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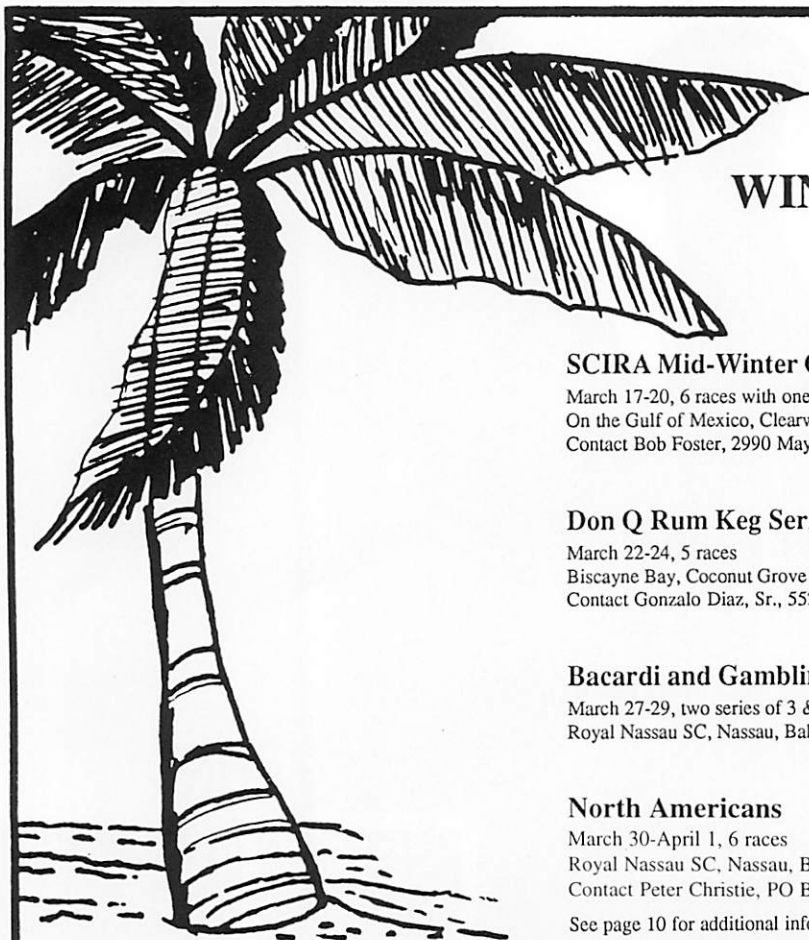
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From the Commodores

1996 Commodore Brezich

This is the first time that, as Commodore, I have the opportunity to communicate to all of you. It is a great honor and pleasure for me to be elected in such an important position within the Snipe Class organization. This is also important as I am the first Italian to be elected and I come six years after the previous European. In the past, Italy had some European Secretaries and Board members but never a Commodore. It is from many years now since SCIRA Italy was deeply involved in the Class administration, and I remind you that the European Championship trophy was donated by the Italian Sailing Federation as well as the Junior World Championship trophy by Mr. Lasinio's family.

Also 1996 will be the 50th anniversary of my Snipe sailing career, as I began at the age of six and it is a fantastic coincidence to be Commodore in the same year!

Having been involved in the Class for so long means that I have seen first hand the evolution of boats, rigging and sails. I believe in evolution, without traumatic revolution. The Snipe must maintain its philosophy but accept the technology of the time being. Carefully selecting innovations, we will maintain the Snipe always up to date and attractive for the top champions as well as for family crews which are the core of our fleets.

From January 1 with the new Rulebook in force, there are many new or modified sentences. One of the most important is the rule that concerns jib construction and cloth; now we hope that sails will last longer thus allowing sailors to save money.

As you read the Snipe Bulletin, you will see that our Committees are working on various new items. One of the most interesting and most important ones is the evolution and the future of the Snipe is the fiber centerboard testing program. Can you imagine the advantage of a centerboard weighing only 3-4 kgs. (7 lbs.), floating and easy to handle?

