

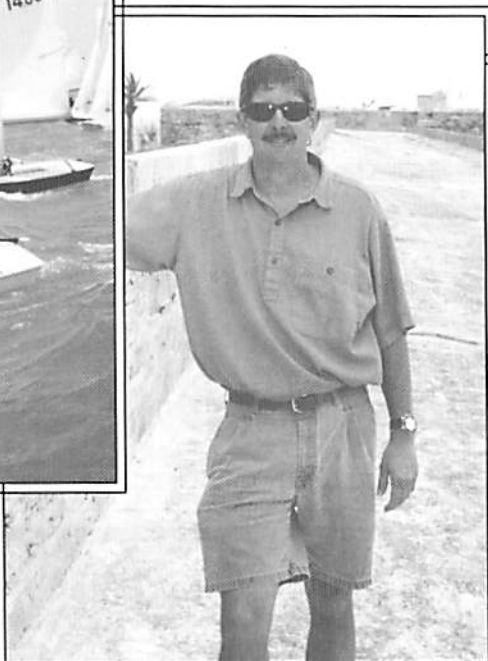
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COMMODORES COMMENTS

"One Boat for All" truly represents what the Snipe Class is all about. Recognizing what this slogan really means is a critical element of the Snipe's future success. But what exactly does this mean? As I've gotten involved in class management, and paying back to SCIRA some small portion of what the Class has given to me, a common theme I have found in listening to Snipe sailors all over the world is that the Snipe Class represent different things to different sailors. It has truly been a pleasure to meet all of the varieties we have in the Snipe class, and we have some fascinating and unique characters among us. If you listen to the Snipe sailors of the world, you will hear many different images and versions of what the Snipe means to them and what it is that gives them individual pleasure. Let's examine this fantastic diversity...

We have sailors who see the Snipe as the training ground for the World and Olympic championships. The boat's physical and mental demands challenge the world's best and are currently attracting the best of the high school and intercollegiate ranks. We have sailors who see the boat as the perfect, low-tech fleet racer and family boat, perfect for mooring on the trailer and launching weekly for the Sunday afternoon races. We have sailors who like to take the fleet racing to the next levels and hit the regatta circuit to test their skills beyond the local arena. Many of us grew up in this boat, so we know that it is a great boat for juniors and beginners and learning. The Snipe is a great boat for women and attracts the best women sailors in the world as evidenced by the first three Women's World Championships. The Snipe is a great boat for all ages as evidenced by the roster of any regatta worldwide. Masters events are annually some of the most popular and competitive events worldwide, and, without doubt, the best social schedule by far. Some Snipers love the slightly arcane science of rigging and tuning a complex, technical dinghy. Others simplify and tie off controls to make the boat a great club boat or junior trainer. Finally, as numerous letters to the SCIRA office attest, there are those who take pride and pleasure in simply maintaining a classic or wooden Snipe for the sheer enjoyment of it.

So what is the meaning of "One Boat for All?" It means that our diversity is our strength and there is something in this class for everyone. It is important that we all recognize, respect and support our different constituencies. In governing SCIRA, it is important to always remember the diversity and that there is no one answer to issues that satisfy all groups. Each constituency needs champions and ambassadors for its interests. SCIRA is a volunteer organization and we all have to step forward and support the Class in the way that is meaningful to you. I will return to this subject in future issues but for now, I leave you with a question: What does this Class mean to you personally and what can you do for SCIRA to be an ambassador for the Class in line with your interests?

Before getting on with the business of the Class for 1999, I would like to thank immediate past Commodore Akibumi Shinoda for a great job in 1998, and his counsel, experience and guidance will continue in 1999. Akibumi presided over a excellent Western Hemisphere & Orient Championship hosted in Japan, the Europeans held in Portugal, the Masters in Argentina, where he also was a competitor, and another successful Women's Worlds in the US which continues to be an important event for promoting and broadening the Class. The Commodore laid the groundwork for our rule change year in 1999 with some important changes in our definition of SCIRA membership, and sponsored important committee work on the Snipe Bulletin and other active committees. Departing the Board of Governors in 1998 are Antonio Roquette, Fernando Krahe and "Paco" Perez Lopez who have served with distinction and energy and will be missed. Bertel Bojlesen continues in his work for the Class as Rear Commodore and chairman of the Finance Committee. The Board welcomes Ezio Braga, Andre Callot and Pedro Pons Morales as incoming European General Secretary, Vice Secretary and Southern Secretary respectively. Celia Garrafa also joins as the new Vice Western Hemisphere Secretary. Birger Jansen continues on the Board as a Member at Large, and Pedro Lorton is welcomed to the Board as the newest Member at Large and member of the Finance Committee.

