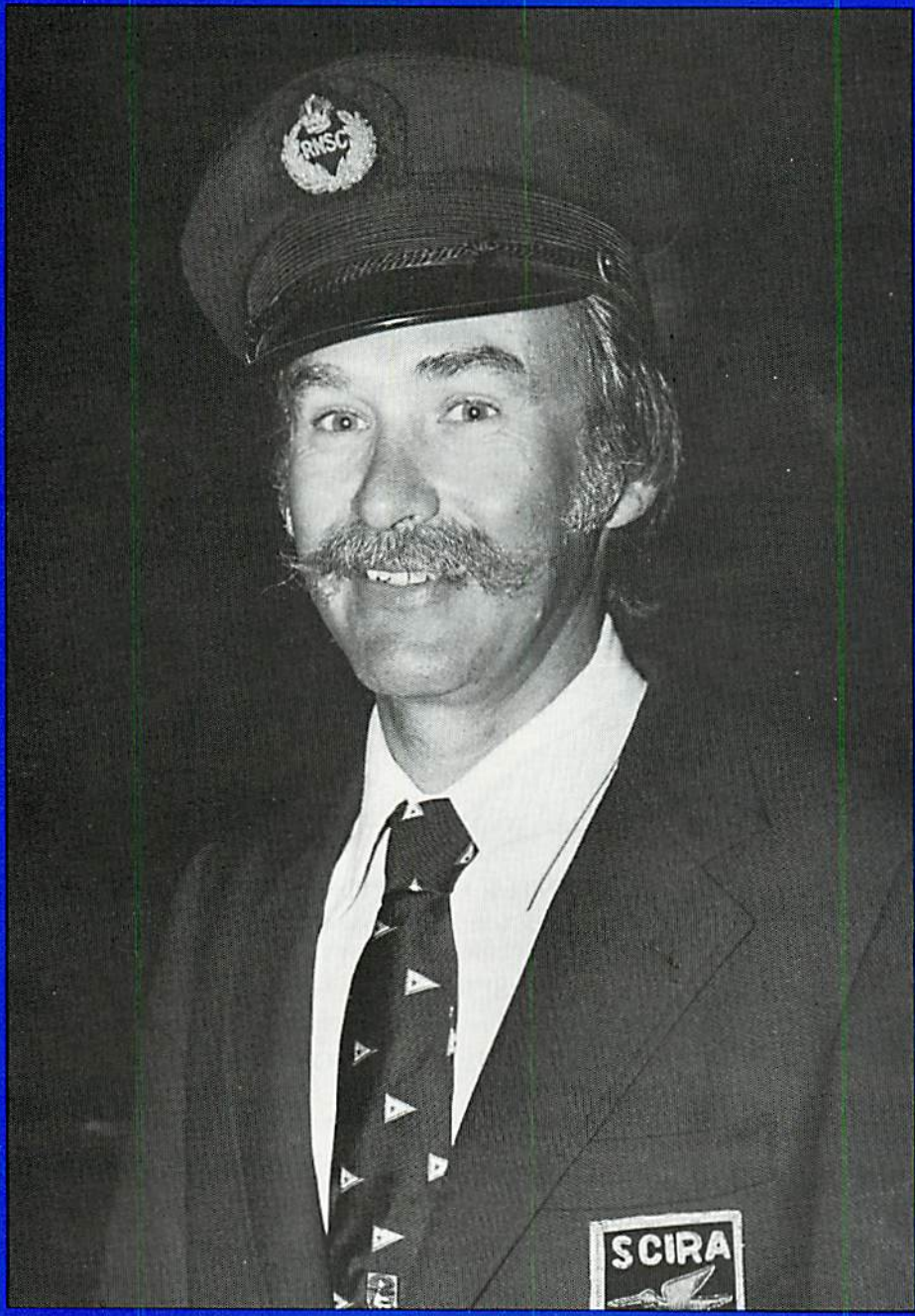
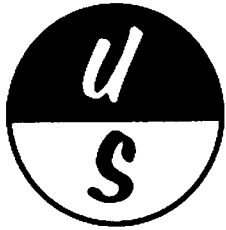


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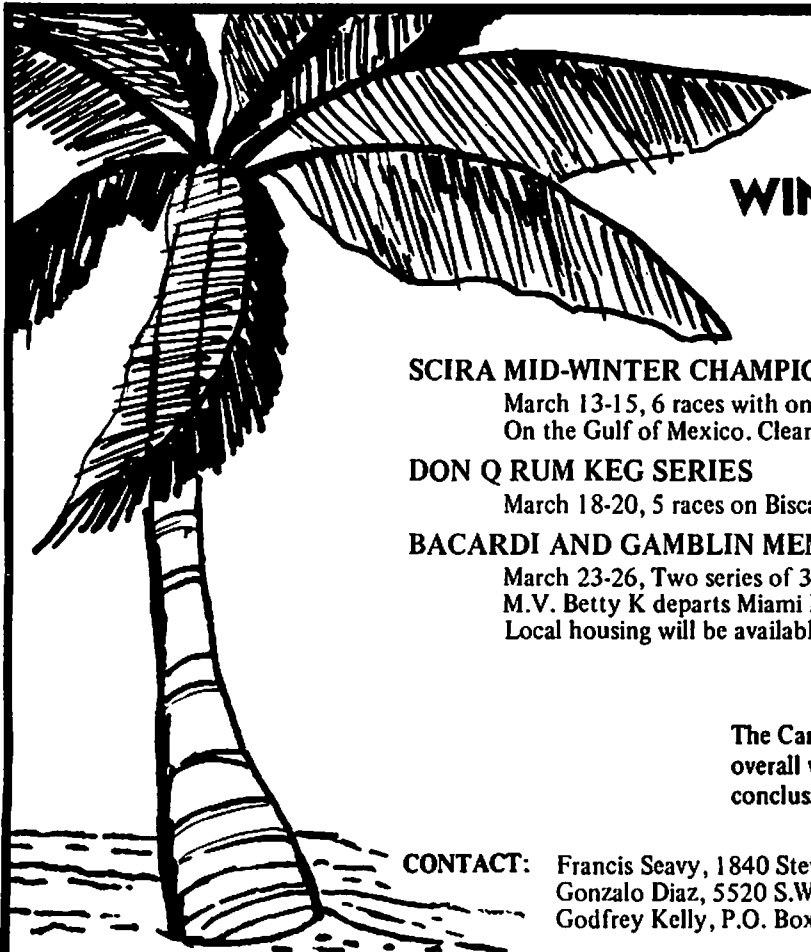
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## Columbus Day Race Sailed In Panama

