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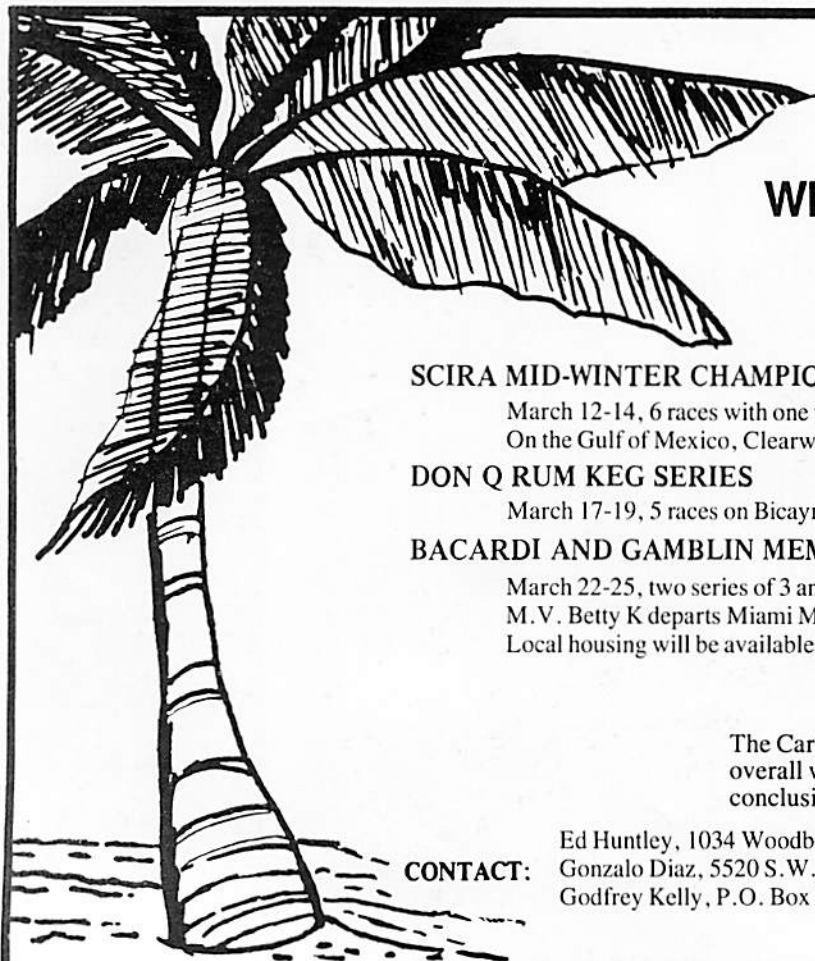
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WESTERN HEMISPHERE NATIONAL SECRETARIES MEET IN BERMUDA

Minutes of the Meeting of the SCIRA National Secretaries of the Western Hemisphere. October 31, 1988, Spanish Point Boat Club, Bermuda.

The meeting was convened at 1730 hours by Commodore Jerry Thompson, who chaired the meeting at the request of Pablo Homps, General Secretary.

In attendance were: Jerry Thompson, SCIRA Commodore; Pete Fenner, Rear Commodore; Pablo Homps, Secretary General, Western Hemisphere; Id Crook, Vice Secretary, SCIRA Western Hemisphere, and National Secretary, SCIRA Canada; Dan Williams, chairman, SCIRA Rules Committee; Wayne Soares, Past Commodore SCIRA; Katsumi Hirata, SCIRA Board of Governors, representing Mr. Shinoda, National Secretary of Japan; Kevin Blee, National Secretary, SCIRA Bermuda; Gabriel Alvarez, National Secretary, SCIRA Cuba; Luis A. Carluccio, National Secretary, SCIRA Uruguay; Phillip Richmond, National Secretary, SCIRA U.S.A.; Torkel Borgstrom, representing Mr. Sisti, National Secretary, SCIRA Argentina; Jimmy Lowe, representing Mr. Kelly, National Secretary, SCIRA Bahamas; Ivan Pimental, representing Mr. Hackerott, National Secretary, SCIRA Brazil.

Also attending as observers were Means Davis, SCIRA Board Member; Dr. Saburo Shindo, Chairman of Karatsu Yachting Association; Ralph Swanson; Doug Nugent; Bill Buckles; Craig Leweck; and Chris Raab.

Taking the Minutes was Thomas Payne, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of SCIRA.

1990 WESTERN HEMISPHERES

A bid was submitted by Torkel Borgstrom for SCIRA Argentina. The regatta would be held in September, in Buenos Aires. The host club has not been determined.

Mr. Carluccio submitted a back-up bid on behalf of SCIRA Uruguay.

Phil Richmond of the U.S. expressed reservations about the bidding procedure and the need for a set format for all future bids. He also expressed concern about the provided boats. Borgstrom assured that the boats would be no problem. There was general agreement that a format should be devised for bidding.

Wayne Soares moved that the bids should be accepted subject to final approval by the Board after the bidding countries

submit more detailed bids, the deadline to be no later than Jan. 31, 1989.

Id Crook seconded — The motion was passed.

'88 S. AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

There was a general discussion of the problems that occurred at this regatta. Torkel Borgstrom mentioned that there is a problem with the amount of measuring that must be done at regattas at this level, especially the Moment of Inertia. Dan Williams said that the MOI is not intended to be done at each regatta, but rather before the boat leaves the factory, as this insures that the construction in the ends is sturdy enough. Wayne Soares noted that the problems of this particular regatta are in the past, but we must develop a plan to insure such problems do not occur in the future.

Tom Payne pointed out that SCIRA Brazil has not answered the charges against them, but that Mr. Bomeisel had mentioned that a reply was on the way.

Phil Richmond suggested that we wait and see what Brazil has to say.

Jerry Thompson will await Brazil's reply and then draft a letter to them at that time.

DISCUSSION OF THE SNIPE BULLETIN

There is a desire to see more articles of a technical nature. Tom Payne pointed out that there is a problem getting people to submit such material. There was further discussion of ways to make the *Bulletin* more international, with more timely reports, photos, and international advertising, etc., from nations outside the U.S. There was discussion of how the number of subscriptions could be increased.

DEED OF GIFT FOR WORLDS MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIP

The Deed of Gift was submitted by Id Crook. There was general discussion of the regatta. It was recognized that up until this time that the regatta has generally been well attended by the host country, but that few foreign boats make the trip. Spain wants to host the next regatta. Ivan Pimental of Brazil felt that it was best to pair the regatta with another major event that the Masters could also attend.

There was a consensus that the Deed should be okayed.

NEW OLYMPIC COURSE

The idea is to shorten the legs of the course and have two triangles followed by

a windward-leeward-windward. This would work well in confined areas, but could lead to some problems: More protests as a result of more mark roundings, and problems for the Race Committee if the mark needed to be moved. It was decided to recommend this course for sanctioned regattas only (not approved for national or international regattas) on a trial basis. Reports will be sent to SCIRA with comments on the viability.

COMMUNICATIONS VIA FAX

Everyone agreed that the FAX is the way to go. Tom Payne will soon purchase a machine for the Class.