Moreover, boat price is vital and we must do our best to try to reduce the costs in order to attract new sailors, especially juniors. One of the things to do is to standardize the dimensions of parts of the equipment, like masts, rudders, centerboards, etc. Standard dimensions mean cheaper production costs and that all parts are ready for use saving time, money and sailing troubles.

During the meetings in Rimini, Board members agreed that we have to pay all our attention and support to Juniors as they are the future life of the Snipe Class. We must find the funds to help them to take part in the main events, as travel expenses are so big to discourage participation from some countries.

Since we are an International Class, we have to act in an international oriented way, in order to protect and respect all nations.

Only following this path the Snipe Class will grow stronger.

Commodore Giorgio Brezich

Coming next month...

we will highlight our new Board members

THE COVER: 1996 Commodore Giorgio Brezich.

THE COUNT: No new numbers were issued this month.

NUMBERED SNIPES: 29012

CHARTERED FLEETS: 836

1995 Commodore Lowe

1995 will be a year which I am sure most of us will remember for one reason or the other. For me it will be a year never to be forgotten due to my involvement with so many marvelous Snipe sailors throughout the world.

Having attended five Snipe World Championships and innumerable other major regattas, Rimini is one I shall always cherish as having been well brought off and a pleasure to attend.

The retirement of 2 of our most dedicated officers must be viewed as a great loss to our sailing family. The time and energy which Dan Williams and Chuck Loomis have given to the Class over the last 24 years will certainly be missed and the thought of attending a future World Championship without encountering either as measurers will take some getting used to. However, I am sure that the new Rules Committee Chairman, Brainard Cooper, and any assistants will continue the tradition of ensuring things are done properly.

Many thanks are due to people too numerous to name; to the entire Board of Governors of SCIRA, and particularly to our Executive Director, I say thank you.

It is with great pleasure that I hand the reins over to Giorgio Brezich. I am sure that with the transfer of the Commodoreship to Europe we as a Class will be affected by that certain flair which so many Europeans possess.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the North American's in Nassau in March and again thank you all for allowing me the honour of serving as Commodore of our Class, the World Class.

Yours Sincerely,

Jimmie Lowe

Around The Snipe World

CAUGHT!

The editor was caught making several mistakes in the *Bulletin* over the past few months! We hope to rectify them here! Firstly - Past Commodore and former US National Secretary Ralph Swanson was omitted from the US Masters results. Ralph and daughter Marta finished a respectable third in the Grand Masters category; Past Commodore Perry Bass was mistakenly identified last month as Terry Whittemore in the photo of Past Commodores with Dan Williams; Argentina's newest fleet is fleet #831, Norway's Lille Herbern is fleet #830! Apologies to all and thanks for pointing these out!

NEW FLEETS

Italy was granted 4 new fleet numbers:

Fleet 833	Orbetello
Fleet 834	Centro Italia
Fleet 835	Roma
Fleet 836	Sabatina

In production of the new Rulebook, it was noted Moscow was never given a fleet number:

Fleet 832	Moscow
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SNIFE SAILORS HONORED

Two Snipe sailors were recently honored in San Diego as the Yachtsman and Yachtswomen of the Year for the entire San Diego Area of Yacht Clubs. Yachtsman winner was Jon Rogers, who recently crewed for Doug Hart in the Worlds in Rimini, Italy. Yachtswomen winner was Mary Brigden Snow, who placed 5th in the Womens Worlds in Japan in 1994. Congratulations!

THANK YOU

To Nancy Shriver of Seattle Fleet 444 for computer software consultation and donation for the SCIRA office.

WORLD SNIPE DAY 1995

Established last year by Commodore Jimmie Lowe, World Snipe Day was created to foster awareness of the Snipe around the world and for fleets to use as a tool to help introduce, build and promote their fleets. The first Saturday in May was chosen - not too late for the Southern Western Hemisphere that is beginning winter, and not too early for parts of Scandinavia who may still be under ice. Many fleets were able to hold some sort of celebration weather they could sail or not. As usual, Snipe sailors worldwide were adaptable to what ever Mother Nature provided on this day, and many carried it off with flair and ingenuity.

