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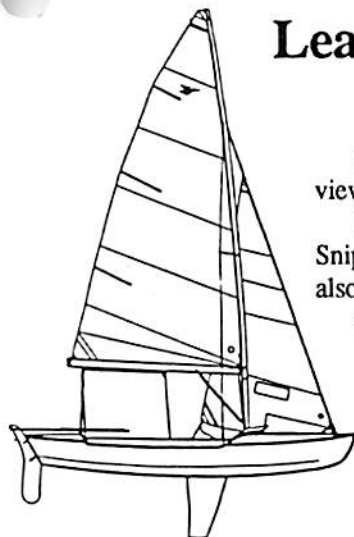
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Jerry Thompson, New Commodore

1988 will be Jerry Thompson's 35th year of Snipe Sailing, and in those years he has compiled a record that demonstrates his love and dedication to the Snipe.

He bought his first Snipe, Number 9599 in 1953 and three years later won the U.S. National Junior Championships, and then went on to a second in the Seniors competition. "I owe a lot to Fred Schenck," Thompson said recently. "He took me under his wing, helped me get to the regattas, and always had words of advice and encouragement."

Fred was elected SCIRA Commodore in 1958, and now, 30 years later Jerry follows in his footsteps.

Jerry's most recent major achievement on the race course was his victory in the 1987 U.S. Masters Championship, sailed in Indianapolis and reported elsewhere in this issue.

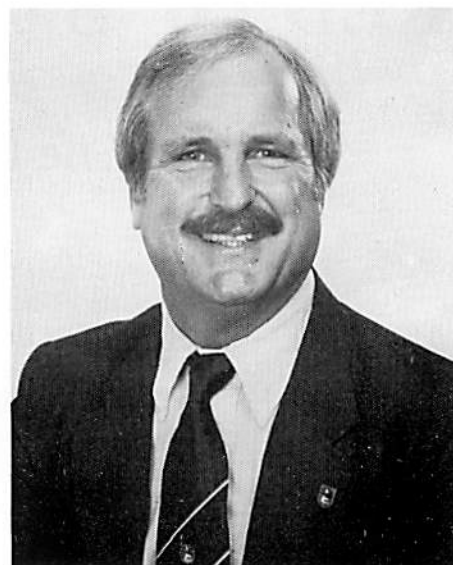
He has sailed in 28 nationals, nine North Americans, placed fourth in the Western Hemisphere and recently competed in the 1987 Worlds, in La Rochelle. He has won the North Americans, Bermuda Race Week (three consecutive titles!), is a two-time winner of the celebrated Bolde Mothers, and has won many other major regattas.

Jerry is a member of Alamitos Bay Fleet 218, in Long Beach, California, and in 1971 he served as the Commodore of the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club.

He was General Chairman of the U.S. Nationals in 1968, and Alamitos Bay Yacht Club won the St. Petersburg Trophy as the best run regatta in the U.S. that year. He has served at all levels of class administration.

He has owned 29 Snipes, and currently sails number 20369.

Jerry is the owner of Bailey Manufacturing, makers of therapeutic furniture and physical therapy equipment. He brings years of successful business management experience to the Commodore's office.



"I'm excited about the future of the Class. I will work to make us stronger, and to continue the role of leadership that the Snipe has taken in determining the future of the sport of sailing. I want to make our Association more international and I will work to foster a spirit of goodwill among Snipe sailors around the world."

LETTERS

NO PAYS — CHRIS SAYS EMBARASS THEM

Buzz:

Regarding the subject of non payment of dues by class officers and actively racing sailors; It really boils down to shaming them into paying. Name the names!

Regatta officials should be hard nosed as well. No decal, then no placing in the race. Make them prove they paid if their Fleet Captain cannot vouch for them.

Free loaders do not count. Dump on them.

Chris Hains
Oakville Fleet 321

EDS REPLY: *Not a bad idea, Chris, but we'll stick with friendly persuasion for now. We'd hate to identify the cheap Deadbeats who take advantage of the rest of us, but we know who they are. I mean, what's twenty-five bucks? Pay up, folks, or you'll miss some exciting changes coming up in the Bulletin, and you won't feel guilty about shortchanging your friends. SUPPORT YOUR SNIFE CLASS!*

THE COVER — Commodore Jerry Thompson is featured in this collage of Bermuda News Bureau photos.

THE SCORE — Ten new numbers were issued this month, all to Brazil.

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UNCOMMON SENSE

Tom Payne

Anyone who thinks this would be a neat job should be sitting here now trying to figure out how to get started. The first part was deciding what to call my column, and anyone with a knowledge of U.S. History knows that Thomas Paine wrote "Common Sense", but I couldn't steal that so . . . And no, I don't claim to have uncommon anything, it's just that I sometimes like to sound off and I usually put a lot of thought into what I'm saying. Especially when the subject is as serious as Snipe sailing. Hard to believe that I'm only the fourth Exec. in the history of the class. It must be a good job!

Of course we've got a lot of plans and dreams and they're all directed towards keeping alive the rich history and traditions of a class that is part of the very foundation of worldwide one-design sailing. Gina and I hope to use our talents and experience to promote the Snipe in a way that will help the class get back into a strong growth pattern.

Our priorities will become evident as the *Bulletin* develops, but expect that we will promote Junior sailing, the Masters and the "B" fleet. If you have a regatta report to send in be sure to include the crews names. Snipe sailing is a team effort, and if you don't list the crews then *we won't print* your report. Also, if you have a junior fleet, please list all of the participants. I think it's important to list all of the names, as this may keep that last place kid interested.

We also hope to make the *Bulletin* more international, reflecting the worldwide growth that we are experiencing. To our Snipe friends around the world: Send in those articles and reports! We can't print it if you don't write it! We're confirmed xenophiles (look it up!) and we look forward to meeting all of our foreign friends.

