

WESTHOLT WINS GRAND LAKE REGATTA TEEN AGER FROM KANSAS CLUB SWEEPS STRONG FIELD TO WIN RACE

The hot news this month is that Ted Wells can be beaten. So cheer up all you rag carriers, the day of retribution may be at hand. It all happened at the Fourth Annual Grand Lake Regatta down in Oklahoma on May 26-27 when eighteen Snipes sailed up the lake one day and down the next. When they figured up the scores young Dwight Westholt, from Lake Lotawana was tied for first place with Commodore of SCIRA, John T. Hayward of Sequoyah Yacht Club at Tulsa. Old Doctor Isaacks from Ft. Worth was third; Eddie Williams of Lake Lotawana was fourth and the Champ, Ted Wells was fifth.

No one seems to know just what happened for conditions were perfect and on both the up trip and the down cruise, they had a total of five or six miles each way, dead to windward. Velocities ranged from 12 to 15 miles an hour.

The race was sponsored jointly by the Cherokee Yacht Club and the Sequoyah Yacht Club. The start was off Disney near the lower end of the lake up the lake to the home of Cherokee Yacht Club where they had dinner. In the evening they were all returned to Disney where they put up at various

courts for the night. Next morning they were all taken up the lake again for the race down to the original starting place. The wind had conveniently reversed itself so that there was a nice beat for five or six miles.

Dwight Westholt broke the tie with Commodore Hayward on the toss of the coin. He is a teen-ager from Lake Lotawana near Kansas City and it is more than likely that he will be heard from again in championship racing. The summary follows;

Skipper	Fleet	Pts
1 Dwight Westholt, Missouri Yacht Club		2965
2 John T. Hayward, Sequoyah Yacht Club		2965
3 Hub Isaacks, L.Worth Sailing Club		2896
4 Eddie Williams, Missouri Yacht Club		2825
5 Ted Wells, Wichita Sailing Club		2665
6 Donald MacIvor, Wichita Sailing Club		2381
7 John W. Rix, Wichita Sailing Club		2098
8 H.C. Jerome, Sequoyah Yacht Club		2050
9 C.W. Livergood, Sequoyah Yacht Club		1989
10 Bob Williams, Missouri Yacht Club		1940
11 Byron Simpkins, Missouri Yacht Club		1865
12 L.J. Reed, Galveston Sailing Club		1865
13 Tex Hannay, Missouri Yacht Club		1537
14 J.J. Ramel, Missouri Yacht Club		1525
15 J.J. Arps, Sequoyah Yacht Club		1409
16 H.G. Herold, Pryor, Oklahoma		1352
17 Joe Becker, Dallas Sailing Club		1305
18 Dr. L.P. McElwaine, Sequoyah Yacht Club		1058

The last boat took part in Saturday's race only



Fourteen of the eighteen Snipes that started in the Fourth Annual Grand Lake Regatta

DEADWOOD FLEETS TO BE DROPPED. IS YOURS LISTED HERE ?

S.C.I.R.A. has at present exactly 350 chartered fleets all over the world. Of these a considerable number are bound to be inactive and quite a number dropped by the wayside right after the war. But there are a lot, organized since then, that are not active at this time. We list some of these fleets here in the hope that something can be done to revive them. The more fleets we have the more racing we will have so look 'em over and see if some thing can't be done about it;

- No. 137, Grand Rapids, Mich.
- No. 120, Seabrook S.C., Seabrook, Texas.
- No. 101, Lake Fenton, Fenton, Mich.
- No. 91, Island Bay, Springfield, Ill.
- No. 74, Ionic Sailing Club, Stockton, Cal.
- No. 64, Lake Davenport, Iowa.
- No. 57, Canandaigua Lake, N.Y.
- No. 55, Youngstown, N.Y.
- No. 45, Fort Worth Boat Club, Texas.
- No. 37, Norwalk, Conn.
- No. 7, Southern Florida, Miami.
- No. 6, Western L.I. Sound, N.Y.
- No. 5, Detroit, River.

- No. 291, Charlottetown, P.E.I., Canada
- No. 242, Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron, Halifax, Canada.
- No. 228, Ventura, California.
- No. 206, LaPorte Junior, Indiana.
- No. 205, Alton, Illinois
- No. 189, Avalon Y.C., Newfoundland.
- No. 174, Havana Biltmore Yacht Club.