ELIMINATION OF THE ANCHOR AND PADDLE

There have been calls to make the anchor and paddle optional. It was pointed out that these are required by law in many areas. We must check with legal counsel. Dan Williams pointed out that it would require a rules change. Torkel Borgstrom feels that the anchor is useless. Ivan Pimental noted that in 25 years he has never used his. Others recounted times when the anchor was a very necessary piece of safety equipment.

A show of hands was called: Five (Homps, Pimental, Borgstrom, Lowe, and Alvarez) voted to make the anchor optional. Phil Richmond, Wayne Soares, Dan Williams, and Luis Carluccio were opposed. On the paddle, only two voted to make optional.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS EVERY YEAR

There was a lengthy discussion of this idea. Wayne Soares felt that we should keep the Worlds as it is, because the change would hurt attendance at the Westerns and Europeans. There is the problem of cost, and as we now have an overabundance of bids for the Worlds, having them every year would soon exhaust them. Torkel Borgstrom felt that the cost is no greater for the Worlds than the Westerns. The discussion continued, without any consensus for change.

REVISED SCIRA SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Phil Richmond led this discussion. He presented a revised set of Sailing Instructions for review and comments. The main idea is to give consistent Instructions for Snipe regattas throughout the world. He noted that the proposed S.I. has room for accommodation and has built-in options. There was a general consensus that the idea is good. Jerry Thompson feels that other classes will adopt Phil's work. Feedback from National Secretaries is requested after they have had time to study the proposed S.I.s.

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Per-Ole Holm Is New Commodore

Per-Ole Holm's sailing life began with a fisherman's boat some 45 years ago and has included such boats as 5.5 meters and Stars. But since the late 1950s the Snipe has been "his boat."

A highly successful businessman, Holm is the managing director of Auto-Haro, a large Volvo dealership and M. Rauanheimo 4B, a shipping company. The combined staff of these two businesses numbers 250. Yet despite his business responsibilities, he has found the time to become one of Finland's sailing leaders.

Per-Ole founded the Kokkola Snipe Fleet #570 in 1962 and was Fleet Captain for 10 years. When his yacht club, Gamlakarleby Segelforening, celebrated its centennial in 1972, Per-Ole led the festivities as commodore, a position that he held for 15 years. He is now the "Commodore of Honor." He has been a vice president of the Finnish Yachting Association since 1979.

After being asked to serve on several protest committees he began studying the rules and in 1982 he became an IYRU International Judge. He has served as president or member of the jury for several high level international regattas, including the Snipe Worlds in 1979, 1981, 1985 and 1987, and the 505 Worlds in 1985 and 1987. He also served on the jury at the 1988 Snipe Junior Worlds.

Per-Ole has served on the SCIRA Board (1982-1985), was rear commodore for 1986 and 1987, and vice commodore for 1988.

He and his wife, Gunvor, have three children, Peter, Gunveig, and Markus, all of whom have become Snipe sailors.

Per-Ole's other interests in life include music and sports in general. He is also an avid cross-country skier.

How can one man find the time to accomplish so much in life? Maybe the key lies in his personal philosophy:

"I think that complaining is a painful way of shortening your life. Instead you should be active, work hard, and leave the rest to God."

Dr. Hub Isaacks — First SCIRA Commodore

Dr. Hub Isaacks died on November 28, in Fort Worth, TX. He was 86.

He was the first commodore of the Snipe Class, serving in 1933, only two years after the plans for the Snipe were published in *Rudder* magazine. The trophy for the Snipe World Championship is named after Dr. Isaacks.

His many yachting awards include the 1988 W. Van Allan Clark, Jr., Trophy for Sportsmanship, awarded by the U.S. Yacht Racing Union (Snipe *Bulletin*, May 1988) and the 1988 Skipper of the Year Award from the Fort Worth Boat Club.

The family suggests memorials to Brairwood School of Houston, 12207 Whittington, Houston, TX 77079; the Hub E. Isaacks Memorial Junior Sailing Fund, 6300 Ridglea Place, Suite 1203, Fort Worth, TX 76116; or to a favorite charity.

AROUND THE SNIPE WORLD

Commodore C.S. Reddy sends great news from Bangalore, India. After an eight year drought that dried up the Hesaraghatta Reservoir and stopped all Snipe activity, the rains have finally come.

The rains started shortly after Commodore Reddy's visit to the Canadian International Raceweek, where his remarks at the Masters trophy presentation included a "request for prayers" to end the "ecological disaster." Now, Mr. Reddy reports, there is renewed activity to repair existing Snipes that have been sitting idle, and some are discussing the possibility of building new plywood Snipes!

Congratulations are in order for **Linda Zonnenberg**. She was named 1988 Crew of the Year at the Lake Lanier Sailing Club, Atlanta, Ga. While she usually crews with husband, Martin, she and skipper Shawn Burke won the 1988 Southerns. She also crewed in the North Americans where she guided her skipper to 12th overall, far above his usual level of performance.

THE COMMODORE SAYS

During the almost 60 years that the Snipe Class has existed it has, on all levels, had devoted leaders who made the Class successful.

As the 1988 Snipe season has now ended, I want to thank all of the Flag Officers, Board Members, Hemisphere Secretaries, National Secretaries, District and Fleet Officers and other Class members who have done a great job during the year.

A special thank you goes to our Executive Secretary, Thomas Payne, who during his first year has taken good care of our office and shown his excellent qualifications for this special task.

The Commodores have always been vital and they have all, in their own way and with their individual qualities, developed the Class.

It is my pleasure to say a warm "thank you" to our Past Commodore, Jerry Thompson, for his devoted work for the Snipe Class during his year as Commodore. Jerry has usually been seen among the sailors at many regattas around the world. He has done a great job in bringing the Snipe Family close together and finding out how the sailors want the Class to develop.

With the start of the New Year, let me express my appreciation of the honor of having been elected, by the SCIRA Board of Governors, to be *YOUR* Commodore for 1989.

To represent an international association of thousands of people, coming from different parts of the world, representing different cultures and different ways of living and thinking is a task that will make me feel humble but will give me a strong will to contribute my best effort to make this a progressive year for SCIRA.

This past November I had the opportunity of being present at the Junior World Championship in St. Petersburg, Florida. We had a marvelous time at this extremely well organized regatta. I especially admired the wonderful and skillful youngsters from different parts of the world. They gave me a strong feeling of confidence in both the young Snipe sailors of today and in the prospect for the future of our Class.

As your Commodore, I will need the support of all members of our organization. Unless we all work together, our common goal, to improve the Snipe Class, will never be realized. Your help is critical

in my efforts to lead and promote the Class.

I especially want to emphasize the importance of local Fleet development. Fleet racing, point score races, a Fleet Junior Program, and strong Fleet social activities will insure that your Fleet will continue to grow, and as a result the whole Class will continue to develop.

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a prosperous and happy New Snipe Year from me and my family.

It is the year of the Worlds in Karatsu, Japan, but it is also the year of thousands of Fleet races, and many, many happy hours just sailing a Snipe.

Your Commodore for 1989
Per-Ole Holm

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THE COVER: New Commodore Per Ole Holm of Finland.

THE COUNT: Eleven numbers were issued this month: Five to Brazil, five to the U.S., and one to Denmark.