Saturday, October 9, we celebrated the Columbus Day Race at the Balboa Harbor Basin to the southern side of the Panama Canal.

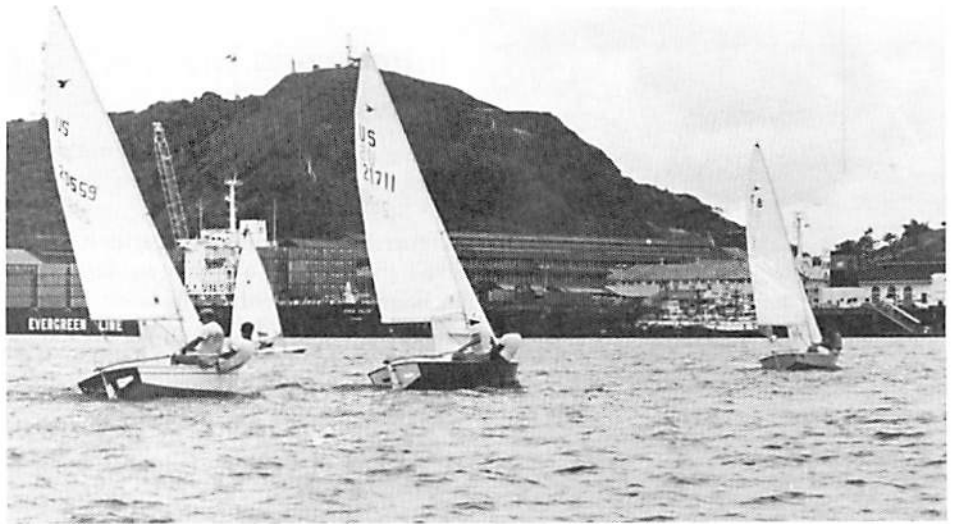
This was the first open race of the "Flota Snipe Panama" in which six boats participated. We had a guest from Colombia, Mr. Roberto de la Vega, from the Club Nautico de Muna, Bogota.

The wind blew from the South at 12-15 knots, making it most enjoyable for all of us who participated.

We competed in three races, the winner being Mr. Roberto de la Vega-EsterKirkland; 2nd Mr. William Kirland-Ricardo Haceria; 3rd Edwin Chandeck-Cora Herrera.

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*Columbus Day Regatta, Balboa, Panama, 1982.*

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*Edwin Chandeck  
National Secretary, Panama*

### Home team successfully defends title in very light air

## Local Skippers Dominate Team Series At Oakville

The Oakville-Bermuda Team Race Series had, until 1981, always been won by the home team. In 1981 the Oakville team won at Bermuda. The event this year was held from July 28 to August 1 at Oakville. Oakville defended in fine style with skippers David Belford, Jim Belford, Chris Hains, Doug Nugent, Ted Hains, Gweneth Crook and Bill Buckles and crews Christine Gozzard, Phyllis Belford, John Haire, Dan Gandy, Noreen Hains, Id Crook and Pat Gardner winning four races to none.

Bermuda was represented by John Pledsted, Ray Pitman, Ron DaSilva, Steve Soares, and Mark Hennenberger as skippers with Nancy Pitman, Samantha Adcock, Richard Greenfield, Diana Pledsted and Guy Eldridge as crew. The Bermuda team came with a large cheering section as well.

Bermuda did not have a great deal to cheer about during the first three races. The first race on Thursday was sailed in light to moderate (Oakville style) wind. Oakville got the start and won with 1-2-3-6-9. The first place boat was disqualified but Oakville still won 29-3/4 to 26. The second race was Friday morning. Again light wind prevailed. This race was impressive mainly in the margin of victory. Oakville boats were 1 through 5 to win 39-3/4 to 15.

The same conditions existed for the third race in which Oakville boats fin-

ished 1 through 4 and 6th to win 38-3/4 to 16. The final race Friday began in very light air which disappeared entirely at times. At the top of the first leg Bermuda had a winning combination, but some good team sailing by Doug Nugent and Dan Gandy got two Oakville boats by a couple of Bermuda boats. This work was lost when the wind died and the mark moved on the second reach. Until the last weather leg Bermuda had a winning combination but on that leg Chris Hains and Doug Nugent each passed two Bermuda boats and Oakville won 30 to 26-3/4.

Socially the regatta was a great success. David and Liz Belford hosted the Wednesday night welcoming party. Jim and Phyllis Belford hosted a truly fine steak dinner Friday evening. The Crook family held the prize-giving party Saturday evening. Lunch on Friday was put on by George and Marge Harvey and Richard and Inge Saurstein. George Harvey was also Race Committee chairman and with assistants Maggie Barnes, Ken Hennenberger, David Barnes did an outstanding job.