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A considerable number of additional point scores arrived during June but space does not permit us to print them all. Many of these scores came from Sea Cliff Yacht Club and the others from the fleets in Portugal. The highest score of this lot was made by Bill Parenteau of Sea Cliff. His score was 1639.6 for 16 races. The highest Portuguese score was made by a boat of the Brigada Naval fleet with 1618 points. We sincerely regret that we cannot print all these extra scores but they do not have any bearing on the high boats anyway and we feel that the space might better be used for other Snipe news and information.

Exam. time

Middlebury College Sailing Club has an exam paper for prospective members. It comprises twenty good questions on the racing rules (new) and there are really some tough ones. Later on, if space permits, we may print the whole business.

Mass. Bay Fleet

James M. Cross, 59 Ocean Ave., North Weymouth, 59, Mass., is the new Fleet Captain of the Massachusetts Bay Snipe Racing Association. He is doing a splendid job of getting the Fleet 100% lined up.

Pacific Coast Champs.

Pacific Coast Snipe Championships will be held July 28-29 by the South Coast Corinthian Yacht Club, Santa Monica. Read the deed of gift for the trophy on page 87 of the 1951 SCIRA rule book.

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Welcome, New Fleets

According to information recently received, it is quite possible that the Otisco Lake Fleet, Northern New York State, may soon be rejuvenated. Henderson Harbor Yacht Club has six Snipes and probably will follow suit.

Savannah Next

Savannah Yacht and Country Club is about ready to form a new Snipe Fleet. They have 4 boats as a starter and hope to have more soon.

The Sordid Details

Have you paid your Association dues yet for the current year? If not, you'd better attend to it at once. Dues are now \$3.00, you know, and transfer of memberships are \$2.00. Assignment of numbers is up to \$2.00 also. Sorry, but we just had to do it as SCIRA costs were rising rapidly, same as everything else. Members who pay dues get this bulletin free.

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Chesapeake Bay

Robert Busby, 4614 42nd St., N.W., Washington, 16, D.C., is anxious to contact Snipe skippers of Chesapeake Bay area. The Potomac River Fleet is on the up and up, according to data received and the trick now is to get other Fleets organized in the same area. The Middle Atlantic States Championship may be revived if there is sufficient interest.

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Braisted to Uruguay

Earl Braisted, National Secretary for Argentina, is moving to Uruguay and has resigned his post. The new National Secretary will be Dr. Roberto Garcia Guevara who was the pioneer of Sniping in Argentina.

Winchester's 50th

August 25-26 have been picked by the Winchester Boat Club for holding a new regatta for the 50 Anniversary Cup. There will be three races in all.

Entering Nationals

If your Fleet is planning entering one or more Snipes in the U.S. Nationals, in August, be sure to read the Deed of Gift for the Trophy as it is printed on page 64 of the 1951 Rule Book. Don't wait until the last minute either. A great many Snipers seem to be under the impression that theirs is the only mail received at headquarters and that everything must be dropped just to take care of special delivery letters they send in. The U.S. still being a free country, such letters go right in with all the rest and await their turn to be answered.

If you must be in such a lather try to send your letter far enough ahead of time to assure an answer in plenty of time. It is not our fault when you "forget" to pay your dues and then all of a sudden discover that you must have a membership in SCIRA to be eligible. Read the deed of gift first.

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The Junior Champs.

The Junior National Championships, August 19th are open to junior Snipe skippers who own and sail their own Snipes and who are under eighteen years of age. The crew must also be under eighteen. Read the deed of gift on page 70 of the 1951 rule book. These rules are not new this year but have remained the same for many years. Make it your business to know them.

Important Note

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Another New One —

Samuel P. Card of Littleton, Colorado, tells us that they hope soon to form a fleet on Bowles Lake nearby. Main problem seems to be to buy good Snipes at halfway reasonable prices. Can you help?

REVISED RACE LIST

In this list of race dates there have been considerable changes from last month - new dates added and some old ones changed. The Aug. 11-13 races at Put-in-Bay are really the Upper Great Lakes Championships for the Ghalmers Burns and the Dunphy Trophies, which will be sponsored by the Portage Lakes Yacht Club at Akron, Ohio. They take place two days before the annual Interlake Regatta and Snipe skippers wishing to stick around, may take part in this series of races also.