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JUNIOR WORLDS

WENESDAY MORNING: The practice sailing was Monday. Yesterday the crews got in a practice race, if you want to call it a race as many of the teams dropped out after the run, choosing not to try the final beat in winds that were fading fast.

Things are even worse this morning. There is not enough wind to start a race, but the Committee is going to try anyway. A slight current is overpowering the little bit of breeze, and the boats really can't make the line even though they've been on the final approach for at least five minutes. It fills slightly at the last moment. General Recall. Another sequence is started. The wind dies to zero or less. Postpone and head for the dock, where we'll wait until 1:00 p.m. and see what comes up.

Someone finds a tennis ball. There is an impromptu "soccer" game in the huge sail storage room of the Sailing Center, the

wide doors on either end serve as the goals. Finally the word comes. Races One and Two are rescheduled for Thursday.

THURSDAY MORNING: Another zero wind day, but now there's fog to go with it. Twenty-five Snipes are towed to the starting area. To wait, again. Crews nap on deck, some swim. The fog seems to want to burn off. There is some wind, but as the fog clears, the wind quits. Finally the postponement goes up, tow lines are rigged, and it's back to the harbor. This should have been races Three and Four.

Back on shore, one of the Californians asks: "Why didn't we sail on Mission Bay?" Someone bought a real soccer ball. Everyone heads to the park across the street. The Committee meets and decides to try for three back-to-back races on Friday.

FRIDAY MORNING: Oh yes! This is

the day, and a perfect day for Snipes! There is a 8-12 knot breeze, it's sunny and warm and the starter's cannon blows away all of the doubts and fears that had built up in the people who had worked so hard to make this the best Junior Worlds, ever.

The first obstacle was getting 30 new or nearly new boats together. Early on, Fleet 801 held a "One Boat Show." A new Phoenix Snipe was set up inside the St. Petersburg Yacht Club and interested members were invited to take advantage of a great price. Eleven were sold. The call was put out to other Snipers in Florida and District IV. What resulted was a fleet that, in most if not all cases, had boats newer than the ones that the visitors sailed at home.

In the first race it was Kenichi Nakamura and crew Shinichi Murata off to a good beginning, taking a close victory over the DeCastro brothers from Spain. The U.S. National Champs, Rodi and Davis, take

Skipper Kenichi Nakamura and crew Shinichi Murata celebrate their victory in the Junior Worlds. (Tom Payne photo)



third, just ahead of Rodrigo Riesgo and Max Kaufmann of Argentina.

Brothers Alex and Brian Camet led from the start of the second race only to be passed by Luis Soubie and crew Joaquin Molla of Argentina, who got by with a classic move on the run. Soubie was playing the waves perfectly, with both boats on port tack. Suddenly the Argentinians jibed, without losing the wave that they were barely riding. Now they were to windward, and lengthened their lead to the finish.

The Camets held on for second, with the Japanese team of Jiro Sugiyama and Hirohisa Ichikawa taking third over their countrymen, Nakamura and Murata. Rodi dropped to ninth, never recovering from a bad first leg. Riesco of Argentina held on for fifth.

The third race was decided in the protest room. After finishes of second and sixth in the first two races, the Spanish team of the DeCastro brothers had sailed an impressive race, but they were thrown out by the international jury because of a mark rounding incident. This gave the victory to Soubie and Molla of Argentina, their second in a row following their ninth in the first race.

The Italian team of Andrea Piazza and Alessandro DiMauro took second, with the Brazilians, Gustavo Oderich and crew Fernando Krahe in third. Rodi and Davis of the U.S. were fourth, with Nakamura and Murata in fifth.

At this point in the series it was Nakamura, Soubie, Sugiyama, Rodi, Riesco, and Camet making up the top six. Now the question was how many races could be sailed on the final day. Unless

three were sailed, for a total of six, there would be no throw-out. The powers-that-be decided that no race would be started after 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, and this was posted on the Official Bulletin Board.

SATURDAY MORNING: Saturday was even nicer than Friday, with stronger winds and bigger waves.

Race Four belonged to the DeCastro brothers as they opened a nice lead and were never challenged. Rodi and Davis were tough and took a second, just ahead of the Camet brothers. The Italians, Piazza and DiMauro, were fourth.

It was trouble for the first day leaders from Japan. Their jib fairlead broke in the heavier going and they withdrew, requesting breakdown redress. Soubie and Molla of Argentina were fifth. The only female team, Jannicke Haug and Susanne Jansen of Norway, retired after their mast lever exploded. The Columbians, Miguel Gonzalez and crew Filipe Castillo, learned a severe lesson about keeping the mast shoved forward on the run, as they did a textbook inversion and were out of the action with a ruined spar.

Jannicke and Susanne made preparations to transfer to a spare boat after SCIRA Board Member Means Davis surveyed the damage and declared their boat unfit to sail. The spare boat had been anchored just to leeward of the course, but there was a big problem: It was sinking! It had just been rebuilt and water was getting into the hull somewhere in the cockpit. After repeated attempts to get the girls going Jannicke decided that they were holding up the action and decided that they would withdraw.

After the damage in the previous race the

Committee set a two-triangle-windward course, eliminating the run. Rodi and Davis got off to a great start, leading at the first mark and holding on until the second reach when DeCastro got by. The Spanish team had a commanding lead at the second windward mark . . . and then jibed, headed back to the leeward mark! They had missed the course change! Everyone held their breath as Rodi and Davis neared the mark. They reached off to the jibe mark and the fleet followed. Suddenly the DeCastros realized their mistake and headed up for the correct course, but by the time they recovered they were in fifth.

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22729	Brad Rodi/Brett Davis	United States	3-9-4-2-1	18.75	2
12103	Luis Soubie/Joaquin Molla	Argentina	9-1-1-5-6	21.50	3
25221	Alex Camet/Brian Camet	United States	6-2-10-3-5	26.00	4
25788	Andrea Piazza/Alessandro DiMauro	Italy	11-10-2-4-7	34.00	5
26387	Jiro Sugiyama/Hirohisa Ichikawa	Japan	5-3-7-10-9	34.00	6
12118	Rodrigo Riesgo/M. Kaufmann	Argentina	4-5-9-9-11	38.00	7
23809	R. & M. Bermudez de Castro	Spain	2-6-dsq-1-4	40.75	8
22206	Alejandro Carluccio/H. Meerhoff	Uruguay	14-7-8-8-8	45.00	9
26804	Gustavo Oderich/Fernando Krahe	Brazil	7-8-3-dsq-3	49.00	10
26919	Bruno Prada/Ricardo Grassman	Brazil	10-13-13-6-10	52.00	11
27138	Jonatan Persson/Peter Jorgensen	Denmark	17-15-6-12-12	62.00	12
27009	Nicolai Rasmussen/Morten Johnsen	Norway	13-12-10-11-17	63.00	13
26659	Soren Schou/Tomas Due-Pedersen	Denmark	8-14-19-14-15	70.00	14
26676	M. Graca/T. Rickens	Portugal	19-11-14-15-14	73.00	15
20557	David Crouch/Elizabeth Crouch	United Kingdom	16-19-11-ret-16	87.00	16
24121	Ari Kansakoski/Kimmo Kotisalo	Finland	18-19-17-17-22	93.00	17
25009	Nicolas Perrier/Stephane Billetorte	France	15-18-16-pms-20	94.00	18
22207	Pedro Garra/Gabriel Faggi	Uruguay	12-17-dsq-dnf-13	95.00	19
26890	J. Perez Aldegunde/R. Santamarina	Spain	dsq-16-17-7-dsq	96.00	20
23750	Ted Smith/John Bethell	Bahamas	20-23-15-18-21	97.00	21
26140	Carlo Sessa/Massimo Dall'Acqua	Italy	24-21-22-16-18	101.00	22
12733	Felipe Castillo/E. Cocmenares	Colombia	21-22-18-dnf-19	105.00	23
26588	Jannicke Haug/Susanne Jansen	Norway	23-24-21-22-22	112.00	24
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Rodi and Davis were off to a safe first, with a commanding lead.