We're heavy on advertising this month, so I'll shut up. Look for more developments in next month's issue.

REALLY BIG SHOES

A big part of the challenge for us will be following in the wake of Buzz and Marge. By my count they produced about 200+ *Bulletins*, and kept up with all of the business and correspondence without missing a beat. They've also worked hard to make the transition a smooth one.

They were singled out in the YACHT RACING AND CRUISING 1983 "Who's Who in Sailing" as 'One-Design

Stalwarts', for their years of dedicated service and high standards.

We all owe them a huge "Thank You" and a loud "Well Done."

Cheers to you, guys!

SOCIAL 720s — Turn, baby, turn.

Loud music, late hours and zany antics are a common denominator of most of the regattas that I've ever attended, and the Snipe class is certainly no exception. Sometimes things can get out of hand though, and it ends up making all of us look bad.

Trashing the decorations and behavior that would lead to property damage is not a part of what Snipe sailing should be about. When you're visiting a regatta, it's okay to have fun, but remember, you're a guest and return invitations may not be automatic!

SAILMAKER SHUFFLE

Rumor or truth? There's so much talk that it's hard to figure out what's going on. One thing for sure, Greg Fisher is out on his own now, and it won't be long before you'll be seeing his distinctive new logo out on the circuit.

Check out the ads in this issue for more on what these guys are up to. Good luck to all, and we thank you for your continued support.

PLEASE NOTE:

Please make a note of the new SCIRA address, but don't carve it in stone. We have outgrown our house, and hope to move, soon. We'll also be installing a SnipeLine for your phone calls. If you need to call us, ask information for the listing in Cumming, Georgia.

AROUND THE SNIPE WORLD

NEW FLEETS/OLD FLEETS:

Robert L. Mills II, P.O. Box 26, Greenport, NY 11944, represents "a group of gentlemen interested in possibly starting a class of Snipes in our area." This is the second new fleet in the works for Long Island, ready to join Sea Cliff Fleet 4, one of SCIRA's oldest.

Fred Austin, 4375 Confederate Point Rd. #6 H, Jacksonville, FL 32210, hopes to have a revived Fleet #630 ready to re-join SCIRA's ranks for 1988.

HELLO HONG KONG:

From Stovey Brown who has resided in Japan for several years: "In December Anne and I will move to Hong Kong —

probably for two years — to complete our assignment in Asia by IBM. Sadly, there is little Snipe activity in Hong Kong, but maybe we can spark some interest."

WITH THE SHOWS:

Quassapaug Ct. Fleet #231 will present two 45 minute seminars on Snipes and one-design sailing at the Hartford Boat Show, January 30-31. Thanks go to Tony Rogers who was instrumental in getting this valuable exposure.

Members of the three Atlanta-area fleets will combine to man the booth at the Atlanta Boat Show, Jan. 30-Feb. 7. Dave Pritchard of Weathermark, Inc., will have a brand-new Snipe on display.

Planning For The Winter Circuit

by Gonzalo E. Diaz

If you are planning to attend the Snipe Winter Circuit, part or all of it, I strongly suggest that by early January you write a note to each regatta chairman of the regattas you are planning to attend. That will automatically get you a flyer with the program of each one.

In the case of Nassau I would recommend that by early February, the latest, you write to the Nassau Regatta Chairman and let him know you are going, give him your boat number and skipper/crew combination. If you are planning to make motel reservations you should start a little earlier. Wait for no reply! Don't worry, you are set. There is no pre-registration or reservation for shipping the boat.

One piece of advice: If your boat is built in the U.S.A., get hold of a copy of the manufacturer's invoice. Send one copy to Mr. Bruce Brown, c/o Miami Ship Services, 615 S.W. 2nd Ave., Miami, FL. He will put your copy in a file and mark it with your boat number and this, some day, may save your life (or a couple of days in sunny Miami) when the boat is coming back from Nassau and has to go through U.S.A. Custom and you have to prove that the boat was built in U.S.A. Carry another copy with you, just in case!

If your boat was built abroad, you have to carry proof that custom duties have already been paid (send a copy to Bruce Brown with clear indication of your Snipe hull number).

Apprentice Winners: L-R — Dick Tillman, Linda Tillman, Dick Hand, Jo Ann Becker, Jerry Thompson, Vickie Norwood Nashay.

Thompson Edges Tillman For U.S. Masters Title

25 crews sail superb series at Indianapolis.



A spectacular five-boat finish determined the winner of the U.S. Masters Snipe Championship held at Geist Res. — 25 contestants in three age categories from 45-82 years old competed.

Anybody who is 45 or older and sails a Snipe should go to a Masters Regatta sometime. It's addictive; if you go once you'll want to go again. You renew old sailing acquaintances, you have great racing, you enjoy good hospitality, and regardless of how you finish you're a winner.

The U.S. Masters was held at Geist Lake in Indianapolis on Wed.-Fri., Sept. 16-18 and 25 masters had a bit of everything. Wednesday there were two light air races, Thursday a real blowdown 15-25 mph with seven capsizes, and Friday two medium air races. Veteran "Young" Sniper Paul Dovey was race chairman and did a super job in setting lines and courses.

Dick Tillman made a comeback and was only two boat lengths away from winning it all. Five ex-SCIRA Commodores were on hand, a future Commodore, and a Western Hemisphere Vice-Secretary. See if you can pick them out of the standings.

Jerry Thompson, fresh from the Worlds, the Gold Cup, and the North Americans won it all by very consistent sailing. Dick Hand, Ron Payne, and Bill Buckles were other consistent youngsters (45-54).