With the 1996 World Snipe Day just around the corner, we thought we'd share some of the ways fleets around the world spent their World Snipe Day in 1995. You might find some ideas to help plan your World Snipe Day for this year!

Fleet 001 - Dallas, Texas

Snipe Fleet 001 used the World Snipe Day Proclamation as a Fleet building tool. Post-cards were sent to all Snipe sailors in the Dallas area (fleets 001 & 715) with a challenge to take someone sailing who was not currently associated with the Class. Sailors were directed to invite friends, neighbors, or co-workers, thinking that it would be easier to induce interest among familiar people than it would be among the general public. Fun races were scheduled and refreshments were planned. Those having used boats for sale could display them in the parking lot. Fleet 001 was ready to host visitors on World Snipe Day! Rain, hail, wind and thunderstorms moved through Dallas during the evening before World Snipe Day. The 10:00 pm news reported streets under water and other damage from the storms. The next morning, water level at White Rock Lake measured 18 inches above the pier at the sailing club. By noon, start of our World Snipe Day, water levels were even with the pier. At 2:00 pm the pier was 6 inches above water level and a Snipe sailed out into the lake. Six members of Snipe Fleet 001 were on hand to greet our small crowd of visitors. Many others, I'm sure, were discouraged by the damaging weather from the night before. Snipe Fleet 001 would like to see World Snipe Day become an annual event scheduled for the first Saturday in May. We hope that future events will find our pier flooded with visitors and not with water. 6 fleet members participated.

Fleet 676 - Bergen, Norway

On May 6th, we were sailing with 8 boats from the fleet. There were about 16 people that tried the Snipe. 4 of the people said that they wanted to buy a Snipe. One of them has already bought one! We were sailing 2 training races for each of the 2 people. We had food at the club after sailing. 8 fleet members participated.

"We would like to see World Snipe Day become an annual event."

Fleet 195 - Oslo, Norway

We went to schools with Snipe material, and talked to students and asked if they wanted to try to sail the Snipe. 23 people came to sail. We also made a little regatta so they could see what it was like to sail in a regatta. We found that people were so interested that we started a Snipe course - for four days free of charge. Snipe sailors from our fleet did a great job! Three people even bought Snipes, so it was quite successful. 15 fleet members participated

Fleet 738 - Bangalore, India

We did receive your circular on World Snipe Day. We have very low water (3 feet & less). We had 7-8 Snipes on which a tree fell, and the boat shed collapsed. We are recovering quite well. So we did the next best thing by giving final touches on May 6 on two of the marine ply boats "Avanti" and "Papillon", (restored). We will send greetings to everyone of the World Snipe Fleets.

Fleet 801 - St. Petersburg, Florida

We made World Snipe Day the kick-off party for our fleet series, which began the following day. It was a great party! In fact, we had such a good time we forgot to take pictures! Bill & Sherry Welch took their "home" the famous Snipe trailer and motor vessel "Sails" out beyond the breakwater & anchored. The guests and Snipers ghosted their way out of the harbor & tied up in long "strings" of Snipes to the stern of "Sails" and began to eating & drinking, while awaiting the seabreeze. Diving & jumping from the top deck was a popular activity. Sitting in the air conditioning with a beer was equally popular. The seabreeze came in on schedule, the Snipers beat feet for their various crafts and the races began! We held 5 races, short & sweet. David Mendelblatt won them all! And then the fun stuff. We tried a "take-off" on team racing. It was hysterical. We teamed up the "Fast teams" with a "Slow team". Each f/s team was given a bright colored ball - soft, 6" circumference. The whole fleet

starts together. Every boat must start, finish, & round all marks. But the ball must be exchanged between boats of each team at every mark (within 2 boat length - before or after rounding). Balls were bouncing out of boats - swimmers shrieking in the water! It was pandemonia at each mark and a really fun game. Trophies were sunscreen & protest flags.

12 fleet members & 6 guests

Fleet 519 - Chubu, Japan

Chubu Fleet had a special regatta on the World Snipe Day which was conducted by Mr. Kuwano at Kaiyo Yacht Harbor with 3 races. Time for preparation of the race was very short and the number of race committee was also very few. It was, therefore, very hard race for the committee. Next year we will try to have more, with a big fleet race with more preparation time.