Nakamura and Murata took second, with Brazilians Oderich and Krahe in third. DeCastro passed the Camets on the final beat to take fourth. Soubie and Molla were sixth with Piazza and DiMauro in seventh.

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Even as the boats were finishing the Committee was making preparations to start a sixth race, holding the finishers in the area and preparing to "leapfrog" by setting a new windward mark and using the finish line as the new starting line (after some adjustments, of course). They could have fired the start gun at 2:20, assuming that there would be no general recalls or

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problems setting up the course, but realized that they couldn't go against the posted time limit of 2:00 p.m. So the sailing was over, but the regatta was still not decided as the Jury had to decide what redress would be given to Nakamura and Murata.

The Awards Banquet was held in the ballroom, a full-blown sit down buffet meal, and then finally the show got underway with introductions of all of the people who worked so hard to make the regatta a possibility. SCIRA Commodore Jerry Thompson presented a special "trophy" to SPYC Regatta General Ralph Seiden-spinner and his wife, Pat, thanking them for hours of hard work. Norwegian National Secretary Birger Jansen made a special presentation to the Commodore of the yacht club, and then (finally) the formalities were over and the trophies were awarded.

When Rodi and Davis were called to receive the second place award it was evident that they Jury had awarded enough redress to Nakamura and Murata. The Japanese team had won!

The Jury had awarded them their average finishes which gave them a three point victory over the U.S. team. Soubie and Molla of Argentina were third, and the Camets were fourth. Piazza and DiMauro of Italy were fifth.

Jannicke Haug and Susanne Jansen of Norway won the Sportsmanship award for their decision not to delay the start of the final race.

The brother/sister team of David and Elizabeth Crouch of England won the Shipshape Award, as they had really worked hard to insure that the boats that they sailed were left in immaculate condition.

What had seemed so remote on Thursday, a successful regatta, was now history. The conditions had been optimum, with only one capsize all week. All of the sailors were pleased that the boats had been so new and so evenly matched, and everyone had a great time at the various social gatherings.

It was interesting to note that, at times, the number of support craft, judges boats, and spectator boats outnumbered the competitors. The competitors had been housed with club members, making their visit in the U.S. more personal and giving them a better understanding of life here. There had been plenty of time for the sailors to visit the malls, downtown St. Petersburg, and other local attractions. They pigged-out on plenty of hamburgers, pizza, and other culinary junk that's unique to the U.S., and several left St. Pete on their way to Disney World.

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FLEET 309 SPONSORS VALLEY REGATTA

Council Bluffs, IA — The 1988 Missouri Valley Championship returned to its usual date this year, the weekend of July Fourth, after being delayed a week last year to accommodate the District II Championship.

The MVC Regatta has been held at Lake Manawa, Iowa, near Council Bluffs, for the past 38 years and has been sponsored by Snipe Fleet 309, the Iowa-Nebraska Sailing Association. The sailors were welcomed by the Lakeshore Country Club, staging area for the social activities and — for that matter — the races.

Despite the hottest weather since 1936, the regatta was a solid success. The winds were moderate and the competition was strong. For one of the few times in many years, an out-of-town guest won the event with as fine a display of all-around sailing that has been seen here for some time. Lou and Sonja Joline were first and their score included three wins.

Jack Wagener of the Lincoln fleet won two races but was disqualified for non-payment of the registration fee. Our distaff officers, a group of "Hard Hearted Hannahs" who ran the book-keeping, were unmoved by pleas of hard times, tight budget, and general bad fortune. Wagener sailed in four of the seven races and did rather well. Next year we will consider passing the hat for him provided he accepts a handicap that has not yet been decided.

There was strong competition from Ed Weitz and Dave Haggart of the local fleet but not enough to match the performance of the Jolines.

Visitors did well in general in the regatta, with five of the top 10 places going to guests: fourth were Harry Drake and Ryan Voitenko from Lotawana, fifth to Larry Briggs and John Layman of Lincoln, seventh to Carter and Tami Weitz of Lincoln, and ninth to Jim Hoyt and Camellia Hill of Quivera.

The B Fleet was won by Phillip

Hood and his young mother, Maren, of Lincoln who extended the good fortune of the out-of-towners. They mustered four wins, two seconds, and a third in a fine, steady performance. This young sailor will be a future competitive force. His father watched from shore, happy not to be risking his pride against his upstart son.

The highlight of the social program was on Sunday evening. A party was held at Lakeshore Country Club with fine Nebraska/Iowa prime rib followed by a performance of the Dundee Traditional Jazz Ensemble. The group was brought to us by our own Paul Festersen who plays lead (and only) clarinet/soprano sax in the ensemble. A roaring, foot-stomping time was had by everyone.

The 100-degree temperatures the next day tested the vigor, courage, and resolve of the competitors during four races. Snipe sailors are a hearty lot!

The championship — and an even better party — is planned for next year. Welcome to all!

NORTHEASTERN TITLE TO DOUG CLARK

Ocean City, MD — On Aug. 7-8 the Ocean City Snipe Fleet hosted the Northeastern Invitational Snipe Championship Regatta. With 26 boats in attendance, fair weather, and a steady (but light) breeze, five races were completed during the two days.

Directing the race committee was our illustrious (notorious?) National Secretary Phil Richmond who was ably assisted by Steve Podlich and members of the Eastern Shore Sailing Association. Steve's wife, Margaret, opted to crew for Lee Griffith and finished ninth. Margaret felt they would have done better if Lee had just listened to her!

Speaking of the ladies, it was great to have Susan Dierdorf Taylor back with the Snipe fleet. Susan had just returned from California and the Olympic Trials which culminated a

hectic two years for her and Cory Fisher campaigning their 470. Susan and her husband, Scott, finished fifth in the Northeasterns.

Second and fourth place finishes went to boats from the New England area. John Keane and Linda Tobouda sailed five consistent races to take the second place trophy while Henry Filter and Doug Fitzpatrick were fourth.

Griff Hall sailed Saturday's races with Lisa Foulke as crew. Lisa was having so much fun she didn't realize until Sunday that her cold had turned into pneumonia. Ken Cambell filled in for Lisa on Sunday and helped Griff to third overall. We were glad to see Lisa back in Ocean City several weeks later, recovered from her illness.

First place went to Doug Clark and Jamie Foutanella with the last race deciding the top three finishes. Unfortunately the first place perpetual trophy did not arrive for the awards presentation. In fact, it still has not arrived but rumor has it that Steve Callison may still be in possession of this trophy.