Among the middle aged groupies Frank Hiatt, Ken Simons, Dan Blodgett, and yours truly were consistent. The grizzled veterans (65 and up) were paced by fabulous Freddie, Paul Zent, and Red Garfield. Paul's crew was a young 82!

All in all the 25 entries not only sailed but enjoyed a Snipe storytelling session after Wednesday's cookout and some fancy dancing after Thursday's banquet. Pooch Payne and Ed Crook tied for the

Fred Astaire award and of course Fred Schenck got the Aesop ribbon.

Salty Salzenstein was last but not least as he has not sailed a Snipe in several decades!

Let's keep this affair building. Next year the World's Masters will be at Oakville, Ontario, and the U.S. Masters hopefully at Chattanooga. (Don't leave yet Buzz Lamb!)

I attended previous Masters at Quassapaug, Dallas, Atlanta, and Indy and they were super events. Thanks to all who helped and to Dan Blodgett who initially started this regatta.

Buzz Levinson

U.S. MASTERS SNIPE CHAMPIONSHIP

Class	Skipper/Crew	State	Places	Points	Finish
A	Jerry Thompson/V. Norwood Nashay	California	2-2-1-4-4	12.75	1
A	Dick Tillman/Linda Tillman	Florida	1-1-2-7-5	15.5	2
A	Dick Hand/Jo Ann Becker	Ohio	3-6-4-1-8	21.75	3
A	Ron Payne/Win Payne	Florida	7-10-6-8-1	31.75	4
A	Bill Buckles/Ed Crook	Ohio	7-9-3-9-2	32	5
M	Buzz Levinson/Paul Levinson	Indiana	6-14-11-3-3	37	6
A	Brad McFadden/Caroline Marks	Georgia	5-11-5-13-10	44	7
A	John Muhlhause/Mona Hinton	Georgia	8-12-dnf-2-6	53	8
A	Woody Norwood/Ruth Brodhead	Georgia	16-4-7-18-9	54	9
M	Frank Hiatt/Patsy Hiatt	Indiana	10-16-10-12-7	55	10
M	Ken Simons/Bill Simons	Tennessee	11-5-13-10-17	56	11
A	Jim Richter/Julie Richter	Indiana	4-3-dnf-11-13	56	12
M	Dan Blodgett/Susanne Blodgett	Michigan	13-8-19-6-12	58	13
M	Bent Poulson/Jim Belford	Canada	15-19-9-5-11	59	14
G	Fred Schenck/Mary Fridlund	California	18-13-8-19-14	72	15
G	Paul Zent/John Walter	Indiana	14-15-20-14-16	79	16
A	John Call/Ty Campbell	World	12-18-dnf-17-19	91	17
M	John Brannan/Mary Alice Brannan	Indiana	19-7-pms-16-dns	92	18
G	Red Garfield/Manfred Witt	New York	20-22-14-15-22	93	19
A	Wayne Woodworth/M. Woodworth	Indiana	dns-dns-12-21-15	98	20
G	Larry McElwaine/Jerry Thompson	Oklahoma	22-23-18-20-18	101	21
A	Roger Ream/Pat Ream	Ohio	17-17-dnf-23-21	103	22
M	Rex Phillips/Randy Fridlund	Indiana	21-20-16-24-23	104	23
G	Eddie Williams/Bill Whalen	Missouri	23-21-17-22-24	107	24
M	Salty Salzenstein/Rick Brethoret	Illinois	24-24-15-25-20	108	25

A — Apprentice (45-54); M — Master (55-64); G — Grand Master (65-up)



Masters Winners: L-R — Ken Simons, Bill Simons, Paul Levinson, Buzz Levinson, Frank Hiatt, Patsy Hiatt.



Grand Masters Winners: L-R — Red Garfield, Manfred Witt, Fred Schenck, Mary Fridlund, Paul Zent, John Walter.

Yougi Shinoda Wins Japan Masters

Yougi Shinoda, the National Secretary, and Masato Hiratsuka, are the new masters champions of Japan. The third All Japan Masters Championship was held at Gamagouri, Aichi Prefecture (near Nagoya — the nation's third largest city), on August 1-2, 1987.

The Shinto wind god provided a series of opportunities and excuses by varying both strength and direction with little regard for the advancing ages and withering attention spans of the contestants.

Shinoda-san had cleared up all of his issues with the ethereal ones as he convincingly won all three races.

During the traditional ceremony held before most sporting events in Japan, 17 skippers and crews promised to compete with fair spirit. After Saturday's two races, everyone retired to the Shikai Nami Ryokan for a communal bath in naturally-heated spring water followed by a cocktail party, dinner, and karaoke (individual singing with recorded accompaniment).

At Sunday's prize-giving ceremony, Shinoda-san became this year's custodian of a small Burmese laquerware turtle symbolizing both long life and slow speed in the future. All gave thanks to the Yomiuri Newspaper and Kagi (Rudder) Magazine for sponsoring the regatta.

Stovey Brown

ALL JAPAN MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIP

Skipper/Crew	Fleet	Places	Finish
Y. Shinoda/M. Hiratsuka	Toyota S.C.	1-1-1	1
K. Hisasa/M. Awano	Ishin Machine S.C.	2-4-5	2
S. Brown/V. Senaga	IBM S.C.	4-6-2	3
F. Matsumoto/M. Takeshita	Waseda Y.C.	3-12-3	4
Y. Tarutani/Y. Matono	Mei Koukai Y.C.	9-3-6	5
T. Takeuchi/M. Okabe	Handa City S.C.	8-7-4	6
K. Fukushima/K. Kabetani	Enoshima Y.C.	15-2-10	7
K. Kato/H. Kato	Hitachi Koki S.C.	5-5-16	8
H. Murase/E. Kitauchi	Waseda Y.C.	6-9-13	9
H. Hamada/T. Hirai	Waseda Y.C.	10-11-7	10
I. Yamamoto/S. Morita	Nippon Demso S.C.	12-8-11	11
K. Kaitoku/H. Hamanag	Kansei Gakuin S.C.	7-10-1	12
K. Suzuki/Y. Nakagami	Waseda Y.C.	11-15-8	13
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SCIRA TALENT/RESOURCE SEARCH

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

If you're a writer, photographer or artist, we invite your contributions to the Bulletin. Photos should *always* be black & white. Try the new T-Max films from Kodak. Articles should be typed and double-spaced. Artists are invited to submit pen & ink drawings, or cartoons relating to Snipe sailing. Submitted material *will not be returned* unless return postage is enclosed.

