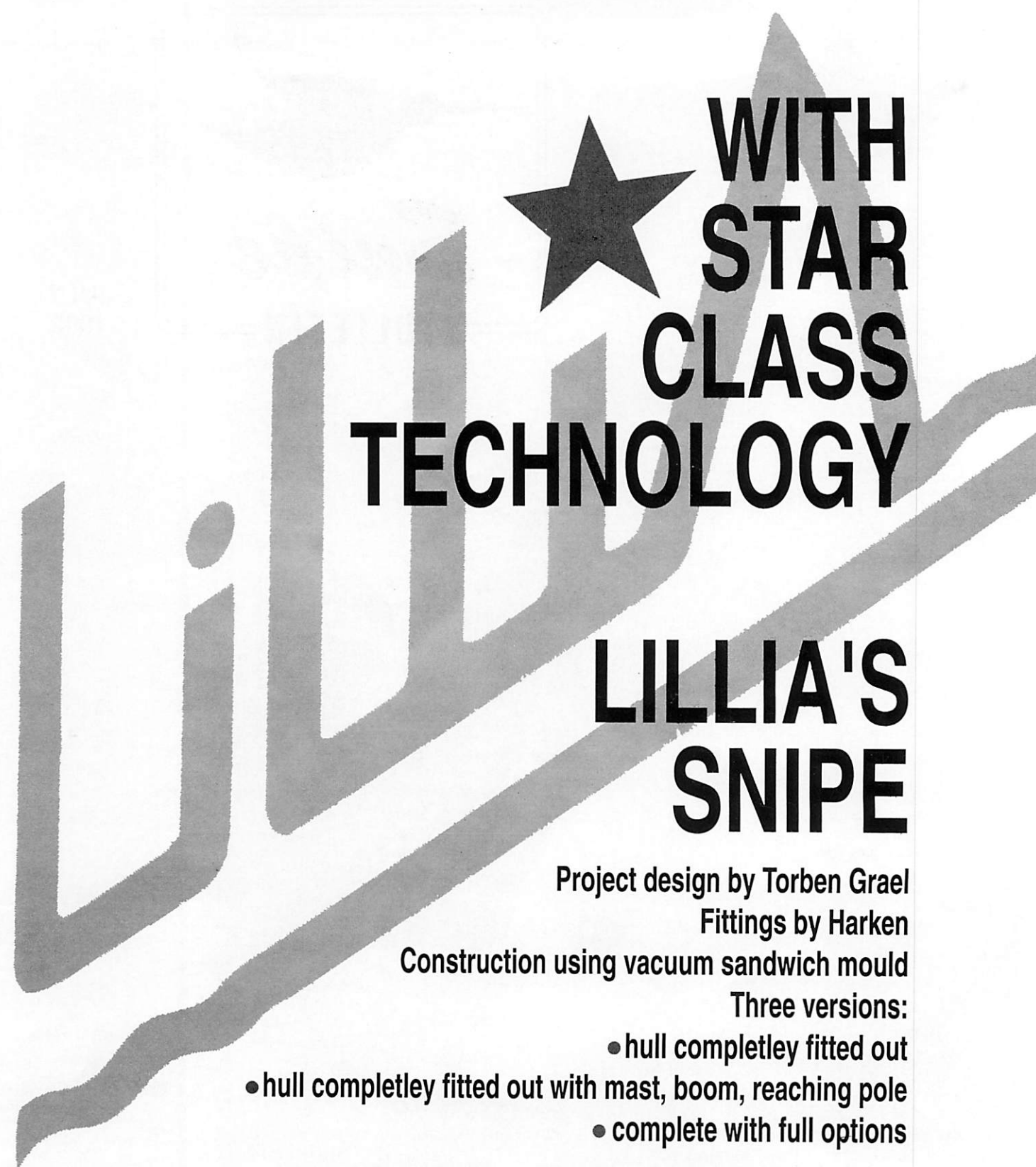




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FROM THE COMMODORE

You're all familiar with the old saying; "One hand for the boat, one hand for yourself." Here in Japan, we interpret this to mean that under a situation where the boat is about to capsize, or when you are about to fall into the water, then you must do your utmost to save the boat from damage, while at the same time protecting yourself. If that is the case, then I say "One hand for SCIRA, and one hand for yourself."

I am sure that many excellent Snipers have been putting those words to actual practice for many years. They all loved the Snipe, achieved excellent results, and were active as the leader of the club and fleet. Starting from their own fleet races, they went on to organize and run District, National, International and even World championships. These people find happiness in running events for the pleasure of the competitors. This same attitude of "One hand for yourself, one hand for SCIRA" is found in the work of your SCIRA officers.