Dates have finally been set for the Pacific Coast Championships, the North Atlantic and the New Jersey State Championships. Last month we listed a total of 13 regattas during July, August, September but this month we list 17. Better keep this list and watch for further additions.

July 7-8 Iowa-Nebraska Race, Council Bluffs, Iowa.
July 14-15 Lake Wawasee, Lake Wawasee, Indiana.
July 21-22 Michigan State Champs, Glen Lake, Mich.
July 23-28 Canadian Nat'l Championship, N. Sydney, NS
July 28-29 Long I. Sd. Indv. Champ. Cedar Point Ct.
July 28-29 Diamond Lake Invitational, Diam. L. Mich.
July 28-29 Pacific Coast Champs. Santa Monica, Cal.
Aug. 4-5 Ritzhaupt-Briody Trophies, Newport, N.Y.
Aug. 11-12 L.I. Sound Team Champs. Cedar Point, Ct.
Aug. 11-12 Weed and Mayer Trophies, Sodus Bay, NY.
Aug. 11-13 Team Races, Put-in-Bay, P.L.Y.C. Akron, O.
Aug. 19 U.S. Junior Championship, Seaside Pk. N.J.
Aug. 20-24 U.S. National Champs. Seaside Park, N.J.
Aug. 25-26 North Atlantic Champs. L. Mohawk, N.J.
Aug. 28 Harrison Trophy, Long Dist. Milford, Ct.
Sep. 8-9 N.J. State Champs. L. Parsippany, N. J.
Nov. 29-Dec. 4 World's Championships, Havana, Cuba.

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If you have tried to aim a camera at your competition while gaining an overlap, you know how -- er -- awkward it is. The burden is upon friends not competing or shutterbugs taken along "for the ride". How about interesting local camera fan clubs in mutually beneficial deals: Launch outings with luscious lens viewpoints, in exchange for 8 by 10 prints, plus negatives of outstanding shots, or the loan of negatives. How about Snipe photo contests?

Best shots should be fed locally and regionally to newspapers and other outlets. Newness, technical quality and story value rate high.

Complete - seemingly too detailed - captions, fly-speck accurate - should give "left to right" boat numbers, owner's and crew's names, ages, addresses, occupations, fleet name. Don't worry about too much data: that's an editor's job. He can cut, but he will balk at inventing. Tell any special traditions and general regatta facts. If pix leave doubt about what happened next, clear up questions and tell who won the race, by how much.

A grand "salon" shot -- like all hitting that

line together, and tailor-made clouds, a mark-rounding jam or that finish plus gun puff - may justify air-mailing in to HQ, or rushing to your nearest paper's photo desk. Bad pix you may have. We don't want 'em, thanks.

Right now, good pix of Barnegat Bay Snipes, for example, are valuable advance promotion stuff for the U.S. Nationals.

In the United States, we would be particularly glad to see scenes of Snipe events in other parts of the world.

Send us pictures - and suggestions - and soon.
Ted Cronyn

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Thanks for them kind wurrds!

A considerable number of skippers have written in asking us to continue to bring out this little Snipe news sheet and to tell us how much they like the idea. We will print it as long as we can and it looks right now as if it will go on indefinitely. We will try to print a copy every month but if we don't get material from you and your Fleet once in a while, we will be unable to do it.