Do you have business connections that would benefit the Class? We need photo and darkroom equipment, office supplies, printing services, and computer sources.

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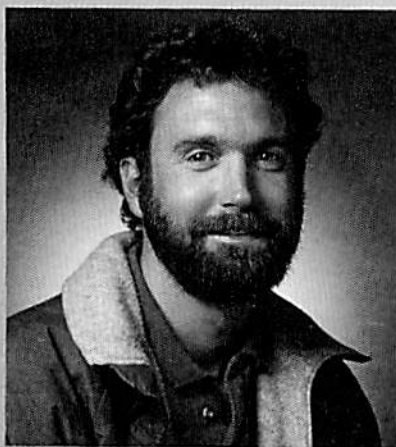
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- * 1st — Nationals (Crosby)
- * 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th — North Americans
- * 1st, 2nd, 3rd — Northeastern Championship
- * 1st — Don Q and Nassau
- * 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th — Southern Championship
- * 2nd — Midwinters

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As always,


Greg Fisher





Trophy winners in the Florida State Junior Snipe Championship held at Miami. L to R: John Smoak, Ed Sherman, Jr., Mandy Bremen.

John Smoak Is 31st Florida Junior Champion

John Smoak was the 1987 31st Florida State Snipe Junior Championship. John is the 31st champion since Florida Power & Light donated the perpetual trophy in 1957.

On Saturday we had three races with easterly wind 5-10 knots, all on Olympic courses with the last race finished on the downwind leg due to a dying breeze. On Sunday, again easterly winds that at times piped up to 12 knots. We could have only one race as threatening storms started to build around 1:00 p.m.

Courses and races were excellent thanks

to Rich Raymond, Paul Collins and Sid Doren ably helped by Hiddy Doren, Will Orr, Eileen Baker, Carol Dawson, David Swanson, Fred Austin, Glenn Yoeman and Em Kafoury.

Gonzalo Diaz Sr.

FLORIDA STATE JUNIOR SNIPE

Boat	Skipper	Places	Points	Finish
23713	John Smoak	2-2-1-2	6.75	1
27027	Ed Sherman Jr.	5-1-2-1	8.5	2
24995	Mandy Bremen	1-5-3-4	12.75	3
25172	Evan Zinn	3-3-4-5	15	4
26486	Sennett Bischoff	8-4-6-3	21	5
25374	Tracy Hayley	4-6-8-6	24	6
25233	Veronica Diaz	6-8-5-7	26	7
24950	Benji Sadler	7-7-7-8	29	8

Wind Deserts UK North Western Regatta

September 19-20 were the dates set for the U.K. North West Championship held at Budworth Sailing Club. The Howarth Trophy and the Medway Trophy were competed for.

As entrants arrived, so did the rain, leaving a wet, wild and windless day of racing. The weather was just enough to "wet" the appetites of those sailing to be welcomed ashore by the aroma of T-bone steaks grilling on the barbecue. Sunday was cloudy and the wind was again nowhere to be found.

28 Snipes, representing Budworth, Blue Circle, Stone, and Dee, sought out wind in every direction. Even the birds were swimming past in anticipation of generating wind. I thought I would import my crew from the U.S.A., but the extra weight didn't help in such light winds. Peter Wolstenholm's new boat, with tight rigging, proved to be a winner in all of our weather conditions.

The Howarth Trophy was won by Peter Wolstenholm, Blue Circle, and the Medway Trophy (pairs match racing) was won by Anthony Statham, Budworth.

A can of wind was presented to the officer of the day for emergency use at the 1988 U.K. North West Championships.

See you there!

V.J. Vareika

UK NORTH WEST CHAMPIONSHIP (Top 5 of 25 Boats)

Skipper/Crew	Fleet	Finish
Peter Wolstenholm/Alan Williams	Blue Circle	1
Wally Hardman/Giles	Budworth SC	2
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On June 6-7, 1987, Ocean City, Md. Snipe Fleet 799 hosted their 1st Annual Regatta-At-The-Beach. Nineteen boats competed with a strong attendance from the Annapolis fleet as well as representatives from Pine Beach, New Jersey, and the host fleet. All competitors found a steady 8 to 12 knot wind both days.

The race committee, headed by Jay Cey and Sandy Deeley, ran five exceptional races setting modified Olympic courses for all races. Phil Richmond from the Annapolis fleet was very helpful by providing equipment and advice which was greatly appreciated by the local race committee.

Annapolis was not only helpful in supporting the event but they also went away with the top four of the five trophies awarded. Bill Lawson was first, beating Griff Hall by 1/4 point. Third and fourth places were separated by 3/4 of a point with Roger Link edging Alex Stout. Lee Griffith of Pine Beach captured the fifth and final trophy by beating Fred Thurston by 3/4 of a point.