All of the SCIRA events, such as the Junior Worlds in Sweden, the Europeans in Finland, and the Western Hemispheres in Bahamas, along with many other events being held this year, will again be supported by these volunteers. We must sincerely thank these people. We can say with pride that because of the numerous volunteers who practice the "One hand for..." philosophy that we were able to build the long history of SCIRA. It has resulted in the building of the wonderful Snipe family.

However, in recent years, the sports events are being used by business as a place for advertisement, particularly as the spread of television has opened sporting events to mass exposure. Ever since the Los Angeles Olympics, the current sports events are making a change towards sports for profit. Because of "Yachting's" weak appeal to spectators, and the difficulty of televising the event, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) has ranked the sport as being one of the "unexciting" sports and is putting pressure on the IYRU to make changes in the current familiar format of competition. The large amount of funds needed for an individual to conduct an Olympic campaign are well documented and the cost of operating the Olympic Regatta is also very high. If sponsors can be found it will lessen the burden

and increase the satisfaction of the sailors.

SCIRA has already made a move toward this environment with passage of the SCIRA Event Sponsorship Policy at the 1991 Board Meeting. In fact, this policy is more limiting than the current IYRU prescriptions. This year's Junior Worlds, Europeans, and Western Hemispheres will give us a chance to see this policy in action. Now, in effect we are adding "...and one hand for enterprise" to our saying. We must carefully consider the effects of these changing times on SCIRA's future.

In order to hold the 1994 Japan International Snipe Festival (Jr. Worlds, Master's Worlds, and Women's Worlds) we have organized a preparatory committee. For participants coming from far away, burdened with much expense, we want to prepare boats for every event with the same care that it required for the Junior Worlds. As we are hoping to host many participants from all over the world, this will be a big and expensive task. Therefore we will search for and welcome sponsorship of some sort.

The Japanese enterprises who sponsored

the Japanese Challenge at the America's cup and other international yacht races are very cold towards yacht races being held in Japan. What's more, the economic situation in Japan is poor at the moment, so it's very hard to determine if we will find sponsorship. The frame of my mind is "One hand for SCIRA, one hand for the sponsors, and my heart for myself!"

As was the case with the 1989 Worlds in Karatsu, we have the possibility of getting the support of the city citizens and make it a townspeople's event. We will study the best form of the races during the course of our preparation for the Festival.

I also strongly request that you send your ideas on these matters to me, through the SCIRA office, or directly to my address as printed in the masthead of the *Snipe Bulletin*.

In any event, I am hoping that all of the Snipe races being held this year will be blessed with good sailing winds so that the races can be enjoyed by everyone. Good Sailing!

Your Commodore,
Fujiya Matsumoto

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IMPORTANT REGATTA INFORMATION

WE GOOFED!!

The dates for the 1992 U.S. NATIONALS
at ABYC are August 1st through 8th,
NOT the 7th as we have been printing
everywhere! Our apologies to anyone who
is inconvenienced by our mistake, especially
Peggy Lenhart, who will miss her Tenth
High School Reunion.

DATE CHANGE FOR 1993 WORLDS-BRASIL

The dates are now March 12th-20th,
1993. For more information, please contact
Commodore Marco Paradedda, Clube
Dos Jangadeiros, Rua Ernesto Paiva, 139
Tristeza 91900, Porto Alegre, RSF, Brasil.
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1992 MASTER'S WORLDS

We have received the following information:
The dates are October 22—25. The host is
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Quarteira, Portugal. Attention: Mr. Rui Reis.
The telephone number is +351-89-30253,
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1992 ATLANTIC COASTS

District Governor Hal Gilreath has notified
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LETTERS

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Sincerely,
Danny Greene,
P.O. Box 254,
Paget Bermuda, PGBX

Dear Tom,

I hope this letter expresses my heart-felt love for the Snipe Class and especially my appreciation for the Bahamian Snipe Fleet. I have been sailing Snipes out of Winchester Fleet 77 for eleven years, and have competed in both my own boat and others around the country. In this time I have grown to think of the Class as a close

network of friends. The Bahamian fleet only helped to strengthen this feeling.

I flew down to the Bahamas with ten of my fraternity brothers for Spring Break. While I was on the island, I picked up a newspaper and discovered that there was indeed a fleet on the island. On a whim, I called a local sailmaker to ask if he knew anything about the fleet. He gave me the name of Jimmy Lowe, who told me to come down to the club and see if they couldn't set me up with a boat to sail in the Gambelin and Bacardi.

The next morning I met Eddie Roberts at the Royal Nassau Sailing Club. He made a few calls and found me a boat.

I didn't sail well in the events, but I did manage to redeem myself by rescuing a boat. A member of the Atlanta fleet (*Eds. note: Probably Clay Hudgins of Lake Lanier Fleet #781*) left the course with a broken stay. He was having a real struggle getting back to the Club, so we towed him in, proving the versatility of the Snipe. It seemed fitting that this was the person that had helped me fix my own boat the

previous day.