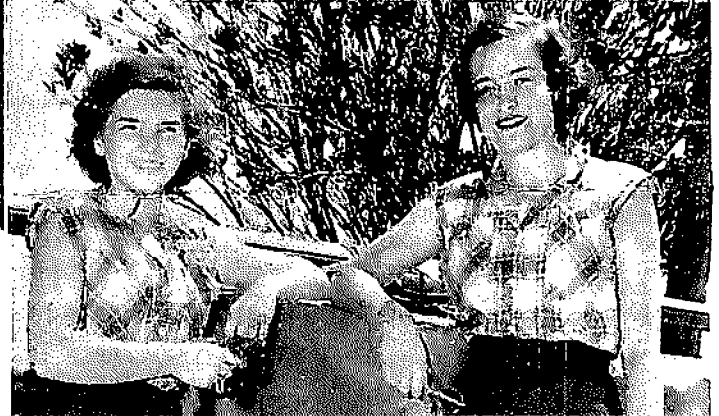
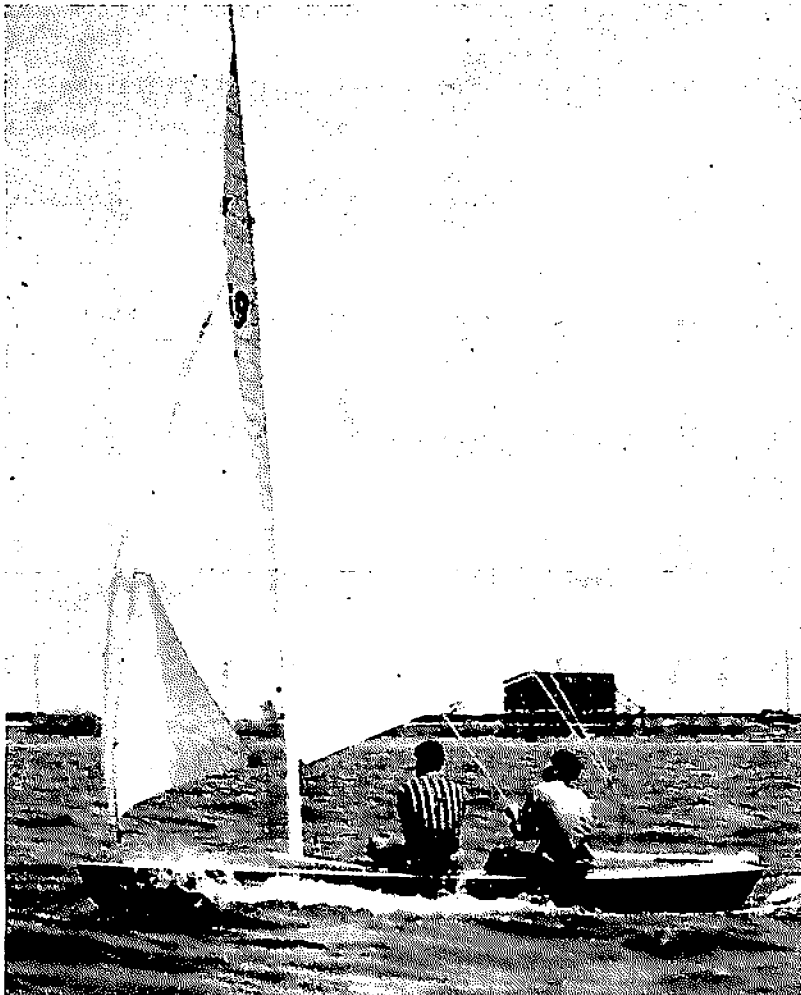
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How to Win Races - No. 1,762

The matter of winning Snipe races depends on several factors not one of which can be ignored. One thing is sure, the boat cannot win for you. It will help to have a good boat in perfect condition but you have got to give it something beside pretty paint. You have got to practice continually just the same as an expert tennis player, ball player, bowler, pianist or what have you. Unless you are prepared to do this you cannot expect to be a consistent winner or a champion.

Winning consistently depends on a great deal more than just luck and no one in his right mind can expect to sit there and have the boat do all the winning for him. A great many skippers are under the impression that this is so, but it is decidedly not. You must do a little something to make the bottom a little better, the sails set a trifle nicer, the boat balance a hair better than others. Each may make a difference of only one or two seconds a mile but if you put them all together they will win the race for you - five items, one second each per mile is five seconds per mile. If you go around a four mile course, your total gain totals twenty seconds which is a very respectable margin on which to win a race. If you can tack another 1 or 2 seconds on by your superior sailing skill it means that you will shortly be in line for championship performance. The whole thing is a matter of simple arithmetic but how few skippers will bother to work out every possible small improvement? The boat will not win for you.



HUB WINS AT GALVESTON

The Galveston Regatta, April 28-29, Galveston Boat Club on Offat's Bayou. Top right is the winning skipper, Dr. Hub E. Isaacks of Lake Worth Sailing Club at Fort Worth. Left, top, is Jack Aldis in his Snipe moving at high speed. Below the winner's picture is Eddie Williams, skipper, and Ned Linscott of Missouri Yacht Club at Kansas City. The "gals" are Misses Lawton and Buckelow of Shreveport, La. They raced against these other sailing sharks. Bottom right are the two Dr. Paul Guttman of Corpus Christi - father and son. Billy Wicker, left has just told a good one to Race Committee Chairman Rai Kelso. (Billy just announced that he is a proud papa.)



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