Due to a good breeze and prompt starts by the race committee the Saturday races were finished early enough to give everyone a head start on the planned cocktail party and dinner at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club. As a testimony to the



Lee Griffith in the party hat finished fifth.

ideal conditions at Ocean Pines, Fred Thurston summed it up by observing that the race course (which is blessed with a constant sea breeze) is as close to the hoist as is the clubhouse bar.

The awards ceremony was held on Sunday afternoon and was highlighted by the celebration of Lee and Karla Griffith's daughter's first birthday. Party hats were the accepted attire for this event.

Deke Sheller, Fleet 799

REGATTA-AT-THE-BEACH (Top 10 of 19 Boats)

Boat	Skipper	Fleet	Places	Points	Finish
26741	Bill Lawson	SSA	1-6-3-1-5	15.5	1
26455	Griff Hall	SSA	2-3-1-6-4	15.75	2
26670	Roger Link	SSA	9-5-2-4-2	22	3
26459	Alex Stout	SSA	7-1-5-7-3	22.75	4
26004	Lee Griffith	Pine Beach	5-2-4-5-9	25	5
25761	Fred Thurston	SSA	6-4-7-8-1	25.75	6
26489	Phil Richmond	SSA	3-7-6-2-8	26	7
25675	Jen Lawson	SSA	8-11-9-3-6	37	8
26400	Arne-Lynd Hanson		10-9-8-9-7	43	9
25866	Deke Sheller	ESSA	12-10-12-13-10	57	10

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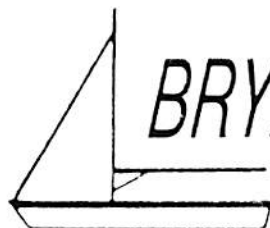
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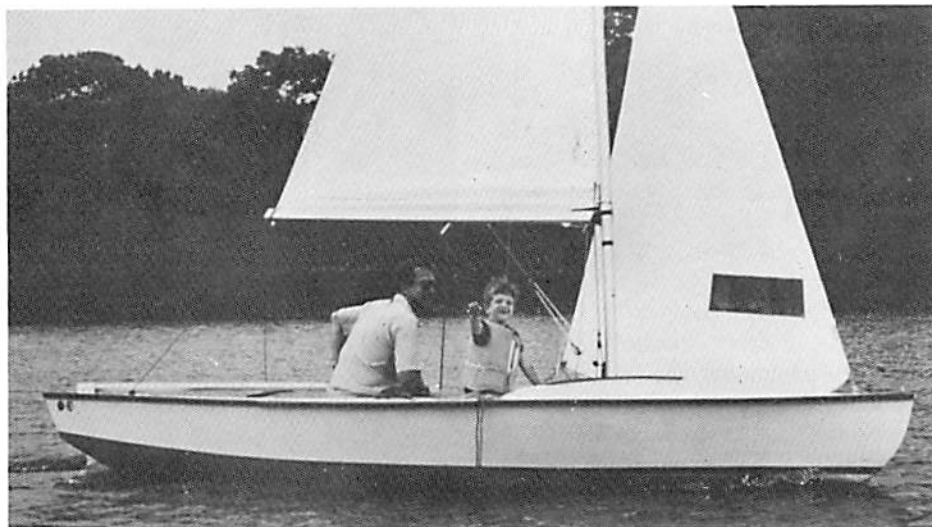
Two Fleets Draw 37 Boats To Winchester

Lots of boats (but not much wind) highlighted this year's regatta as a multiple-fleet setup drew many first-time regatta travellers to the Mystic Lake. The Quassapaug fleet should win the comeback of the year award as they more than tripled their usual attendance at this event with a strong showing of youth and experience.

Speaking of youth, *half* of all the participants were juniors, including four junior skippers, and while most fell in the 12-15 year old range, Cottage Park's Lou Odette Jr. gets the Rookie of the Year award who, at the age of three, crewed for his dad on Sunday.

The light and shifty conditions seemed to baffle all except the top three or four in each fleet on both days. Saturday ended with three sets of races completed and everybody hoping for some steadier stuff on Sunday. Instead, Sunday was worse, with only one race completed in each fleet.

"A" fleet saw a real dogfight between locals Sandstrom, Lence, and Bowers while the rest of us were left in the dust to try to find a way out. Lence's love of



Three-year old Lou Odette, Jr., lends tactical advice to his dad and skipper Lou, Sr., at the Winchester Invitational.

the number "3" almost paid off as Sandstrom's string of firsts was broken by his eighth place finish in the final race, leaving Lence less than two points behind Ron. Jimmy Bowers was running Ron and Dave pretty hard until his mid-fleet finish in the finale dropped him to a distant third.

The top three in the "B" fleet couldn't settle their order of finish until the last race was over as a mere 2.5 points separated

them. And don't let anyone kid you that "B" fleet is the easier fleet. I heard more on-the-course tactical and rule discussions from those guys than I heard in "A"! Local Jim Fraser was polite enough to show the fleet what the course was by leading the fleet around the opening race. Dick May overcame his "warm-up" race to win his first Snipe Class regatta trophy while Eugene Sartori won the Sunday race to eek by Chuck Loomis for the second spot overall.

Thanks are in order to Berta Swanson and the rest of the race committee as well as all who helped out. The increased participation is a healthy sign and everyone can be congratulated and thanked for that.

Oh, and by the way, Jennifer gave birth to Adam George on August 3. I guess we could have gone to the Nationals after all.