Thanks to the efforts and generosity of the members of the Oakville Snipe Fleet and the Oakville Yacht Squadron the team race series of 1982 was a great success. In 1983 the series will be in Bermuda. A changed scoring format will be used which should make things very competitive on the race course.

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## On the cover . . .

### Introducing The New Commodore

Doug de Souza, outstanding Southern California Snipe sailor, has been elected 1983 SCIRA Commodore. He completed his term as Vice-Commodore, after having served five years as a member-at-large on the Board of Governors. His latest duties included serving as SCIRA Representative at the Junior World Championship in Nova Scotia, and at the Western Hemisphere Championship in Nassau.

Doug, born and brought up in San Diego, was graduated in 1969 from Southern Oregon College with a BA in Business Administration. Currently Doug is in business partnership with his wife Jennifer, who is also his Snipe crew.

Commodore de Souza, known as The Duck to his Snipe friends, began his sailing career in Penguins at the age of 15. He was second in the Penguin Internationals in 1963, just behind Earl Elms, and just ahead of Dennis Connor. In 1964 he got into Snipes, where he quickly established an enviable record. He and his famous boat Captain America finished in the top five in the U.S. Nationals several times; his best finish being 3rd in 1964. He represented the United States that year at the Western Hemisphere championship where he finished 7th.

Doug is a member of both the Mission Bay and San Diego Yacht Clubs, and has served in various offices in fleet and district, having been Co-Governor of District VI for several years.

The Duck and Jennifer share sailing, skiing, camping, and fishing as their other hobbies.

### Seattle Sailors Preparing For '83 U.S. Nationals

Seattle Snipe sailors, Fleet 444, will host the 1983 U.S. National Championships, in August. The last time the Nationals were held in Seattle was in 1962, the year of the World's Fair. The Fair site, now called "Seattle Center," remains a beautiful civic activity center that is used by millions of northwesterners and tourists each year. If you missed it in 1962, join us in 1983 - Seattle is more beautiful than ever.

The '83 Nationals will be sailed on Shilshole Bay in the Puget Sound, a few miles north of the Seattle waterfront. Sailing and social activities will center around Seattle's Corinthian Yacht Club in Shilshole Marina. The two-story, floating clubhouse is a short walk from the boat storage area, docks, and hoists. Trailer

storage or "dinghy floats" will be available during the Nationals.

Corinthian Yacht Club is Seattle's "sailing yacht club," with about 800 very active racing and cruising sailors. CYC hosts many major championship regattas every year. Last year alone, over 2500 races were sponsored by CYC.

The Nationals will be held during "Seafair Week," an annual event highlighted by street fairs, parades, Blue Angels, unlimited hydroplane races. . . A real big deal. It's also the week which we have our best weather; no rain (well, almost) and 85-90 degree days and delightful evenings. The winds are normally light northerlies. Tide currents will add to the racing interest.

Regarding housing - hotels, motels, and campsites are located some distance from the sailing area and may be somewhat limited because of Seafair week. Therefore, we plan to arrange housing with CYC members where desired.

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### South Americans To Be Held In Paraguay

The South American Open Championship will be held during Holy week 1983 in Paraguay. Bertrand Gayet is chairman, and will welcome North American entries. Anyone interested in attending should contact Bertrand: Casilla de Correo, 787, Asuncian, Paraguay. There will be some boats available to lend to North American entries.

## THE SCORE

Seventeen numbers were issued during the month with 9 going to the U.S.A., 7 to the Bahamas and 1 to Portugal. No new fleets were chartered.

**Numbered SNIPES — 25420**  
**Chartered Fleets — 787**

## Western Hemisphere Secretaries Meet

**MINUTES OF THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE MEETING:** November 7, 1982, Royal Nassau Sailing Club, Nassau, Bahamas.

**PRESENT:** Western Hemisphere Secretary Bertrand Gayet, presiding; Vice-secretary for the Western Hemisphere, Wayne Soares, also representing Bermuda; SCIRA Vice-Commodore Doug de Souza; SCIRA Rear-Commodore Gene Tragus; Hilton Piccolo, Brazil; Jim Belford, Canada; Cesar Spezzini, Paraguay; Sigeru Masanaga, Japan; Godfrey Kelly, Bahamas; Guillermo Camargo, Columbia; Ralph Swanson, United States; SCIRA Board Member, Jerry Thompson, and SCIRA Executive Secretary Buzz Lamb.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** Ralph Swanson nominated Vice-Secretary Wayne Soares, Bermuda, for the position of Western Hemisphere Secretary, Doug de Souza seconded the nomination and Wayne Soares was elected by acclamation. The policy of having the Vice-Secretary from the south when the secretary is from the north was observed. Ralph Swanson nominated Julio Labandeira, Argentina, for Vice-Secretary. Gene Tragus seconded the nomination. The election was by acclamation.

**1984 WESTERN HEMISPHERE CHAMPIONSHIP:** Various possible venues for the championship were put forward. Japan's representative reported through his interpreter that his country would probably be able to present a bid. Camargo of Colombia also had a tentative bid. After discussion, the decision was voted to entertain a bid from Japan. This bid would have to be received in the SCIRA office by February 1, 1983. If Japan is not able to make plans for the championship by that date, Columbia will submit a bid before May 1, 1983. If neither Japan nor Columbia is able to make a positive bid for the championship by the above deadlines, Paraguay will be willing to hold the championship.

**PAN AMERICAN GAMES:** There was a general discussion of the Pan American boat selection. It is too late for Snipe's inclusion in the games in Venezuela. Efforts are to go forward to have Snipe included in the games to be held in Chile in 1987.