The single most important item of SCIRA business in 1999 is rules changes. The rule changes to be incorporated into the next rulebook will be approved at the Board of Governors meeting to be held at the 1999 World Championship in Spain. In order to move SCIRA more in line with the rulebook publication schedule of ISAF, the Board has approved the publishing in January 2000 to cover all changes and additions approved in Spain. The current Rulebook 1996-2000 with the Addendum 2000 will govern through December 2000.

The volunteers on the Rulebook 2000 committee are hard at work crafting the rule changes to be considered and vote on. The committee members are listed below as well as the members of the Finance, Promotion, Long Range Planning and other active committees. The chairman of the Rulebook 2000, Brainard Cooper, is actively soliciting SCIRA membership suggestions and recommendations for rulebook changes on a timetable published in the September Bulletin. As SCIRA members, I encourage you all to carefully consider and express your views and opinions to these committee volunteers.

Thank you for the opportunity to be your Commodore for the Snipe Class. It is a great honor. I commit to work hard and listen hard to you the members of the Class. Because of the long line of dedicated and talented volunteers and workers, the Snipe Class is already in great shape and, with your help, we will enter the next millennium stronger than ever.

Lee Griffith

THE COVER: 1999 SCIRA Commodore Lee Griffith.

THE COUNT: 20 new numbers have been issued this month; 3 to the USA, 4 to Brazil, 3 to Italy and 10 to a builder.

NUMBERED SNIPEs: 29555

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AROUND THE SNIPE WORLD

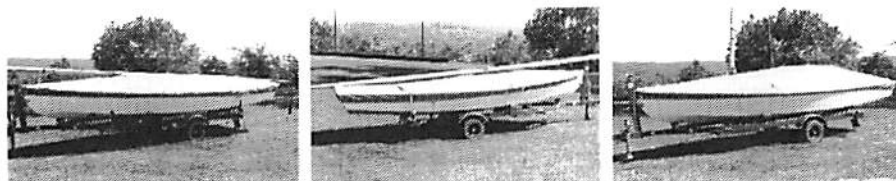
NEXT ISSUE

February/March combined issue will feature
-officers directory
-fleet directory
-championship schedule
-district schedule
-Roll of National Champions

1999 SCIRA Committees

Following are the current SCIRA working committees and their membership. Committees will report at the 1999 Board of Governors meeting at the World Championship in Spain in September. Committee members are volunteers who are constantly evolving over time. If you are interested in serving on a committee, please contact a Board member, your National Secretary or the SCIRA office.

Committee	Chairperson	Committee Members	Objective
Rules Committee	Brainard Cooper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Giorgio Brezich Hisanao Kato Johnny MacCall Antonio Bari Ron Fox Dina Kowalshyn 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Modernize measuring tools and techniques. Provide input and recommendations to Rulebook 2000 Committee. Increase involvement in measurement organization. Further standardize measurements and instructions.
Finance	Bertel Bojlesen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Don Elliott Pedro Lorson Fred Rozelle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial Statements Budget Define financial committee responsibilities for Rulebook 2000
Promotion	Id Crook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lori Lowe Terry McSweeney Darryl Waskow Karin Pettersen 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify best use of SCIRA promotion funds for 1999. Focus and prioritize methods for increasing membership.
Long Range Planning	Means Davis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Woody Norwood Fujiya Matsumoto Ola Nygard Gonzalo Diaz, Jr. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Championship representation Standard equipment Membership changes Centerboard
Centerboard	Pete Fenner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Antonio Bari Sean Biehl Brainard Cooper Ola Nygard Jan Persson Antonio Roquette 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor current testing program Complete testing and report on results Motion for adoption, more testing, or drop.
Rulebook 2000	Brainard Cooper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Giorgio Brezich Hisanao Kato Lee Griffith Bertel Bojlesen Phil Richmond Janett Krefting Erling Olsen 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To review every section for changes. New binding & layout method Define measuring methods and tools To further internationalize rulebook Publish Rulebook Addendum Jan. 1, 2000 Publish Rulebook 2001-2004, Jan. 1, 2001
Bulletin	Don Hackbarth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Antonio Bari Don Elliott Alex Pline Bertel Bojlesen 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide recommendations for changes to Snipe Bulletin Internationalize Bulletin Eventually require all members to subscribe
Juniors	Don Hackbarth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Johnny MacCall Fujiya Matsumoto Ezio Braga Leigh Savage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promotion of Juniors, future of the Class Use of funds Championship eligibility and formats
ISAF	Per Ole Holm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Giorgio Brezich Jerry Thompson 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preview ISAF changes to Board. Alert Rulebook 2000 committee of ISAF changes for Rulebook 2001-2004
Nominating	Akibumi Shinoda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gonzalo Diaz, Jr. Giorgio Brezich 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flag officers, Board positions, Rules Chairman and Treasurer



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PERSSON 28466 - 95 NA Champ, 96 WH&O champ, full covers, trailer, lots of sails, Seitech dolly. \$6,700. Possible delivery at Clearwater Midwinters. Boat stored all of 1998. Call Mark at: 732-920-6638 (NJ). (dj)

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The VIII Snipe Class Master World Championship
August 9-14, 2000
and
The Open Scandinavian Championship
August 3-7, 2000
in Horsens Yacht Club
Denmark

Dear Friends!