Saturday's races started promptly at noon in a steady eight knot easterly breeze. Although the normal sea breeze never filled in from the south, the easterly continued all afternoon to provide three good races. One third of the fleet was in contention for trophies at the end of Saturday's competition.

As Saturday's races closed the competition moved from the race course to the kegs of Budwieser, to the nearby Go-Kart and Baha tracks. Although no trophies were awarded for the evening's events, several contestants certainly performed with world-class style.

Sunday's races were delayed about one hour waiting for the breeze. At noon a fresh 10-12 knot wind filled in from the south to provide excellent conditions for the final two races. Somehow the hard chargers from Saturday evening's events managed the best finishes on Sunday to take the trophies. Hey, if you're on a roll ...

Deke Sheller

SCOTT GRIFFIN TOPS FLORIDA JUNIORS

Miami, FL — Scott Griffin, from the Rudder Club of Jacksonville, is the 32nd Florida State Snipe Junior Champion since Florida Power & Light Co. donated the perpetual trophy in 1957. He had a solid score of 3-1-1-2-3 for 9.5 points in a fleet of 15 boats.

Saturday, Aug. 27, in spite of a threatening tropical depression in the Bahamas moving towards Miami, turned into a beautiful day with east-northeasterly winds of 6-12 mph. Three Olympic courses were sailed. Sunday also turned into a great day with southeasterly 10-15 mph winds. The fourth race was run around two triangles, and the fifth over an Olympic course.

An after-race squall put us to work with a couple of capsizes that sailed away with the help of juniors who took their smaller peers on their own boats and jumped into the water with superman courage.

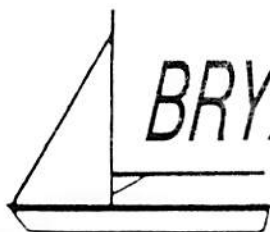
As in past years, this championship was hosted and run by the Coconut Grove Sailing Club. Steve Hill was RC chairman and also donated the use of his yacht, *Furnious*, for the race committee. Sid Doren, Jim Weber, Pam Bennett, Rusty Belotte, Valerie Soule, Ken Hardy, Rick Preston, John Willman, and Donna Disk helped Steve run the races. Commodore Bob Downey presented the trophies. To all who dedicated this weekend to our juniors — thank you.

Miami Snipe Fleet 7 hosted a hamburger cookout for the juniors on Saturday, with Beatriz Labbee, Augie and Carmen Diaz in charge.

Out of the 15 junior sailors, four had a junior crew and placed 2-3-4-12. This was the best Florida State Junior Championship ever! Our system is working and participation is on the upswing.

Gonzalo E. Diaz

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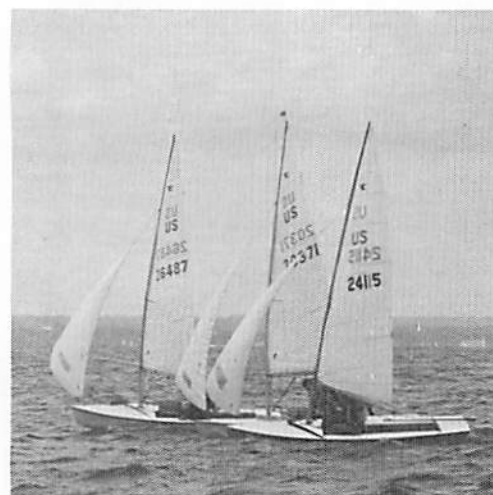
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Northeast Invitational winners, from left: Scott and Susan Taylor, D. Fitzpatrick, Doug Clark, Henry Filter, Jamie Foutanella, Lisa Foulk, Griff Hall, John Keane, Linda Tobouda.

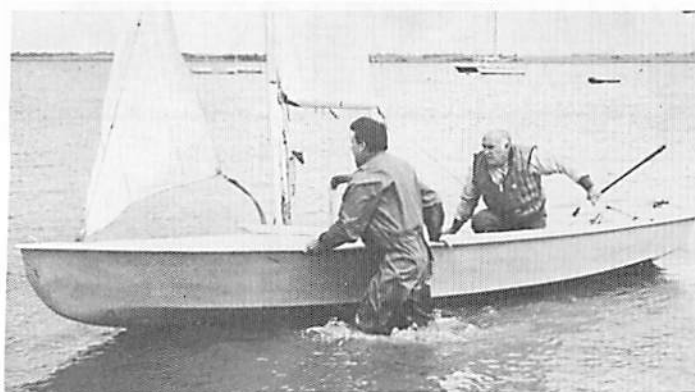


Steve Callison lectures on sail trim at the Joe Ramel Memorial Regatta.



Scene from the Long Island Open, from left: Ben Howe, Lee Tractenberg, Ron Hill.

Eddie Wetherall and crew Ian Varley earned second place in the UK South-eastern Championship. Eddie held the title in '87-88.



regatta circuits

WINDS SLAM SE UK TITLE

England — With high winds, the turn out for this year's South Eastern Championship at Maldon YC was down. Only 11 boats entered.

The racing was tight and hard on all competing crews. Visiting Budworth SC helm Mark Antonelli proved a tough competitor to challenge but local helm Eddie Wetherall and his crew Ian Varney kept up the pressure throughout the two days of racing.

The Stone fleet sent a strong team under Fleet Captain Eric Broughton but it was just not possible to make any headway over Mark and Eddie.

Colin Kay, in Red Alligator, sailed well following his long layoff, and though at times he looked set to get through just did not have the boat speed to break into third position.

At prize giving all competitors showed signs of the tough two days racing, but it was heartily agreed the courses were good and the welcome given by the Maldon YC had made the journey worthwhile.

1. Mark Antonelli/Paul Antonelli, Budworth SC
2. Eddie Wetherall/Ian Varney, Maldon YC
3. Dennis Humphrey/Pat Humphrey, Stone SC.

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WELDON MAKES BEST OF FIRST REGATTA

Sea Cliff, NY — For her first Snipe regatta Anne Marie Weldon did awfully well. So did her skipper, John Keane. They were helped slightly by Art Rousmaniere and Paul Coleman but none the less they sailed consistently to win the 1988 Long Island Open Call-Of-Fall Regatta.

On Saturday, Sept. 24, 21 anxious Snipers ventured out from Sea Cliff YC into Long Island Sound in anticipation of a beautiful day's racing. But the wind gods didn't allow it. The day was beautiful but the fleet drifted all afternoon waiting for wind. At least everyone got some good color. About 3:40 p.m. the fleet adjourned to the club for a terrific dinner organized by Melissa Shepstone. After dinner there were many toasts to the wind gods and fortunately they paid off.

Sunday was another story. The forecast was for rain but at least there was wind. Race committee persons Doug Wefer, Mary Ellen Sheelen, Kemp Randolph, and Bob and Cathy Schein worked quickly to get in five moderate length Gold Cup races to make the sailors feel like they got their money's worth. The wind cooperated from the east-northeast at 9-15 mph with a light to moderate chop.

Keane and Weldon were always near the top with a worst finish of fourth. Henry Filter and Deborah Lawson, disappointed about not sailing Saturday, came to race on Sunday and except for Race 3, finished in the top three in each race to finish a solid second overall.