Art Rousmaniere

WINCHESTER INVITATIONAL (Top 10 of 14 Boats)

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Fleet	Places	Points	Finish
25714	Dick May/Sandra Brown	Quassapaug	6-1-1-2	9.5	1
22395	Eugene Sartori/Marta Sartori	Winchester	4-5-2-1	11.75	2
26202	Chuck Loomis	Cottage Park	2-2-3-5	12	3
25999	Jim Fraser/Maria Trica	Medford	1-7-4-7	18.75	4
25198	Charlie Price/William Ward	Winchester	3-8-6-4	21	5
25797	Lou Aquavia/Jennifer Aquavia	Quassapaug	7-3-5-6	21	6
25679	Lou Odette Sr./Lou Odette Jr.	Cottage Park	5-6-dns-3	29	7
25709	Pam Boerner/Iffer Boerner	Winchester	11-4-7-12	34	8
25952	Peter Schmidt/Mary Beth Schmidt	Newport	10-9-8-8	35	9
18034	Bob Hallisey/Janet Hallisey	Winchester	9-11-9-9	38	10

Lenhart Scores District VI Victory

The District VI Championships were held at King Harbor Yacht Club on June 13-14. Thirty boats came out for this event where light to moderate winds and very choppy seas prevailed. Jeff Lenhart won the event for the second year in a row, with Craig Leweck coming in second, also for the second year in a row.

The low score for the first day went to Leweck, who posted a 4-1-3. With a 2-2-6, Dave Chapin was in second with Mike Segerblom in third with a 1-5-8.

The King Harbor Yacht Club did a nice job with post-race cocktails. Most racers stayed for the BYO (Burn Your Own) barbecue which followed before going off into the community and beyond.

DISTRICT VI CHAMPIONSHIP (Top 10 of 30 Boats)

Skipper/Crew	Fleet	Places	Points	Finish
Jeff Lenhart/Jacob Ullman	Mission Bay	3-6-5-1-4	18.75	1
Craig Leweck/Kenyon Martin	Mission Bay	4-1-3-11-6	24.75	2
Mike Segerblom/Bob Little	Alamitos Bay	1-5-8-4-7	24.75	3
Mark Folkman/Kurt Mayol	King Harbor	7-9-4-2-3	25	4
Dave Chapin/Rob Lindley	Island Bay	2-2-6-7-10	27	5
Robin Gales/Randy Gallman	Mission Bay	11-4-1-16-2	33.75	6
Jack Franco/John Menninger	Balboa	19-3-7-12-5	36	7
Craig Tallman/Kurt Mayol	King Harbor	8-14-11-8-1	41.75	8
Scott Barnard/Cindy Barnard	Newport Harbor	5-16-2-10-9	42	9
Steve Bloemeke/Pat Deere	Alamitos Bay	6-18-13-3-13	53	10

Sunday's races were postponed slightly to allow for a certain few wayward competitors to find their way back. Car trouble was the reason, but rumor had it that they just could not find their car. Anyway, Sunday's first race began in severe lump and light air. Lenhart began his strong move for the overall lead by taking a bullet

here with local Mark Folkman in second. Craig Tallman won the last race, with Robin Gales in second and Mark Folkman in third. Lenhart's last race fourth place was enough to ice his victory, with Leweck beating out Segerblom on a tie-breaker for second.

BLUE-GREY REGATTA
(Top 10 of 22 Boats)

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Fleet	Places	Points	Finish
26307	Brian Fishback/Lisa Foulke	SSA	1-5-6-1-2-2-6	22.5	1
22285	Harry Levinson/Sarah Levinson	MBG	3-2-8-6-3-4-1	26.75	2
26004	Lee Griffith/Karla Griffith	PBYC	8-4-4-3-8-5-5	37	3
26445	Griff Hall/Edie Yarbrough	SSA	20-1-1-2-4-10-2	39.5	4
25090	John Drayton/Mary Scavini	EYC	2-3-13-14-6-1-3	41.75	5
26671	Steve Callison/Jane Faust	NYC	4-6-12-9-1-3-7	41.75	6
25761	Fred Thurston/Karen	SSA	11-16-5-4-7-6-10	50	7
25989	Joe Evans/Clay Evans	SSA	10-14-15-5-5-7-4	60	8
26468	Eric Gesner/Pam	NYC	9-9-3-7-14-16-8	66	9
26400	Arne Lind-Hansen/Maria	PBYC	12-8-2-8-12-12-12	66	10

Racing, Fun Highlight Blue-Grey Regatta

The 1987 Blue-Grey beach party and go-cart races (and regatta) was held June 13-14 at the Pine Beach Yacht Club on the Jersey shore. One of the best turnouts in recent years was experienced for this growing regatta as 22 boats arrived on Friday night and everyone bunked down in the yacht club dormitory.

Long distance travel bonus points were awarded to boats from Marblehead, Virginia Beach, Boston and Rochester. These points could be redeemed at the frog toss booth at Seaside Amusement Park on the Boardwalk Saturday night.

Since the habit-forming Golden Dream Diner had been closed for remodeling, a substitute "joisey dine'ah" had to be located for Saturday morning nourishment. Afterwards, preparations were made for some sailboat racing. Regatta travel pillows were handed out to all competitors as favors at registration.

Although the weather appeared picture perfect, the forecast was for a nasty squall line to arrive in the middle of the afternoon. With this news, race committee chairman Ralph Bush wisely elected to stay in the Toms River rather than risk getting caught in the middle of Barnegat Bay. With gusty and shifty winds of 8 to 15, Ralph set up a 45 minute long Olympic course and went for five race back to back. As it turned out, all five races were completed with two more on Sunday for a seven race regatta!