In Denmark we have ended the season, and are looking forward to the 1999 season and special for Denmark the season 2000 where we will have the Master Worlds.

At this time, more than 1.5 years before the Master Worlds, we already have seen a high interest for the Master Worlds 2000. The interest is so high that we expect about 100 Snipes, and can foresee some problems to get so many good boats for everyone!

We will try to solve this positive problem with this information and program, so you all can start planning for the season 2000 and the Master Worlds now!

Together with SCIRA Norway, we have now decided to have the European Championship in Norway in the end of July and the Master Worlds and the Open Scandinavian Championship in Denmark in the beginning of August. This plan will open the possibilities to get:

- Enough boats for the Master Worlds
- More competitors for all 3 events
- Financial savings for boat transportation in Europe

The idea is that the National Secretaries in Europe must help to bring this plan out now, together with the Senior and Master sailors in your country, so we, SCIRA Denmark, can plan:

- How many competitors will be at the Master Worlds
- How many boats we need to get to charter from SCIRA Europe

together with boats from SCIRA Denmark

We hope a lot of Senior sailors in Europe will go for the Open Scandinavian Championship on their way home from Norway, and see the possibilities and the chance to save money, leaving the boat in Horsens for charter after the Scandinavian Open, and make a deal with the Masters to bring the boats home after the Master Worlds.

It is very easy because you are passing Horsens on the highway when driving through Denmark from Norway.

We hope this preliminary program will be of help for your planning for the Master Worlds in Denmark.

In 1999 we will send you the final program with "Notice of Race", entry forms, tourist information, and more details about social events.

If you are interested in receiving materials on the Master Worlds, e-mail: BIVersen@email.dk, or write: Bjarne Iversen, Lindealle 25, DK 8700 Horsens, Denmark.

Accommodation will take place in hotels, Danhostel in Horsens and private homes.

Welcome to Denmark! We are looking forward to seeing you at the VIII Master World Championship in 2000!

—Best Regards,
Bjarne Iversen

Preliminary Program

European Championship 2000

July 24-30, 2000, Norway

must be qualified through country - see Deed of Gift

Scandinavian Championship, 2000

August 3	Measuring
August 4	Race 1 & 2
August 5	Race 3 & 4
August 6	Race 5 & 6
August 7	Spare day

Opening Ceremony - Horsens Yacht Club
 Grill Party

Prizegiving Dinner

Master World Championship, 2000

August 9	Measuring
August 10	Race 1
August 11	Race 2 & 3
August 12	Golf Match
	Sightseeing

Opening Ceremony - Town Hall
 Grill Party
 Reception on the old ship Tuborg Madonna
 Horsens Golf Club
 The Old Town in Århus,
 and The Fregate Jylland

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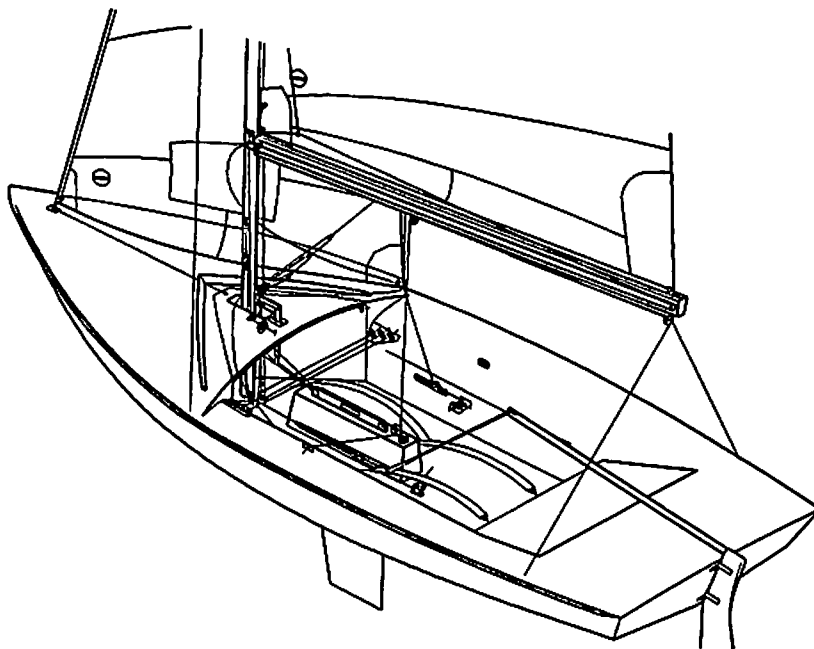
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