Third was the top local boat, Pedro and Mimi Lorson. Co-skippers Rousmaniere and Coleman were disqualified for being over early in Race

4 but still finished fourth. Rounding out the top five was Bill Pagels and Joe Doherty from Maryland.

In 'B' Division, the racing was just as tight and maybe even more intense. While the division was made up of all local Snipers, they were all pleased to have a chance to experience many of the class hot shots. Ben Howe and his steady crew Diane Doney sailed a strong regatta, winning three of the five races. Local author Jack Williams with crew Garrett Maddock came on strong in the last three races to finish second followed by Garrett's brother and sister-in-law Rupert and Melia Maddock in third.

Sea Cliff Fleet 4 is glad to host one of the four Call-Of-Fall regattas and hopes that everyone who attended enjoyed the sailing and the off-the-water activities as much as we enjoyed having you. See you next year!

Doug Wefer

TEN FLEETS SAIL AT LAKE LOTAWANA

Lake Lotawana, MO — The annual Joe Ramel Memorial Regatta was held at Lake Lotawana on Sept. 16-18. Thirty-three boats were represented from 10 fleets: Lake Quivera, Omaha, Lincoln, St. Louis, Columbus, Dallas, Wichita, Muskogee, Tulsa, and Lake Lotawana.

The regatta started on Friday evening with Steve Callison of Fisher Sails giving a presentation on boat tactics. The regatta theme was not only stiff competition but a teaching opportunity as well.

On Saturday morning, the junior races were won by Brett Voitenko, followed by Ben Chinnery, Shannon Foye, Mark Frasier, and Russell Barnhouse.

After the junior race, Callison gave further instruction on sail trim and the use of the new whisker pole hanging from the boom.

The races began in earnest after lunch under stiff winds gusting to 30 mph. The first race was highlighted on the last leg with a tacking duel between Callison and Henry Davis. It was estimated that there was as many as 60 tacks made on the last leg alone. Callison was the victor in the final few feet before the finish.

The second race turned out to be a four-boat race between Gene Soltero, Callison, Davis, and Jim Russell. All four boats were within striking distance of a win, however, Soltero won in a photo finish, edging Callison.

A Saturday evening dinner and dance must have loosened up Steve Callison since on Sunday morning, in much lighter winds, he took off and won easily in the final race.

It is anticipated to continue with the tradition of the sailing as well as the instruction format of the regatta in future years.

Carl Chinnery

LENHART TOPS MISSION BAY REGATTA

San Diego, CA — Forty-six Snipers took to the smooth waters of Mission Bay for a renewal of the annual Carolyn Nute Memorial/Halloween Regatta on October 29-30. Hosted by the Mission Bay YC, the regatta attracted a scary list of top-quality competitors.

Despite the absence of the host

club's Craig Leweck (current National, Canadian, and North American champion away in Bermuda for the Western Hemispheres), no less than five past National Champions were present, along with other "monsters" with equally lofty sailing credentials.

Most notable was the return of past Snipe great and '88 Star Olympic Silver Medalist Mark Reynolds. Also of note was current Snipe Junior National Champion Brad Rodi from San Diego YC and Junior National Champion runner-up Alex Camet, also from the San Diego/Mission Bay fleet.

Despite the beautiful empty waters of Mission Bay, the large number of entrants called for the fleet to be divided into four flights alternating against each other in two separate fleets. Six races were run (three for each two flights on Saturday to determine the seeding for Sunday's finals).

Saturday's racing was greeted by overcast skies as an approaching high pressure system challenged a persistent marine layer to produce a nice 8-12 knot breeze which was full of little surprises.

Comments of "this is plush" were overheard from visiting Snipers not accustomed to the lunch/cocktail break after the first race. A five minute sail to the starting line makes this a popular feature at Mission Bay Snipe regattas.

An incredible Southern California sunset greeted the end of Saturday's racing as everyone prepared for the Halloween party to follow. The fleet returned later Saturday night in a metamorphosed state which found eerie life forms of all sorts writhing to

the live sounds of local rock group Fish & The Seaweeds. Numerous celebrities were present including Dennis Conner (aka Steve Ross) and a stunning Florence Griffith-Joyner (aka Pat Muglia) who looked better than the real thing!

Hands-down winner of best costume, however, had to be Keith "Tree" Dodson from Alamitos Bay YC. It was no contest as Tree proved he could go both ways by coming as a "bride." The 6'5" maiden was awesome in flowing gown, veil, and gold tresses — actually he was just proving to fiancée Claudia O'Brien that he wouldn't have her do anything he wouldn't do. Hopefully, Keith successfully reversed his role the following week as he and Claudia tied the knot. Congratulations!

Sunday morning brought a clear sky with an early breeze filling in. The previous night's damage didn't appear too extensive as nearly all Snipers made the 11:30 a.m. start. The added hour due to the return of standard time undoubtedly saved numerous lost souls. (The '87 edition had an unprecedented mortality rate as at least 20% of the fleet was tardy for the a.m. gun.)

The competitors were divided into two fleets, President and Vice President, according to Saturday's success. Each division sailed two final races to determine the winners.

A moderate breeze prevailed as sailors were treated to excellent racing conditions. Going into the final race only three points separated the leaders Jay Gollison, Mark Reynolds,



Close racing in the recent Race for Space at Florida's Melbourne YC. Steve Suddath, 24807, leads fleet over the starting line. (M.J. Gillis photo)

and Jeff Lenhart. Lenhart took his second bullet of the day to win the regatta.

An unfortunate incident between Lenhart and Reynolds at the first weather mark cost Reynolds a DSQ and second place in the regatta after a lengthy protest hearing. Jay Gollison, a relative newcomer to the Snipe Class but no newcomer to the sailing world, served warning that no Snipe title is safe by taking the regatta lead to the final race. Rob Walker of San Diego YC was third in the final standings of the President's Division. Tom Nute of Mission Bay YC sailed an inspired series to take a close fourth.

The two Junior Snipe champions also sailed very well. Brad Rodi had problems Saturday with a light crew and retired after the first race, but came back Sunday in the Vice Presi-

dent's Division with a heavier crew to score two bullets with horizon jobs. Alex Camet, with crew Brian Camet, scored fifth overall in the President's Division.

Finally, it should be noted that former Snipe great Lou Bedford and his wife, Helen (who served on the race committee in the 1984 L.A. Olympics), did a phenomenal job in running the races. Their professionalism and expertise in setting challenging courses in the protested bay waters produced ideal racing. It is hoped that this regatta will help set the tone for the 1989 North Americans to be held on the Pacific Ocean off Mission Bay in September. We hope Snipers from all over North America come here to enjoy some ideal Southern California Snipe racing.