I had a tremendous amount of fun and will forever be grateful to the Bahamian Snipe Fleet and Eddie Roberts. They displayed great hospitality and did a lot of extra work for my benefit. Indeed, the Snipe Class is a class of friends willing to go out of their way for each other.

Sincerely,
Michael Bowers, Fleet 77.

THE COVER: California Snipers Don Bedford (skipper) and Wade Blomgren at the 1992 Midwinters at Clearwater, Florida. Another great Dennis Kelly photo!

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Saturday, September 19, 1992—Races 3, 4, and 5, dinner and social event

Sunday, September 20, 1992—Race 6, Awards

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For more information, contact:

FRED ROZELLE, Regatta, Chairman,
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**Please note date change from previous Snipe Bulletins.*

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Yacht or Sailing Club: _____ Fleet Number: _____

Sail Number: _____ Hull Number: _____

Builder: _____ Year Built: _____

Hull Color: _____ Deck Color: _____

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You must sail with your own sail number. If you will be sailing a borrowed or chartered boat, give the following information:

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IF HULL MEASUREMENTS ARE NEEDED, PLAN TO ARRIVE BY AUGUST 1, 1992.

JUNIOR MEASUREMENT WILL ALSO BE HELD ON AUGUST 1.

For and in consideration of the acceptance by the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club and the Snipe Class International Racing Association of my entry in this regatta, I hereby accept all the risks and responsibilities of my yacht's participation in said regatta and waive any and all claims I may have against their members, officers, directors, committees, agents and/or employees arising out of or in any way connected with such participation. I agree to abide by the sailing instruction of this regatta, the rules of the U.S. Sailing Assn., the rules of my Class, and by the rules of the host organization:

Signature of Skipper _____ Date: _____

I certify that this entrant is a member in good standing with SCIRA, and that he has sailed in at least 5 point score races or 5 sanctioned regatta races this year.

Signature of Fleet Captain _____ Date: _____

SEND REGISTRATION AND FEE TO SCIRA, 4096 CHESTNUT DRIVE, FLOWERY BRANCH, GA 30542.

BAHAMAS TO HOST XXII WESTERN HEMISPHERE CHAMPIONSHIP

SCIRA Bahamas and the Royal Nassau Sailing Club (RNSC) will be hosting the XXII Western Hemisphere Championships, October 4th-11th, 1992.

The Championship will be sailed during a year in which worldwide attention will be focused on the Bahamas where, 500 years ago, on October 12, 1492, Christopher Columbus first landed in the Bahamas, thus discovering the New World.

Elaborate celebrations are scheduled during the Quincentennial anniversary year, particularly during the first two weeks of October, 1992. The Royal Nassau Sailing Club, and event co-host, the Bahamas Ministry of Tourism, have named the regatta the "New World" Western Hemisphere Championship.

Founded in 1926, the RNSC is the oldest yachting club in the Bahamas. Over the years the RNSC has hosted many international regattas, including the annual Snipe Winter Championship Regatta, the 1958 and 1982 Western Hemispheres and the 1967 Worlds. Its members have competed in various classes in some of the most prestigious sailing events in the world, including the Olympics, the Pan American Games, and various World Championships. Located on picturesque Montagu Bay, the RNSC is just one mile away from world renowned Paradise Island and two miles from downtown Nassau.

The seven-race series, classified as Category A, will be under the jurisdiction of SCIRA and conducted in accordance with IYRU Rules. The number of entries is limited to five boats per nation. The Nassau Snipe Fleet will make available two (2) boats per nation with preference for allotment given to present 1992 National Champions and their runner-up. All other competitors will have to supply their own boats.

The Notice of Regatta has been mailed to all National Secretaries, with further

information to follow. You may contact your nation's National Secretary for further information, or please contact the Regatta Committee, P.O. Box 6220, Nassau, The Bahamas, or fax: Attn: Myles Pritchard 809-393-3582.

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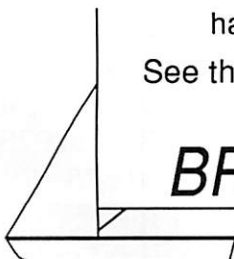
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“I CREWED FOR CROSBY”

by Ed Cotter

It was the Spring of 1932. I was a young teenager interested in boats and model airplanes. The previous summer I put together a small rowboat, which was a lot of fun. That winter I designed a twelve-foot sailboat and now was the time to build it.

Using my father's tools, lumber, and assistance I put the boat together in the basement. My grandmother volunteered to make the sails on her sewing machine using unbleached muslin. Finally school was out and the boat was ready for a test sail.

The launching took place in Echo Bay, a small harbor in Long Island Sound at New Rochelle, New York, my hometown.

Off I went, sailing among the moored boats, but making little headway as the boat was not sailing too well.