23 fleet members participated

Fleet 495 - Mission Bay, California

For our World Snipe Day we decided to have a Snipe boat show. We sent out 900 flyers to area University Sailing Teams, junior programs and other associations to interest people to come down and take a look at boats that were for sale in the fleet as well as take the boats for a sail. We had about 15 boats on display and 2 boats in the water for test runs. We had approximately 20 people come by to learn about the fleet as well as 5-8 people that were already Snipe owners, but would now like to get involved in racing. I think if the weather had been warmer our turn-out would have been better. 2 boats have been bought since our World Snipe Day.

15+ fleet members participated

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Fleet 567 - Lincoln, Nebraska

The first annual day set aside to honor Snipe sailors and their boats didn't get much help from mother nature in Lincoln, Nebraska. The temperature didn't reach the forecasted 70 degrees. And all the rain we've had here created a 100-yard mud run that folks had to slog through just to get to the club site. Once there, hope sprung eternal for the 20 die-hard sailors who showed up...until the sun totally disappeared, replaced by stiff southeast breezes. But where two or more Snipers gather, either a race occurs or a party. The party was really good. It was educational too. Our Race Committee put on an out-of

WORLD SNIPE DAY 1995

the water training session on committee duty. And crew Mary Buckley and Susie Christensen demonstrated the finer points, as well as the humorous points of crewing. About six prospective skippers and crew took up our World Snipe Day invitation. These folks visited our booth at a February boat show and expressed an interest in sailboat racing. The strong wind and cold water dashed our original plan of giving the prospects a Snipe ride on a mini-race course...they did get a change to practice their new found skills on a trailered Snipe. Ken Merlin's size 14 leather boots made for some interesting practice tacks..giving a new meaning to "hiking boots". While no one from Fleet 567 actually got to sail a Snipe on this day, we did sail in Bob Ewoldt's 21 foot Chrysler Sabine with a full set of Snipe sails!

12 fleet members participated.

"We feel confident we will add one or two new sailors from this."

Fleet 142 - Privateer, Chattanooga, Tennessee

Snipe Fleet 142 in Chattanooga planned a day of short, fun races followed by a cook-out at the club. We had a total of six boats on the water, with one boat used twice by different crews. Our lake is a dammed river and not terribly wide. We unfortunately had picked the same afternoon as the "All boat parade" hosted by a local radio station! The swells and chop created by dozens of motorboats, in addition to light winds made sailing a race impossible! These motorboats were parading up one side of the lake and down the other for over an hour! All our Snipes made it out into the lake but many turned and headed back in after getting swamped through the transome holes by waves. We ended up having a great cookout and were encouraged by the number in and out of our fleet who participated. We also had a few visitors who had never been Snipe sailing. One was Yas Farooq who crewed with Dan Williams. Yaz is the cox for the women's rowing team based in Chattanooga.

24 fleet members participated

Fleet 533 - Portland, Oregon

We held our World Snipe Day on May 21 at our Club's Open House. Lots more publicity than we could have generated ourselves. Two boats took interested boaters sailing, one member and one guest had boats for sale. 5 of our 7 members were on hand to talk Snipe and hand-out written material. We feel confident we will add one or two new sailors from this.

5 fleet members participated

Fleet 330 - Atlanta, Georgia

Fleet 330 started the day with Don Hackbarth rigging and tuning a prospective fleet members boat. Other novice and experienced skippers and crew were in attendance to ask and answer questions. Bill Hooper then gave a short seminar on light air lake sailing, and Jerry Kimble gave a brief talk on skipper/crew team work. We then broke for a hot dog cookout, and went on to on the water instruction. Don Hackbarth provided on the water coaching from a power boat. After about 4 hours, we came in and went to a local restaurant for dinner. World Snipe Day turned into World Snipe weekend, as Keith crum and John Muhlhausen gave a seminar on team racing on Sunday morning. We then equitably matched teams into groups of three and had short course sail offs for a case of beer. The winners shared the case with all others at one of our fleet member's cabin in the afternoon. All in all, a great weekend of Snipe sailing, and introduced about 5 new skippers to the class.