Bob Bowden

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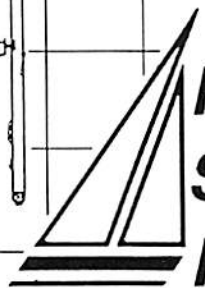
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MISSOURI VALLEY CHAMPIONSHIP Fleet 309, Lake Manawa, Iowa, July 2-5, 1988 (Top 10 of 12 Boats)

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Races	Points	Finish
24111	L. Joline/S. Joline	1-4-7-7-8-1-1	28.25	1
24095	E. Weitz/L. Rous	8-8-2-1-3-5-2	28.75	2
25911	D. Haggart/B. Haggart	4-1-3-5-9-3-6	30.75	3
25731	H. Drake/R. Voitenka	3-6-5-4-2-7-5	32	4
24099	L. Briggs/J. Layman	9-2-4-8-5-2-3	33	5
25052	P. Festersen/S. Festersen	2-11-9-6-6-4-4	42	6
20841	C. Weitz/T. Weitz	7-7-6-3-10-9-10	52	7
27272	J. Gndring/H. Dunbar	11-9-8-11-4-11-8	62	8
24801	J. Hoyt/C. Hill	6-3-12-9-7-ns	63	9
27005	R. Recker/S. Recker	10-5-10-12-12-8-9	66	10

32nd FLORIDA STATE JUNIOR SNIPE CHAMPIONSHIP Coconut Grove Sailing Club, Miami, FL, August 27-28, 1988

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Club	Places	Points	Finish
26109	Scott Griffin	Rudder Club	3-1-1-2-1	9.5	1
24020	David Fagen/Christian Obenshain	SPYC	1-11-2-1-2	16.5	2
23391	Pat Downey/Senet Bischoff	CGSC	2-2-8-3-4	19	3
20688	Christian Labbee/Bart Batzer	CGSC	5-6-4-5-1	20.75	4
24995	Mandy Breman	CGSC	4-5-3-9-7	28	5
26300	Edward Sherman	SPYC	6-4-9-8-6	33	6
24776	Veronica Diaz	CRYC	9-3-5-4-nf	35	7
23711	Evan Zinn	CGSC	8-10-11-6-5	40	8
94950	Karl Loerky	CGSC	7-9-10-7-8	41	9
26395	Daniela Diaz	CRYC	14-12-7-10-10	53	10
21711	Lowell Kahn	CGSC	13-7-12-12-11	55	11
26486	Andrew Cole/Nick Gara	CRYC	11-8-6-nf-ns	55	12
26395	Peter Thiel	CYC	10-ns-14-11-9	58	13
24044	Parke Brinkley	CYC	12-13-13-13-12	63	14
23713	Sandra Aichner	CGSC	ns-14-15-14-13	71	15

LONG ISLAND OPEN CALL-OF-FALL Sea Cliff Fleet 4, Sea Cliff, NY, Sept. 24-25, 1988 (Top 5 of 21 Boats)

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Club	Points	Finish
25781	John Keane/Anne Marie Weldon	Marblehead	4-2-1-1-4	11.5
25871	Henry Filter/Deborah Lawson	Cottage Park	3-1-9-2-2	16.75
25165	Pedro Lorton/Mimi Lorton	Sea Cliff	2-5-2-4-5	18
25412	Art Rousmaniere/Paul Coleman	Winchester	1-3-4-pms-1	24.5
25784	Bill Pagels/Joe Doherty	Annapolis	9-6-7-3-6	31
'B' FLEET				
26487	Ben Howe/Diane Doxy	Sea Cliff	1-1-3-1-3	8.25
24972	Jack Williams/Garrett Maddock	Sea Cliff	3-3-1-2-2	10.75
23584	Rupert Maddock/Melia Maddock	Sea Cliff	4-2-2-pms-1	14.75



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 Ocean City Fleet 799, Ocean City, MD, August 6-7, 1988
 (Top 5 of 26 Boats)

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Fleet	Places	Points	Finish
26108	Clark/Foutanella	SSA	2-6-3-4-1	28.4	1
25781	Keane/Tobouda		5-2-5-1-5	33.0	2
27144	Hall/Foulke	SSA	1-3-8-6-2	34.4	3
25871	Filter/Fitzpatrick		13-8-1-5-4	51.0	4
25764	Taylor/Taylor	SSA	7-9-11-2-3	53.7	5

JOE RAMEL MEMORIAL REGATTA
 Lake Lotawana, MO., September 16-18, 1988
 (Top 10 of 24 Boats)

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Fleet	Places	Points	Finish
27092	Steve Callison/Pam Scribner		1-2-1	3	1
24101	Henry Davis/Tom Conners	309	2-4-2	14	2
24321	James Russell/Matt Briggs	567	3-3-11	28.4	3
25196	Gene Soltero/Shannon McGrael	1	6-1-13	30.7	4
25517	Martin Bebb/Amy Person	68	4-13-4	35	5
25285	James Rix/Ken Rix	93	8-6-6	37.4	6
23292	Todd Meirell/Joe Middleton		10-10-3	37.7	7
25911	Dave Haggart/Barbara Haggart	309	7-9-5	39	8
22478	Doug Goppert/Kristen Falkenberg	49	5-8-10	40	9
25075	Bob LaScala/Vicki LaScala	49	12-11-8	49	10

'B' FLEET (Top 3 of 6 Boats)

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Fleet	Places	Points	Finish
22324	Kirk Smith/James Krance		2-1-4	11	1
19446	Russell Barnhouse/Ed Barnhouse	49	1-dnf-1	13	2
21364	Fred Cady/Sarah Cady		3-2-6	20.4	3

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 Mission Bay YC, San Diego, CA, Oct. 29-30, 1988
 (Top 10 Each Division of 46 Boats)

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Club	Points	Finish
20560	Jeff Lenhart/Bill Hardesty	MBYC	11.25	1
24606	Jay Gollison/Jackie Gollison	ABYC	13.75	2
25329	Rob Walker/Roweena Carlson	SDYC	20.75	3
23280	Tom Nute/Shelly Patton	MBYC	25	4
25221	Alex Camet/Brian Camet	SDYC	28.75	5
27	Mark Reynolds/Deann Reynolds	SDYC	30.75	6
5	Bill Draheim/Jeff Johnson	AYC	30.75	7
27255	Andy Barnes/Marcia Rowhan	MBYC	37	8
23752	Charlie Cummings/Tom Devlin	ABYC	40	9
25223	Robin Gales/Nadine Franczyk	MBYC	42	10

VICE PRESIDENT'S DIVISION

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Club	Points	Finish
25521	Don Bedford/Tina	MBYC	40	1
26104	Sean Biehl/Jerelyn Biehl	MBYC	45	2
2710	Doug McClean/Jon Blunderman	DRYC	48	3
22815	Steve Stewart/Kenyon Martin	MBYC	53	4
25084	Wade Blomgren/Kathy Holberd	MBYC	56	5
25975	Steve Jacobsen/Kay Roney	ABYC	60	6
26662	Ron Fox/Kristin Fox	ABYC	63	7
22816	Doug Cefali/Mary Weiser	BYC	64	8
227291	Brad Rodi/Scott Quan	SDYC	64.50	9
20252	Ken Voss/Kay Voss	MBYC	69	10



'88 Florida State Snipe Junior Championship winners: standing, L to R, Scott Griffin, Commodore Bob Downey, David Fagan, Christian Obenshain. Front: Pat Downey, Senet Bischoff. (Gonzalo Diaz photo)

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NATIONAL SECRETARIES

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1988 JUNIOR WORLDS

Tom Payne gave a progress report on the regatta, which will be hosted by the St. Petersburg Yacht Club. Wayne Soares was upset because he hadn't seen a copy of the proposed budget. Tom apologized for this oversight and assured everyone that the regatta would be fully accounted and that every effort had been made to keep the costs to SCIRA at a minimum. The need for a standard bid format was again raised.