A committee was appointed to make the necessary contacts to insure inclusion of Snipe in the 1987 games. The committee is to include Julio Labandeira, Argentina; Flavio Caiuby, Brazil; Horacio Garcia Pastori, Uruguay; and Western Hemisphere Secretary Wayne Soares, Bermuda.

**OTHER CHAMPIONSHIPS:** The South American Open Championship will be held in Paraguay during Easter Week, 1983. Bertrand Gayet is chairman, and will welcome North American entries.

Several countries are interested in bidding for the world championship for 1985, including Argentina and Brazil. The Western Hemisphere Secretaries would support a bid from a Western Hemisphere nation for the championship.

**JUNIOR SUPPORT:** Rear Commodore Gene Tragus, member of a committee on junior support which includes Commodore Arturo Delgado and Horacio Garcia Pastori, submitted a tentative plan for promoting juniors through subsidizing boats for future world junior championships. This would involve furnishing part of the cost of new boats to be bought for junior Snipe world championships in the country which bids for the championship, where this is considered appropriate. The boats would be sold to juniors for their use after the championship.

Jerry Thompson reported that it was obvious that the two contestants who brought their own boats to the recent Junior World Championship in Canada had an insurmountable advantage from the beginning of the regatta, and a round-robin series would have been much fairer. Thompson said this program would support juniors and support Snipe in countries making bids around the world at the same time.

Discussion followed on the necessity of changing the deed of gift for the championship if this plan is to be followed. Jerry Thompson moved the Western Hemisphere Secretaries go on record as supporting a change of the deed of gift for the Junior Championship to handle boats in the same manner as the Western Hemisphere Championship, as outlined in the SCIRA Rule Book.

**WESTERN HEMISPHERE CHAMPIONSHIP:** Bertrand Gayet proposed that the Western Hemisphere rules be changed to allow three entries for the host country. Gene Tragus moved that this change be allowed. Jerry Thompson seconded. Motion passed.

**WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP:** Doug de Souza read from the minutes of the European Secretaries Meeting their approval of the suggestion to add the European and Western Hemisphere Champions as qualified entrants to the World Championship. After considerable discussion of pros and cons of the proposal a vote was taken. Those present were opposed to the added entrants with only two of those present voting in favor of the additions.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

## '83 Decals Available

1983 SCIRA racing decals are available from the SCIRA office on payment of 1983 SCIRA dues. U.S. Dues are \$20 for individual memberships, and are now due. Dues are delinquent after March 31. Co-ownership dues are \$15 each co-owner. U.S. Fleet Captains will receive fleet report forms and extra Snipe Regatta Sanction forms sometime in January.

National Secretaries outside the U.S. should already have their supply of 1983 decals.

Snipes are required to display current decals in order to participate in SCIRA races.

## SCIRA Needs You

Old U.S. military recruiting pictures featured Uncle Sam with a finger pointing at you — no matter what the angle of view. If SCIRA is to grow, every member of every fleet needs to be involved in that growth. In the next few months the BULLETIN will feature articles about fleet activities which involve the whole fleet. Activities may be racing, teaching, mall shows, or anything which involves promoting the class, either within the existing fleets, or reaching out to form new fleets.

This month's article is from Patti Fisher, an enthusiastic worker for the class and is the account of a team race between two of SCIRA's newest fleets. This is just one example of the sort of involvement which attracts new members, and encourages participation from all levels of experience.



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# Columbus/Lorain Fleets Vie In District III Team Racing

*Fun competition promotes Snipe sailing.*

Everyone has heard the expression that watching a sail boat race is about as exciting as watching grass grow – but watching a team race can really be fun. District 3's two newest fleets proved that the weekend of November 13-14!

The idea was to use the team race as an opportunity to let a lot of interested potential Snipe owners come out and crew, or skipper, or watch with present Snipe owners. Courses were a maximum of 25 minutes long, so each person could sail several races. We just kept rotating boats and crews and skippers, and hot-buttered rum. . .

We used six boats – three for each team, and sailed by USYRU team race rules. In team racing, individual winners are not as important as those that can through tactics put their fellow teammates ahead in the race. Tactics are extremely aggressive in team racing, and

truly turns sailing into a spectator sport. With three boats on one team and three boats on the other, this meant we had a dozen people racing at once, and the remainder huddled on the committee boats shouting and screaming their "suggestions" to their team members. It's amazing what a little competition and hot-buttered rum will do to such gentlemen as (we all know) Bill Buckles, Dick Mitchell, Ken Van Wagnen, and Greg Fisher!

The emphasis was on *fun* and making sure *everyone* had a chance to sail at least three or four races. We were happy to have three special guests in town also – thanks for sailing with us to Gerilyn Wright and Joyce Ferguson of San Diego Sniping, and John Aras of Annapolis.

For anyone interested in promoting Snipe sailing, the consensus was that this is one good way! Our plans included a

party Friday night for anyone interested in Snipes; Saturday sailing from noon till dusk; then on to dinner at a nearby restaurant.

Since the team race sailing ended up all tied up between Columbus and Lorain, a bowling challenge was initiated and the competition began again. . . with the Lorain following coming out the overall winner!

As a promotional event, our team racing weekend was perfect. A lot of people got to sail a lot of races and meet a lot of our present fleet members. There was very little time commitment necessary, and virtually no financial burden. But most important, there was an abundance of friendly people making their own fun and excitement – and that's why we sail Snipes!