15+ fleet members participated

Fleet 129 - Green Lake, Wisconsin

May 6th is still very cold in Wisconsin so no World Snipe Day. Races begin in June. Sailing school young people are crewing and skippering Snipes as new members of the fleet this summer.

"World Snipe Day turned into World Snipe Weekend!"

Fleet 741 - Oulu, Finland

Snipe season has not started here yet. The ice is gone and some of us have done sailing already but the first regatta is held on May 21. So World Snipe Day is a bit early for us, although we sometimes begin in April in the Princess Sofia Cup in Palma de Mallorca, and the Swedes have their Majnsnipen this weekend in Gothenburg.

Fleet 052 - Charleston, South Carolina

The Charleston Snipe fleet had a tuning day at the James Island Yacht Club on Saturday, May 6. On Thursday, May 11 we are meeting



Privateer fleet members gather on World Snipe Day.

on the water near the City Marina for a on-the-water session with Scott Nixon presiding. Scott is the assistant sailing coach at the College of Charleston and a pretty good Snipe sailor. We will be sailing next to the BOC boats that have finished.

Fleet 781 - Lake Lanier, Georgia

Fleet 781 sailed its first fleet race in over two years on World Snipe Day. This was accomplished in the midst of the Atlanta sailboard championships, so we were dodging boards and trying to stay out of their way. There were two short races in 3-5 knots of wind and then we took a beer break. After a couple of beers we sailed four short races in front of the Club lawn and called it a day. It's not much to report, but for this fleet it was a major step forward.

3 fleet members, 2 guests participated.

"We focused our World Snipe Day on introducing the Snipe to juniors."

Fleet 043 - Lake Washington, California

May 7, Snipe 25436 was the only one to show up for World Snipe Day. Jim & Lynn Grubbs were sailing in Santa Barbara at the Pacific Coast Championships. The remainder of fleet 043 did not show, which included Burt Ray, Wayne Brown, Don Jackson and Bryant Barrington. Bryant a new member of SCIRA & fleet 043, just purchased a Snipe and is getting it ready to race, but Wayne & Don, our senior skippers, didn't show. Burt and Wayne have been sailing Snipes since the late 1940s and still manage to be quite active. In the morning of the 6th of May, LWSC conducted a race committee management program; in the afternoon 4 races were held, everyone had to take part in starting one race. There were 6 Lasers and my Snipe which won three of the four races, using

myself and different skippers. The Vice Commodore will be purchasing a used Snipe which will add to our fleet & SCIRA. Bryant Barrington, Jim Grubbs and Fred Turner will be our younger Snipe sailors and give the fleet a good balance. Sorry World Snipe Day didn't work out better for its purposes, but believe this fleet it moving ahead and will grow.

Fleet 042 - Mentor Harbor, Ohio

Seeing as most of the Cleveland fleet was in Bermuda for World Snipe Day it was a challenge to get a large group together. Nevertheless, we managed to get two new sailors out, one which bought a boat and the other is in the process. All in all the Mentor fleet is gaining momentum. The weather on Saturday was sunny & mild with a nice 10-13 knot NW wind. We sailed 5 or 6 short windward/leewards, then a long distance race out to a mark in the Lake and back. Overall a great day.

4 fleet members participated.

Fleet 067 - Narrasketuck, New York

Most of our fleet went to a clinic at Larchmont Yacht Club. The instructor was Doug Clark of North Sails. He was very good. It was too windy with small craft warnings. The water temperature was also cold. So it was held on land in detail.