ADVERTISING

Tom Payne read a letter from Eduardo Bomeisel relating the fact that Pepsi Cola had put some logos on boats at a regatta in Brazil. The question was raised as to the Class policy on this matter. Dan Williams pointed out that the rules clearly state that this is illegal. (Restrictions and Measurements, Rule 59.) Ivan Pimental pointed out that these things are changing and that the Snipe Class must look ahead and think of the benefit of all of its members. Mr. Carluccio spoke of some of the promotions that they've tried in Uruguay. Torkel Borgstrom pointed out the need for money to host regattas. Phil Richmond discussed how promotions and fund raising can be conducted outside of Sanctioned Events, and that this is permissible. Jimmy Lowe told that the Sunfish Worlds were sponsored by Rolex, and that all of the sails had the Rolex logo on them. Rolex had donated \$10,000 to the Sunfish regatta.

Pete Fenner pointed out some of the USYRU restrictions on regattas: 1. The sailor must be an amateur. 2. No advertising during the race. This does not prohibit advertising on marks, committee boats, etc. Jerry Thompson pointed out that this problem is one that is being discussed at the IYRU meeting, and that we are expecting that changes in the rules will be made. Of course, the Snipe Class has its own rules that can supersede the IYRU rules, and that we will stand on our own if necessary. Dan Williams mentioned that TUBORG had sponsored the Worlds, but that the advertising stopped at the water's edge. The question was posed: Suppose someone wants to buy the name of the regatta. That is, should we allow the name "Rolex Snipe Worlds Championships?" There was a general consensus that this would not be a good idea. Then someone pointed out that the trophy for the Worlds Masters is the Ward-air trophy. It was also realized that the Don Q and Bacardi regattas bear the name of the sponsors. Bill Buckles, an observer at the meeting, pointed out that if the IYRU says that advertising is okay, and SCIRA

says no, then we will lose, because the sponsors will give their money to the classes and events that allow them the most exposure.

Jerry Thompson again pointed out that we will have a better idea of the direction of the sport after the IYRU meeting in London in early November.

PROPOSED RULES CHANGES

Pete Fenner discussed the proposed changes in Rule 54 (kinetics). There was a general review at Pusan. The U.S. will make proposals at the IYRU meeting, as the consensus from the USYRU meeting is that the proposed IYRU rule is too restrictive.

Jerry Thompson outlined the Diaz Headstay Proposal. Dan Williams said that there is a problem with defining the limit for aftward movement of the mast. Ways to define this were discussed. Wayne Soares felt that this proposal should have passed at the Board Meeting at La Rochelle, but that it was presented in a confusing way, and that there were too many proposed changes already on the agenda.

The proposal was put to a vote: To establish a definite restriction on headstay length, that would restrict the aftward movement of the mast at a certain point that would insure that the boat could be sailed without the jib halyard. That the jib hanks would be made optional, as their presence is the reason that headstay length is out of control. There was a unanimous consensus that this proposal is a good one.

HIKING PANTS

Bill Buckles was allowed to state his opposition to hard battens in shorts. He feels that this is a violation of the rules. (Restrictions and Measurements 61). There is also the problem with the foam pads as they soak up water, adding hiking weight. Means Davis (an observer to the meeting) reported that he had done a soak test, at the request of Dan Williams, Chairman, Rules Committee: The pants tested were from North Sails. Their weight dry: 2.45 lbs. Wet: 3.20 lbs.

Torkel Borgstrom pointed out that the shorts could be a good thing for the older sailors, as they would allow them to hike harder and in more comfort. The cost is about \$60. U.S.

Tom Payne read the Rule. Phil Richmond felt that the wording of the Rule was clear, and that the pants were in violation. There was more discussion. Ivan Pimental said that the pants don't support, only offer protection. Wayne Soares felt that they spread the support. Means Davis pointed out that the SCIRA Rule 61 (page

44) refers to Hiking Boards and Trapezes, that in the past that has always been the interpretation. The question of their use in the 1988 Westerns was raised. Jerry Thompson suggested that the competitors would decide in the protest room. Chris Raab gave a demonstration of the shorts. He felt that they were a good thing for the older sailors. Pete Fenner said that the Jury might decide that the pants are illegal and that the sailors should be aware.

ELECTION OF BOATBUILDERS, SAILMAKERS TO SCIRA OFFICE

Jerry Thompson reported that the Europeans have nominated a boatbuilder to hold the office of Vice Secretary of SCIRA Europe. Was there any consensus to change the SCIRA rule?

Wayne Soares said that the precedent is set and that the rule should not be changed. The vote was unanimous that the rule prohibiting boatbuilders and sailmakers from Board positions *should not be changed*.

ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS

Pablo Homps nominated Id Crook for the office of General Secretary of the Western Hemisphere. Many seconded and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Id then nominated Mr. Luis Alberto Carluccio of Uruguay as Vice Secretary. Many seconded and the vote was unanimous in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Jimmy Lowe of the Bahamas expressed a desire that they would host the 1992 Westerns. This would coincide with the celebration of the quinquennial celebration of the landing of Columbus. The Royal Nassau Sailing Club would host. There was a consensus that this would be a good idea.

Means Davis raised the point of Japan's inclusion in the Western Hemisphere and suggested that the Rules Committee might try to arrive at a new designation, tied to future growth in the Far East.

Mr. Carluccio presented a Deed of Gift for a South American Junior Championships. Torkel Borgstrom said that it's too hard to get the Juniors to attend. Ivan Pimental said that the regatta would be too hard to organize. It was suggested that the regatta would be held every two years. Phil Richmond suggested that the regatta could be held in conjunction with the South American Senior Championships.

Torkel felt that this is a good idea, but too difficult with scheduling problems. Jerry Thompson noted that this is a matter for the South Americans to work out among themselves.

After thanking Pablo Homps for his hard work, and congratulating all for the good job, Id Crook made the motion to adjourn. Jerry Thompson seconded; Passed.

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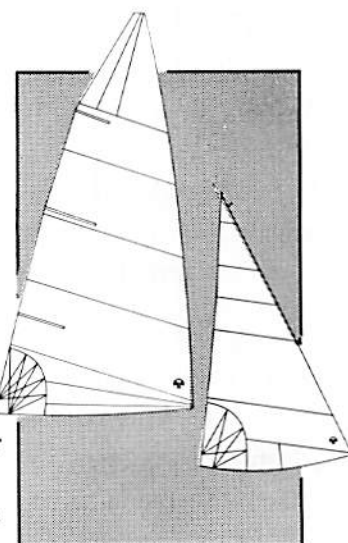
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•1,2,3	Bermuda Race Week
•1	Gamblin Race Week
•1	Mae Snipen
•1,3,4	Southwesterns
•1	Riff Raff
•1,3,5	Colonial Cup
•1,2	Wolverine/Barton Ocean Open
•1,3,4,5	Bolde Mothers
•1	Norway Nationals
•1,3,5	Atlantic Coast Championship
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•3,4	Nationals (Wells Series)
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