*Patti Fisher*

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# Dave Chapin Retains Western Hemisphere Trophy

*U.S. teams take top two positions at Nassau*

Dave Chapin and Tim Dixon, the dynamic duo who won the Worlds in 1979, were the best in the west in 1982, taking the John Hayward Western Hemisphere Trophy November 5th through 10th at Nassau, Bahamas. Current world champions Jeff Lenhart and Pat Muglia were 4.7 points back in second place. Chapin and Dixon from Springfield, IL, and Lenhart and Muglia from Mission Bay, CA, represented the United States. Pierre Siegenthaler and Peter Green of the Nassau Fleet took third place in a consistent series in which they were always a threat. Brazil's two entries, Hilton Piccolo and Pedro De Fonseca, were fourth and fifth. John Dunkley, Bahamas' second entry, made a hard charge at the top five, finishing second in the last race, and .3 out of fifth place for the series.

Conditions for the racing were typical regatta weather — that is totally unusual as to place and time. The winds were never over 12-15 for any race and were more usually 8 to 10 or less, as the threatened front, bringing small craft warnings to Miami, 140 miles away, stalled until the day after racing was completed.

Racing was on Montague Bay, under the direction of Past Commodore Basil Kelly; and all races were completed as

scheduled. There were few recalls, and only occasional course corrections called for in the long Olympic courses. Officiating was efficient and unobtrusive, and there were no protests among contestants during the races.

Competition was strong, especially in the top half of the fleet, and the boats provided for the round robin event were the most evenly matched in recent years. Boats were lent by members of the Nassau Fleet, with four extras being provided by Miami Fleet 7.

Although defending champion Dave Chapin won the first race and was the favorite to recapture the trophy, the title was still in question until the last race. Lenhart could have won if he finished first with Chapin worse than fourth. Siegenthaler, who had third place already sewed up, iced it by winning the last race, while Chapin and Lenhart worried each other to the back of the fleet, leaving the others to sort out their own places in the finishing order.

Three women crews took part in the regatta: Marianna de Isaza, Colombia; Phyllis Belford, Canada; and Jennifer de Souza, Paraguay. Jennifer, wife of Vice-Commodore Doug de Souza, SCIRA representative for the championship, volun-

teered to crew for Western Hemisphere Secretary Bertrand Gayet, when his crew Cesar Spezzini had to leave after the first day's racing.

## FRIDAY

**FIRST RACE:** Winds had been 8 to 10 for the morning practice race which Dave Chapin led all the way, followed by Jeff Lenhart, who dropped out after the first triangle.

The afternoon race, first official race of the series, got underway in the same conditions with smooth water, and winds of 8 to 10 from the east.

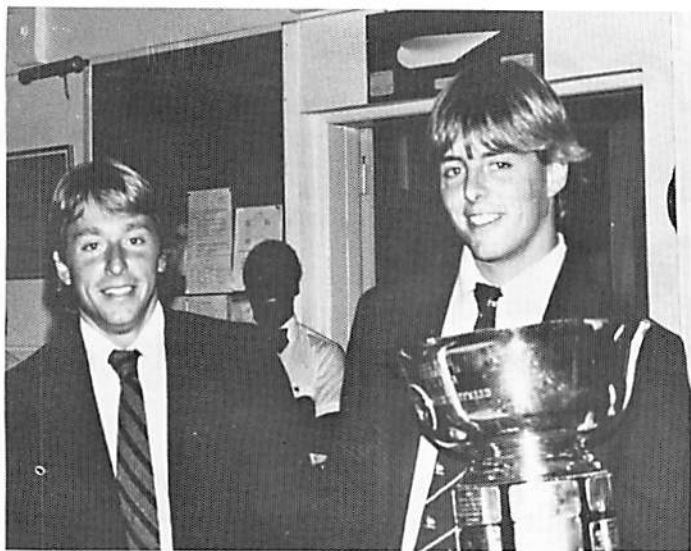
Most boats took the starboard tack toward the left side of the course, but locals Pierre Siegenthaler and John Dunkley chose the right side. At the first mark Dave Chapin and Siger Matsanaga, Japan, came from the left to lead Piccolo, Lenhart, and Siegenthaler around the mark. Dave was never challenged from that point, with leads of up to two minutes at some marks. Positions behind Dave changed dramatically, as the wind gradually died toward the finish of the race. Jeff, who had gained second place at the second mark, maintained the position until the last tack to the finish, when De Fonseca came in from the left side with a fresh breeze, to take second place. Jeff



*At left: Basil Kelly, Chairman, welcomes competitors to the 1982 Western Hemisphere Championship at the opening ceremonies.*

*At right: Royal Bahamas Police Band, famous for their rousing style and colorful uniforms, serenaded the visitors during flag raising ceremonies. (Buzz Lamb photos)*





Tim Dixon and Dave Chapin pose with the John Hayward Trophy at the awards ceremony. (Buzz Lamb photo)



Second place finishers Pat Muglia, left, and Jeff Lenhart, right. (Buzz Lamb photo)

was third, Piccolo of Brazil fourth, and Pierre fifth. John Dunkley, fifth at the last leeward mark, finished in ninth place.

#### SATURDAY

**SECOND RACE:** Friday night's rain passed over, leaving the forecast for winds of 20 to 25, and most crews geared up for heavy weather.

Winds were 12 to 15 out of the east before the start, which was delayed for a halyard repair. One general recall delayed the start again, and when the fleet got underway, the wind was around 12.

John Dunkley took the pin end start and held that side of the course, to round the first windward mark in first place, followed by Pierre, Jeff, and Dave. By the second mark, Lenhart was first, with Pierre second; but Siegenthaler, master at reaching, took Jeff back on the second reach, rounding the leeward mark with a 30-second lead.