Fleet 532 - Annapolis, Maryland

With our participation declining, we focused our World Snipe Day on introducing the Snipe to juniors and other interested parties. We advertised a open house in our club newsletter, our fleet newsletter, the local paper, and at the Annapolis Boat Show the prior weekend. We developed a folder of literature to give to each person including a recent used boat list, calendar of regattas, articles, crew sign-up list, fleet newsletter, Snipe Bulletin, list of Snipe builders, sailmakers and suppliers, etc. We called our fleet members to ask them to come down for a day of socializing, meeting new people, to work on their boats, to take guests out sailing, and to "sell" the Snipe to new people. We had a Jibe Tech, Mueller and McLaughlin set up to show new sailors and interested potential new Snipers. We were limited to those boats because that is what we are sailing in our fleet. Beer and soda were provided by donations from Rick Harris, Lisa Pline and Sherry Eldridge. The day was fabulous...we were blown out and the day was not one to take new people out on the water, but we all had a great time socializing and selling the boat to several people who came down to SSA to learn about the boat. We had 23 fleet members together just enjoying being together, talking



about sailing, encouraging more participation, selling Snipes, and of course drinking beer. We are now planning a similar event later in the summer on a weekday following work. Let's establish the date for next year now so we can begin planning. The earlier the better -

26+ fleet members participated.

"Let's establish the date for next year now so we can begin planning."

Fleet 007 - Miami, Florida

Fleet 007 celebrated World Snipe Day by inviting prospects to race Snipes with the owners of the boats as crews. We had the following prospective Snipers: Kevin Downey sailing with his girlfriend, both intercollegiate sailors now out of college and back to Miami. Future Snipe sailors for sure! Albert Owler sailing with Roberto Guaragna's Snipe "Half Stripe" #23176. Albert is an experienced keel boat sailor wanting to come back to dinghy racing. Mark Lavine sailing Snipe #25236 with the Old Man crewing for him. Mark is also an experienced sailor. Bill Zumpfe sailing with Bergie Montarroyos on 24995. Bill is a Westphal owner considering the Snipe. Sean Brown sailing 23711 with a good change to purchase that boat. Ricardo Vadia sailing with his son Eddy (never showed at the starting line but practiced around the course.) We had a party after the races with

beer, sodas and sandwiches courtesy of the Miami Snipe fleet #7. Our appreciation goes to Ken Voss who ran the races with the help of Cherry and Ed Martin and to all the Snipe owners who volunteered their boats. This was an excellent way to celebrate the World Snipe Day and we definitely will do it again next year!

Fleet 012 - San Francisco Bay

We held an open house at the Encinal Yacht Club where two boats came and offered rides to prospective Snipers. Sunny skies and warm temperatures greeted the sailors. Also from Fleet 012 - Four boats come to Santa Barbara for the Pacific Coast Championships with boats from Southern California. We did not actually sail on May 6 because of the high winds - we watched the America's Cup. We did all sail on Sunday, May 7 and enjoyed Santa Barbara immensely.

Annapolis fleet members talk to prospective Snipe sailors.

ed note: All fleets that reported received certificates as "Gold Fleet Members" of SCIRA. Report blanks will be mailed to each National Secretary and US Fleet captains with the new year mailing.

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Uruguay Starts 1996 Western Hemisphere Qualifiers

The first of eleven qualifying championships for the 1996 Western Hemisphere Championships was raced this past weekend. Sailing with an Easterly wind of 10-17 knots and regular chop, Nicolas Gonzales/Pablo Defazio showed great skill rounding ahead of the pack at the first mark of this year long qualifying series for New York, 1996.

The first regatta, with up to 12 boats, was a great success, considering that the Class was not active at all. 16 of the 40 races can be dropped and the Championships are scheduled one each month. The Nationals are added to the other points and cannot be dropped. The team will be made of 1st and 2nd place finishers from the Nationals, 3rd, 4th and 5th positions will come out of the before mentioned ranking. We hope this will give continuity to the Class activity.

—Pedro Garra, Jr.
Fleet 506 Captain

—Chris Schewe
National Secretary

Current Standings

first 4 of 40 races

1. Nicolas Gonzales/Pablo Defazio	6-1-1-2
2. Christopher Schewe/Sebastian Rana	2-2-2-4
3. Alejandro Carluccio/Pedro Garra, Jr.	5-3-6-1
4. Ignacio Gercar/Fernando Viana	4-4-4-3
5. Roberto Fabini/Jorje Chiaparro	1-5-5-5

Lewecks Capture District 6 Traveling Trophy



In the late '50's, Varalay Boat Works of Southern California, donated a trophy to the high point winner in District 6. The skipper with the highest total points score participating in designated regattas takes home this award at the end of the season. The 1995 version of the event ended with the Carolyn Nute Regatta at Mission Bay, the last of seven designated events which included the Manning Series at Alamitos Bay, SCYA Midwinters at Alamitos Bay, Coronado One Design Regatta at Coronado Yacht Club, Herb Shear Spring Invitational at Mission Bay, District 6 Championships at Newport Beach, Labor Day Regatta at Alamitos Bay and the Carolyn Nute Memorial.