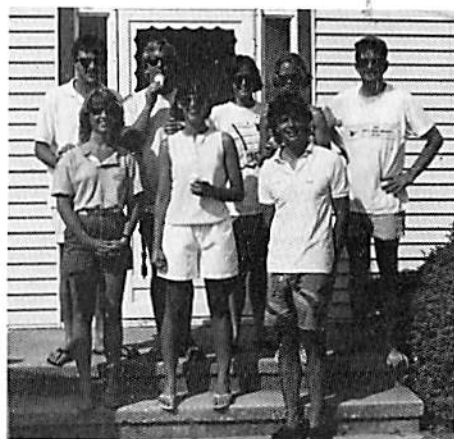
The races were extremely tight and competitive putting a premium on boat handling and shift forecasting. Brian Fishback and Lisa (Betty) Foulke from Annapolis were the eventual winners. The fact that they averaged a little higher than third place and won the regatta is good indication of the close racing. Brian is a newcomer to Snipes but, obviously not new to dinghy racing.

Harry and Sarah Levinson, sailing their brand new boat, were clear cut runners-up with a consistently sailed series. It was not so clear cut from third through sixth place though, as only 4.75 points separated Lee and Karla Griffith, Griff Hall and Edie Yarbrough (who attempted an ill-advised

jib change at the start of the first race), John Drayton and Mary Scavini, and Steve Callison and Jane Faust. Snipe engraved glasses were awarded to the top five finishers, and you can start your own collection now since these same glasses will be given at all Pine Beach regattas for the foreseeable future (several trophy winners were overheard to mention that now they won't have to drink out of paper cups at home any more).

Since the bad weather finally came in after dark on Saturday, the 1987 Go-Cart Championship at Seaside Park was postponed until the August 29-30 Call of Fall Regatta. The annual volleyball competition was held on Sunday morning while waiting for the daily 11:00 a.m. sea breeze to arrive. This year the court was set up on the beach halfway in and halfway out of the surf. Steve Callison won several bonus points for spectacular diving saves (read "big splash").

The Saturday night dinner featured "Danish Tacos" and plenty of liquid refreshments. Danish tacos are not too unlike American, except they were prepared by our Pine Beach fleet members from Denmark: Anders and Madeline Drejer, Arne Lind-Hansen, and Maria. After dinner, the first annual Pine Beach Table Challenge was unveiled. Our challenge is



"The ice cream truck (with bells) just went by." Winners top, L-R: Brian Fishback, Griff Hall, Karla Griffith, Sarah Levinson, Lee Griffith; Front, L-R: Lisa Foulke, Edie Yarbrough, Harry Levinson.

the following: start on top of a dinner table, crawl under the table and back up the other side without touching the floor. This must be done *after* dinner. Harry Levinson was the only visiting sailor to accept the challenge successfully. Charlie Eschleman again won the creativity award by emerging from under the table with both feet first and pointing straight up. Since no Annapolis fleet members would accept the challenge and they are a competitive bunch, we are sure that they are busy practicing this move in preparation for our next regatta.

At press time, Pine Beach Fleet 256 is expecting 35-40 boats for our August regatta and we hope that this includes you. If not then there is always 1988. The Blue-Grey will be held in early June and the District I Championship will be proudly hosted by PBYC in the Barnegat Bay in late June. Remember, we have wind and go-carts.

*Lee Griffith
Pine Beach Fleet 256*



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Gust Overcomes Gusts To Win District II Title

White Rock Sailing Club, Dallas, Texas, Snipe Fleet 1, hosted the 1987 junior and senior District II championships on July 3-4. Good winds marked the two race junior series and the five race championship event.

A super race committee headed by Carol Goff and ably assisted by sailors from the Corinthian Sailing Club including Carol's husband Bob, completed the races like clockwork.

WRSC members all made extra sandwiches to feed guest competitors at lunch, while individual groups went out to dinner Friday night. The club supplied ample beer and other beverages after the races each day.

The junior series Friday morning was dominated by Scott Worrell winning both races in 15-20 mph winds. Peter Festersen was second followed by Trent Donahue, Kimo Silcox and Zack Wooldridge.

Friday afternoon the winds let up a bit providing 12 to 18 knot winds for the first two championship races. These saw Greg Gust leading Bill Jackson, Pete Fenner, Brig North, Andy Towles, and Bill Felder with good finishes. Unfortunately, Bill Jackson was over the start in the second race, costing him second place overall, and a shot at the championship. This left Greg Gust in the lead with two firsts, followed by Pete Fenner, Brig North, Andy Towles, and Bill Felder. After a beer keg and munchies on the pier, folks went their separate ways to sample Dallas night life.

Winds increased for the three races on Saturday. While the fleet sailed in for lunch between the fourth and fifth race, a wild wind gust swept the lake, and four or five boats capsized on the run to the dock. This discouraged about a dozen skippers, and they sat out the final test which

featured hard hiking and some good planning reaches.

The third race of the series (first on Saturday) was won by John Skoog followed by Gust, Andy Towles, and Gene Soltero. During the fourth race Fried Elliott passed Greg on the first reach. The two battled well in front of the pack with Greg the eventual winner. Bill Jackson opened a commanding lead at the first mark of the fifth and final race, while Gust worked his way out of the pack to take second, closely followed by Gene Soltero, Fried Elliott, and Andy Towles.

With three firsts and two seconds, Greg Gust is quite convincing as 1987 District

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II champ. He and Bill Jackson graciously aided in straightening several inverted masts — victims of the last race and the "wild gust." They demonstrated their obvious experience with this aspect of Snipe sailing. "These masts are great, when you bend them they straighten right out" was Dr. Jackson's observation.

Doug Day, District II Governor, held a district meeting and outlined the detailed plan for the 1987 Nationals at Lake Clinton, Kansas. SCIRA Board Member Pete Fenner reviewed the major proposed SCIRA rule changes and polled the participants for their comments and ideas, in preparation for the Board meeting in La Rochelle. In all, it was a competitive and productive regatta.