The wind diminished to 8 to 10 for the second beat, with Pierre and Jeff going right, and Dave and Dunks left. Jeff managed to point higher and move faster, and at the second windward mark it was Jeff, Pierre, Dave and Dunkley. From that point, Lenhart worked out a big lead, and Dave took over second, leaving Pierre in third. The Japanese boat, always fast, took advantage of a late shift to catch Dunkley at the finish line.

**THIRD RACE:** The afternoon race had even less wind, and the question was whether Dave Chapin, with a huge lead at the last windward mark, could beat the clock to the finish. A lucky wind shift, making the last leg a one or two tack beat, saved the race.

Jeff Lenhart, who had trouble on the first beat, rounding seventh, worked his way up to second, with the two Brazilian

boats, De Fonseca and Piccolo, third and fourth. Pierre was fifth, and De Silva, second at the first mark, faded to sixth.

#### SUNDAY

**FOURTH RACE.** Sunday morning was still overcast after an all night rain. Wind was 10 to 12, and still out of the east. John Dunkley again took the pin end start. Chapin started well at the boat end, but began to drop back from the leaders. Jeff worked up the middle, looking great, until those on the left got the advantage of the shore lift. Piccolo led at the mark with Dunks next, followed by Japan and Chris Hains of Canada.

At the end of the reach the order was the same, except Lenhart had worked up to fourth and Siegenthaler was fifth. Dunkley went low on the second reach and took the lead from Piccolo, with Siegenthaler now in third. Jeff was fourth and Chapin fifth at the leeward mark, with the same order holding on the beat. By the last leeward mark Pierre led with Piccolo in second, and Dunkley third.

In a close finish, Piccolo was first, overlapped with Siegenthaler. Dunkley held the third, Lenhart fourth, Japan fifth and Dave Chapin sixth. In seventh place was De Fonseca who had broken a shroud just before the start. With the countdown already underway, and no time for repairs, he tied a knot in the wire, secured it with his lifting rings, and started well behind the fleet. He accepted his comeback seventh place finish without a request for redress of breakdown points.

**FIFTH RACE:** The afternoon race started in the usual light easterly breeze.

Dave got "the start" at the pin end, and immediately tacked to cross the fleet. Many boats were caught at the pin end

and crowded out. Four boats, led by Pierre, took the left side as the rest of the fleet sailed right.

Pierre was right about the left, and rounded first followed by Dave, the only one on the right who salvaged anything. Belford rounded third, Japan fourth, and Piccolo fifth.

At the end of the triangle Lenhart, sixth at the first mark, had taken Piccolo, and the other positions stayed the same.

Positions remained relatively the same until the last beat, when the wind filled and shifted a little to the left. Dave and Pierre began a tacking duel which lasted most of the leg, and Jeff went further left to sail past Belford. Dave wore Pierre down to cross several boat lengths in front, leaving Jeff to begin to worry Pierre. But at the finish, Powerful Pierre held on to his second second for the day, with Jeff third and Belford fourth. Japan finished fifth, with Piccolo sixth.

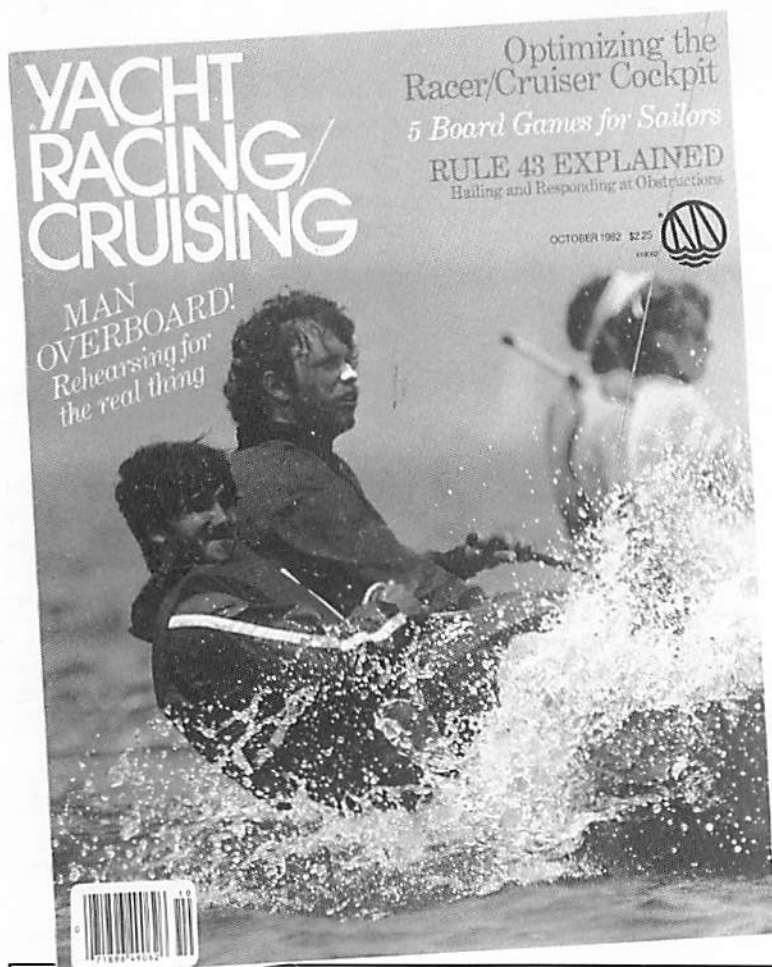
**SIXTH RACE:** Monday morning was partly cloudy with an 8 to 10 mph easterly breeze.

The fleet split on the start, with Lenhart and Dunkley taking the left. Siegenthaler went right and then back left. A short rain squall came through with heavier puffs during the first beat. Dunkley rounded first followed by Lenhart, Belford, Japan, Pierre and Dave. Lenhart went low immediately on rounding and built up a big lead by the end of the reach.