Going into the last event, former World Champion Jeff Lenhart was tied with current National Champion Doug Hart with 86 points and former National Champ Craig Leweck

was 6 points behind the leaders. Doug Hart ran the regatta as Principal Race Officer and although we would have liked to give him first place points for an excellent job in very shifty Mission Bay conditions, he did not collect any Traveling Trophy points for the Carolyn Nute. This left the competition between Craig and Jeff. Craig, sailing with wife Lisa pretty much dominated the event with two firsts and a third on Saturday and two firsts and a third on Sunday to take the first place trophy and a total of 38 points towards the Traveling Trophy. Jeff, sailing with daughter Becky, his crew for the entire racing season, finished in tenth place overall collecting 29 points towards the Traveling Trophy.

Hats off to all the event coordinators this past year for some excellent racing, and especially Doug Hart who gave up his chance at the Traveling Trophy to run the final event of the season.

Next year we hope to expand the format to include about 11 or 12 events at each location within District 6 to include Mission Bay, Newport Beach, Alamitos Bay, Ventura and Santa Barbara.

--Jerome Fournier
District 6 Governor

Top Ten of all Competitors:

1. Craig Leweck	118
2. Jeff Lenhart	115
3. Tom O'Neil	199
4. Doug Hart	86
5. Michael Lenkeit	86
6. Argyle Campbell	77
7. Jerome Fournier	67
8. Bob Little	65
9. Chuck Tripp	63
10. Jack Franco	62
10. Dave Tillson	62



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Florida State Championships

For the third consecutive year, the Florida States were hosted by St. Pete Fleet 801, at the St. Pete Sailing Center, the weekend following Thanksgiving. This year the regatta was a sanctioned event, and Old Man Diaz served as the SCIRA rep., polishing up the Sailing Instructions and standing by in case of need by the local Race Committee.

The holiday weekend made it easy for traveling for many Snipers; old friends from around the state showed up to work off their turkey dinners, and a few new faces found their way to St. Pete for the event. The weather was cooperative, with three races on Saturday being sailed in 15 knots, dropping to 12 knots; Sunday was also beautiful Florida weather, but with only 5 knots of breeze, just one race was completed.

The Bustamantes, defending their two year winning streak, fell victim to local Sniper Chris Klotz and crew Carly Franklin. Ethan and Trudy Bixby, always a fearsome two-some, were obliged to drop out of the Saturday sailing after the first race due to Ethan's knee surgery three weeks earlier. Their first place in the first race put a bit of a strain on the healing process. Another hot team, Hal

Andy & Suzi Towles take Southwestern Championship

The 59th Southwestern Championship belonged to the crew making the least number of errors. Opportunities for mistakes were plentiful as Texas size wind shifts on White Rock Lake guaranteed that all positions on the race course would be favored at one time or another. Winning came to those that found a favorable wind, held on to it, kept opponents out of it, and finally left it for a more agreeable wind spotted nearby.

Andy and Suzi Towles proved their sense of wind shift and their ability to maintain boat speed in light to moderate wind during every race. They fought a constant challenge from Gene Soltero and Ben Setnick, Martin Bebb and Shane Weber and Pete and Suzan Fenner. The shifty breeze supplied a host of tactical demands to this Snipe regatta.

Back on the pier, a good supply of food, beverage and socializing filled the intervals between races. Everyone's attention turned to the trophy table during the door prize drawing a trophy presentation. Snipe Fleet 001 is thankful to West Marine, Inc., for donating door prize awards.