*Pete Fenner
Dallas Fleet 1*

DISTRICT II CHAMPIONSHIP (Top 20 of 28 Boats)

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Fleet	Places	Points	Finish
26078	Greg Gust	Harbor Lights	1-1-2-1-2	6.25	1
26808	Andy Towles/Chris Carter	Oklahoma City BC	2-8-3-9-5	27	2
25488	Brig North/Scott Worrell	White Rock SC	7-2-6-3-12	30	3
25515	Pete Fenner/Suzan Fenner	White Rock SC	4-3-5-5-13	30	4
25196	Gene Soltero/Shannon McGrael	White Rock SC	10-7-4-7-3	31	5
23712	John Skoog/Peter Festersen	Houston	12-10-1-6-10	38.75	6
26077	Bill Jackson/Trent Donahue	White Rock SC	3-nf-7-4-1	39.75	7
26975	Billy Felder/Zach Wooldridge	White Rock SC	5-5-8-15-9	42	8
25375	Fried Elliott/Steve Elliott	WRSC	15-11-11-2-4	43	9
25376	Ed Olson/Pat Melly	Oklahoma City BC	9-9-10-8-11	47	10
25950	Doug Day/Jim Martin	Missouri YC	6-15-9-12-7	49	11
	John McGowan	WRSC	13-13-13-10-8	57	12
25517	Martin Bebb/Gretchen Bebb	Muskogee, OK	18-14-14-11-6	63	13
21807	Robert Recker/Michael Recker	Iowa-Nebraska SA	20-18-17-16-14	85	14
25285	James Rix/Ken Rix	Walnut Valley SC	14-16-15-13-ns	86	15
24092	Jim Slomski/Maida Oyler	WRSC	16-17-12-14-28	87	16
25089	Roy Whitehead/Kimo Silcox	WRSC	11-6-16-28-28	89	17
24111	Louis Joline/Sonja Joline	Missouri YC	8-12-18-28-28	94	18
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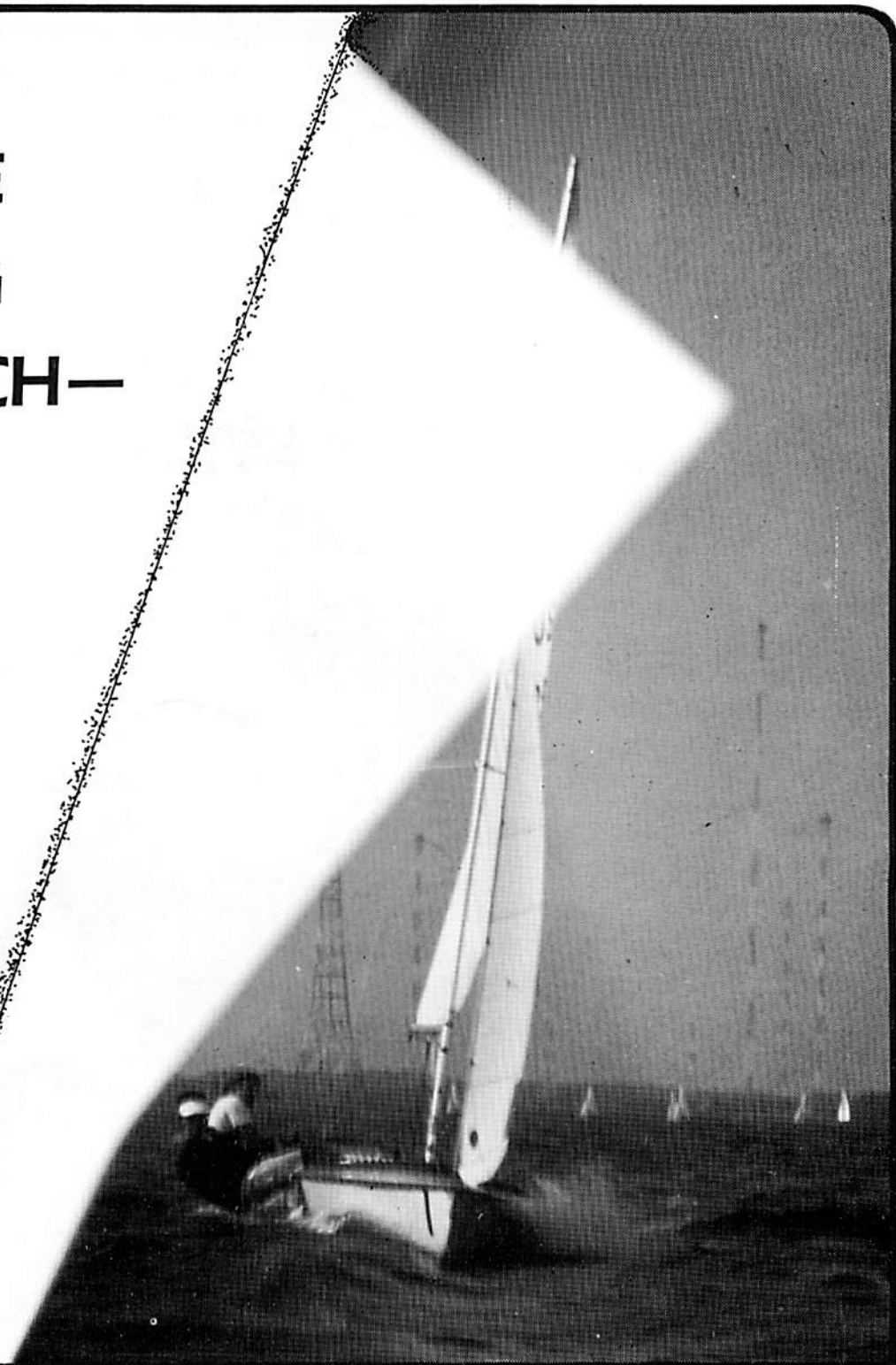
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