At the end of the triangle Japan was second to Lenhart with Belford third, and Chapin just squeezing Siegenthaler out at the mark. Pierre did a quick 360, and scarcely lost an inch. This order continued to the last beat, when with Chapin having worked into second, Lenhart de-

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# Western Hemisphere

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cided to sacrifice some of his huge lead to attempt to put a boat between himself and Chapin. Jeff cut his sails and waited to engage Chapin in a tacking duel. The strategy didn't work — the terrific tacking duel right to the finish left Jeff first, Dave second, and Pierre third. Japan took fourth, and Dave Belford fifth.

**SEVENTH RACE:** The scheduled last race began with the top three positions secure — except that if Lenhart won with Chapin worse than fourth, Jeff could still win the championship. Pierre was guaranteed third place. With much maneuvering in the light wind, Pierre took off at the start and led the whole way, with Jeff and Dave maneuvering each other to the back of the fleet. The finish was all Bahamas, with Pierre first, just ahead of John Dunkley. De Fonseca and Piccolo of Brazil followed, with Japan fifth, and Belford sixth. Then came Jeff and Dave, tacking overlapped to the finish. They finished with Jeff one foot ahead of Dave, but Dave was still the Western Hemisphere Champion.

## THE BIGGIE

Mike McLaughlin with crew Doug deSouza came from third place to win THE BIGGIE, the National Secretary's race, ahead of Jim Belford and Peter Christie. The Secretary's race, expanded to include all those who worked in the regatta, was sailed in near survival conditions, the day after the championship races were finished. A squall which passed through during the second beat only caused one capsize, and all starters finished the race.

Jeff Lenhart, Governor of U.S. District Six, was race chairman, ably assisted by District One Governor Berta Swanson.

Jeff set a long course, and Vice-Commodore de Souza was heard to complain "He's trying to kill us!" on the long first beat.

Indeed, Lenhart and Swanson proved to be tough officials — over half the fleet was disqualified after the race for not observing the life jacket signal from the committee.

## SOCIAL

Sonja Kelly and Ginny Goosens, accommodations committee, met the planes and saw to it that everybody had a happy home for their stay on the Island. Cabel O'Brien, Patricia Kelly, Rita de Cardenas, and Karen Siegenthaler, the reception committee, welcomed everyone to Royal Nassau Sailing Club and smoothed the way for anyone who had shoreside prob-

## WESTERN HEMISPHERE CHAMPIONSHIP

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Country	Places	Points	Finish
24702	Dave Chapin/Tim Dixon	U.S.A.	1-2-1-6-1-2	17.7	1
20560	Jeff Lenhart/Pat Muglia	U.S.A.	3-1-2-4-3-1	22.4	2
25231	Pierre Siegenthaler/Peter Green	Bahamas	3-5-2-2-3-1	27.4	3
24731	Hilton Piccolo/Otto de Assis	Brazil	4-6-4-1-7-4	48.7	4
24226	Pedro DeFonseca/Ricardo Stabile	Brazil	2-3-7-8-9-3	56.4	5
24687	John Dunkley/Barrington Orr	Bahamas	9-5-3-5-7-2	56.7	6
24373	Sigeru Matsunaga/Shinichi Kimura	Japan	6-4-5-6-4-5	59.4	7
23397	David Belford/Phyllis Belford	Canada	8-8-8-4-5-6	71.7	8
24806	Chris Hains/Donald Hains	Canada	7-7-11-10-10-6	86.7	9
24069	Ronald DeSilva/Colin Clarke	Bermuda	10-6-12-9-11-9	92.7	10
19059	John Plested/Andrew Mullin	Bermuda	12-9-9-9-11-11	97.0	11
19811	Guillermo Camargo/Ignacio Matiz	Colombia	11-12-13-12-8-10	102.0	12
22669	Bertrand Gayet/Jennifer deSouza	Paraguay	13-14-13-11-13-12	112.0	13
18111	Martin Isaza/Mariana de Isaza	Colombia	10-12-14-13-14-13	112.0	14

lems, no matter what obstacles the language barriers might present. Margaret Orr, wife of Commodore Christopher J.B. Orr did almost everything else.

The traditional flag raising at the opening ceremony was enlivened by a special concert by the Royal Bahamas Police Band, dressed in their splendid black, red, and white uniforms. Regatta Chairman Basil Kelly presided, introducing special guest, The Honorable Perry Christie, Minister of Tourism, who welcomed the contestants to the Bahamas. Vice-Commodore Doug deSouza responded with the appreciation of the Snipe Class.

Guy Fawkes night was another opportunity and excuse for a party at the Club. Guy Fawkes was a baddie, and the commonwealth still hasn't forgiven him. (He tried to blow up Parliament a long time ago.) Effigys of Guy were burned in a glorious bonfire, and much fun was had by all. Apparently not everybody is still mad, though — one T-shirt read, "Guy Fawkes got a bum rap."

The full social schedule included a

cocktail party at the Nassau Yacht Club on Saturday evening, and the Bacardi cocktail party at the Sailing Club on Tuesday night.

The splendid finale for the championship was the presentation of awards at the dinner dance at the sailing club. His Excellency Sir Gerald Cash, Governor General of the Commonwealth was on hand to present trophies and participation awards, presented to all contestants. A highlight was Cabel O'Brien's special awards; T-shirts with appropriate inscriptions for unusual achievements. The celebration continued through the night, and well into the morning.