White Rock Lake, Dallas, Texas, has been



Chris Klotz & Carly Franklin to leeward of Ethan & Trudy Bixby. Photo, Doran Cushing

Gilreath and Allan Capellin, just one point behind Chris and Carly at the end of day one, didn't race the Sunday race because of travel/work problems, taking some of the heat off of the C&C team in the last race.

The Saturday night party aboard the Welch's boat was crowded and tasty, as usual, with plenty of food and videos of previous Snipe regattas. There was so much food,

leftovers were served up at the end of Sunday's racing, by Snipe Class members (and the event Judges - who otherwise would have had nothing to do), Jim and Pam Twining!

—Bill & Sherry Welch
Fleet 801 Captains

1.	Chris Klotz/Carly Franklin	27270	2-3-1-3	8.75
2.	Charlie/Michele Bustamante	27872	6-2-5-1	13.75
3.	Roberto Guaragna/Bernardo Piereck	23176	9-4-4-5	22
4.	Travis Yates/Laura Dunshee	27269	5-5-6-6	22
5.	Matt/Laura Bryant	25122	8-6-7-4	25
6.	Ken/Kay Voss	26900	4-8-2-12	26
7.	Hal Gilreath/Allan Capellin	28655	3-1-3-dnc	26.75
8.	Gordon/Cindy Hackstaff	25992	7-7-8-7	29
9.	Roberto/Larry Lizano	25374	12-9-11-8	40
10.	Gonzalo/Adrian Diaz	26395	11-11-10-9	41
11.	Ethan/Trudy Bixby	25948	1-dnc-dnc-2	42.75
12.	Montorroyos/Montorroyos	24995	10-12-9-13	44
13.	Bill Welch/Susan Wallace	28792	13-10-12-15	50
14.	Jason Campbell/Carlota Couto	1	14-15-13-11	53
15.	Hank Evering/Sherry Welch	27772	17-16-16-10	59
16.	Ed Proefke/Lawren Carrier	26763	16-13-15-t11	60
17.	de la Guardia/Equesquiza	23657	15-14-14-dnc	63
18.	Steve/Debbie Lang	28045	dnc-ret-dnc-t11	69
19.	Sandra Strathie/David Mickelson	19888	dnc-dnc-dnc-14	74
20.	Scott/Mark Lang	27271	dnc-dnc-dnc-t11	75

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—Ove Rasmussen
Fleet 001 Captain

1.	Andy/Suzi Towles	26808	1-2-5-1-4	12.5
2.	Gene Soltero/Ben Setnick	27777	3-3-1-6-3	15.75
3.	Martin Bebb/Shane Weber	25517	2-4-4-4-2	16.
4.	Pete/Suzan Fenner	25515	5-1-6-8-1	20.5
5.	Ryan Miller/Brett Allred	24040	7-7-3-2-10	29.
6.	Ian Prime/Lillian Quesada	27111	4-dns-2-3-8	30
7.	Joe/Gail Buzhardt	25234	6-dns-2-3-8	41
8.	Phil Cromeens/Ashley	23939	10-10-10-5-9	44
9.	Ove Rasmussen/Alice	27905	9-dns-7-9-7	45
10.	Jack McGrael/?	25514	8-5-13-11-12	49

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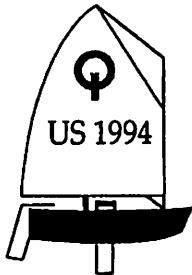
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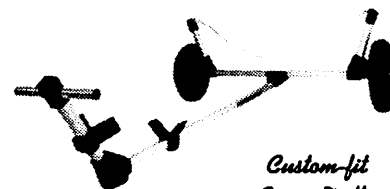
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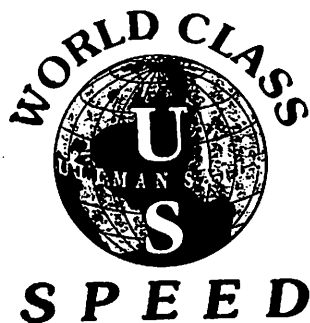
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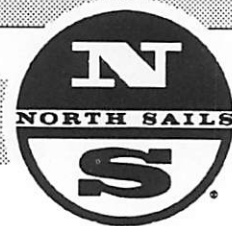
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