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*Retzhaupt Trophy Winners, Back: Doug Nugent, Fritz Gram, Tersh Bugbee, Chris Hains, Denny Bush. Front: Dan Gandy, Jane Gram, Jeanne Ackerman, Laurie Bush.*

## Fritz Gram Cleans Up At Briody Memorial Open Regatta

Newport Yacht Club, Irondequoit Bay, Rochester, N.Y., was host for the 1982 Briody Memorial Open Championship and the third in the three-regatta series, Retzhaupt Open Championship, held on July 24 and 25. Twenty-three boats registered for a lively week-end with challenging winds.

The Briody, given as a memorial to Francis M. Briody, Olcott Yacht Club in 1941, was won by Fritz Gram of Cuba Lake Yacht Club. Gram also won the Retzhaupt, which is the overall high point championship for District V. In 1980 all District V competitions became open regattas. Fritz earned the Retzhaupt for total points accumulated at the District V Open, the N.Y. State Open and the Briody Open.

Saturday's thermal off Lake Ontario provided a steady, medium to light north-northeast wind for three races with no delays. Gloria and Myron Archer of Genesee Yacht Club did a fine job as Race Committee Chairmen. The hot clear day gave us a lovely warm evening for the "Sour Hour" and steak dinner planned by Doris Rice and her committee. Many of the

visitors stayed overnight with Newport hosts.

Sunday's winds were a complete change, beginning as steady west, south-west, but changing to puffy and fluky trouble. By the end of the fifth race, two boats had capsized and one boat had

broken a rudder. The changing winds gave the regatta a wide range of challenges.

Thanks go to George Hock, Regatta Chairman, and to Peter Allen, Fleet 103 Captain.

*Rosemary Dahl  
Snipe Fleet 103*

### BRIODY OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP (Top 10 of 23 entries)

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Club	Places	Points	Finish
16699	Fritz Gram/J. Gram	Cuba Lake	1-2-3-1-1	8.7	1
24608	Steve Callison/C. Allen	Newport	3-4-2-3-3	28.1	2
3518	Charles Webster/P. Webster	Newport	2-1-1-7-7	29.0	3
24683	Lucius Bugbee/J. Ackerman	Cuba Lake	4-3-5-5-2	36.7	4
20311	Chuck Fox/H. Fox	Newport	5-5-4-2-9	46.0	5
20548	Ted Horvath/B. Horvath	Newport	9-7-9-8-6	68.7	6
22476	Peter Allen/P. Crevey	Newport	6-12-11-4-10	70.7	7
KC24806	Chris Hains/J. Myerson	Oakville	7-6-7-9-12	70.7	8
8083	Jon Pegis/C. Pegis	Newport	8-8-6-11-8	70.7	9
KC24116	Doug Nugent/D. Gandy	Oakville	12-9-8-15-4	78.0	10

### RETZHAUPT OPEN (All qualifying entries)

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Club	Points	Finish
16699	Fritz Gram/Jane Gram	Cuba Lake Y.C.	78.2	1
24683	Tersh Bugbee/Liz Bugbee	Cuba Lake Y.C.	143.5	2
KC24116	Doug Nugent/Dan Gandy	Oakville Y.S.	179.0	3
KC24806	Chris Hains	Oakville Y.S.	226.1	4
21933	Den Bush/Laurie Bush	Chautauqua Y.C.	294.7	5
22472	Laura Dahl/Norm Dahl	Newport Y.C.	309.0	6
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The annual Winchester Invitational was held on the Upper Mystic Lake in Winchester, Mass. on July 10 and 11. Saturday morning started out windless, but the wind did fill in and three good races were sailed in typical mystical conditions in the afternoon. Rob Gorman of Quannapowitt held a commanding lead after three races with two firsts and a second. Dave Lence of Winchester was second with a sixth, second, and first in the twenty-five boat fleet. Sue Tabor stood third Saturday evening, having placed second, sixth, and fourth during the day.

Dinner was held as usual on the lawn of the beautiful lakeside home of Ralph Swanson's mother. Pat Hagedorn and Sophia Bowers did a great job in organizing a fine steak dinner, and Jim Fraser, Commodore of the neighboring Medford Boat Club did a terrific job at the bar.

To nobody's surprise, winds on Sunday were light and shifty. But under the able and experienced guidance of District Governor and RC Chairman Berta Swanson, two very satisfactory races were sailed. Charles Hagedorn led the first race for two laps of the figure eight ("butter-



*Just after the start, Winchester Invitational.*

### WINCHESTER INVITATIONAL (Top 10 of 25 entries)

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Club	Finish
24110	Rob Gorman/Lisa Nord	Quannapowitt	1
23328	Dave Lence/Dave Koepf	Winchester	2
23391	Charles Hagedorn/Jimmy Bowers	Winchester	3
25003	Sue Tabor/Jan Tabor	Cottage Park	4
21641	Greg Roche/Michele Roche	Medford	5
23232	Lisa Levaggi/Lori Levaggi	Winchester	6
23401	John Williamson/Paule Ricciardelli	Winchester	7
24007	Jack Gannon/Carolyn Wilk	Winchester	8
24002	Wayne Girelli/Chuck Loomis	Cottage Park	9
22391	Fred Hagedorn/Michael Bowers	Winchester	10

fly") course, but lost to Rob Gorman in the end. Dave Lence was third, coming back from sub-tenth at the first mark.

In the fifth and final race, Greg Roche of Medford took over at the start and never looked back. Actually, he looked back a whole lot, but he never slowed down. Lence tailed tenaciously to cross

the finish line second. Gorman concluded a very consistent regatta with a respectable third, and Hagedorn came back from twelfth at the first mark to finish fourth. Overall: Gorman 1st, Lence 2nd and Hagedorn 3rd.

*Charles Hagedorn  
Winchester Fleet 77*



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