The New Rochelle Yacht Club was located on an island in the harbor. As I sailed past the NRYC workdock I saw a man waving for me to come alongside. I sailed

over and tied up. “Young man, he said, I've been watching you sail your boat and there's something wrong. It looks like it's out of balance.”

“What's that?” I asked.

“Here, let me show you.”

Reaching for a pad and pencil in a nearby briefcase and with a practiced hand, he quickly sketched a plan of a sloop. This showed the dynamics of the relationship between the rig's center of effort and the hull's center of lateral resistance. As he explained the drawing it was evident that I had located the keel in the wrong place, fore and aft, on my boat. (I had rejected a centerboard as being too complicated to build.)

The man told me to use the sketch and figure out how to relocate the keel. “Work it out and I'll look at it next weekend.”

After faithfully following his instructions, I sailed back to his dock the next Saturday. I had moved the keel aft several inches. The boat was much improved to

windward. The man was on the dock, watching. He confirmed the improvement.

This time he introduced himself. He was William F. “Bill” Crosby. He was the editor of *Rudder Magazine*. He was also the designer of the Snipe, at the time a new racing class.

He pointed to a boat moored nearby. “That's Snipe #1, would you like a ride?” I quickly accepted! (*Editor's note: I suspect it was actually boat number 4, as Crosby later used this number on the boat.*)

Soon we were out on the Sound, sailing smoothly along. The contrast between my homemade 12-footer and this sleek racer was striking. This was a real boat, I thought.

Bill guided the boat through various evolutions used in racing, explaining the crew's duties as we went along. Without being aware of it, I was being tested as a potential crew. I must have passed, as I was soon invited to crew in a forthcoming race.

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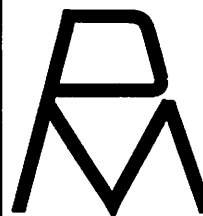
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The Snipe was the perfect boat for the times and the class was growing at a fast pace. With the national economy in a severe depression, most of the sailors built their own boats, just as Crosby had intended when designing the boat.

Other boats were built commercially by firms like Minneford Yacht Yard on City Island, New York. Minneford's previous experience included the massive "J" boats, the America's Cup boat of that period.

The early Snipes were a far cry from the high-tech Snipes of today. They were heavily built of oak frames and mahogany planking, had wooden spars, heavy centerboards and hardware. Hence, lightweight crews, such as myself, were in great demand.

Looking back, I realize that Bill Crosby was a remarkable person with a boundless enthusiasm for the sport. He was also a great teacher. As races unfolded he would explain why we did what we did in relationship to our racing environment and our competitors. He stressed concentration and attention to details. He taught me how to look for windshifts and to position the boat accordingly. He stressed the Racing Rules. Bill also encouraged me to read the sailing books of the day. A couple come to mind; "Learning to Race," by H. A. Calahan, and Manfred Curry's "Aerodynamics of Yacht Racing."

I went on to crewing in other racing boats, not yet able to afford one of my own. One summer, during college, I guest-skipped a 34-footer to the season's handicap fleet championship.

Later, I was able to realize my dream of skippering a Snipe of my own. It was in the summer of 1941. War had erupted worldwide but the U.S. was not yet involved and was slowly working out of the greatest depression in its history.

Howard McMichael's boatyard in Mamaroneck had a tempting buy. Snipe #132 was for sale for only \$125.00. In spite of the times and an uncertain future, I bought it.

The next step was to find good sails. City Island was the place to look. At Charlie Ulmer's loft there was a suit of new racing sails, finished but unclaimed.

"For \$50.00, they're yours," offered the proprietor. I bought them.

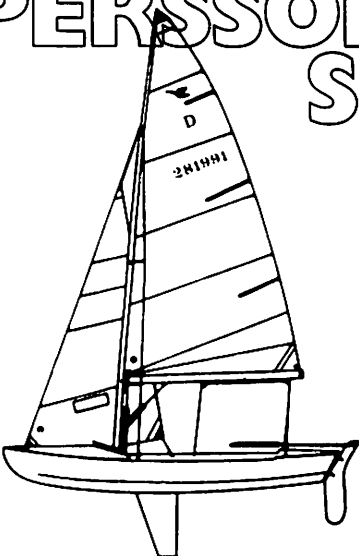
With this boat I went on to win my first race as an owner, at Riverside Y.C.'s regatta, on August 23, 1941.


Thanks to the opportunity provided years before, by Bill Crosby, I was now a full-fledged Snipe racer.

Captain Ed Cotter is a retired Coast

Guard Captain, now living in San Diego. He is very active on the San Diego sailing scene, currently campaigning a Beneteau 31 in PHRF. A world-class navigator, Captain Cotter has competed in races throughout the world and has authored books on the subjects of navigation and the rules. Thanks to Jerelyn Biehl for putting us in touch!

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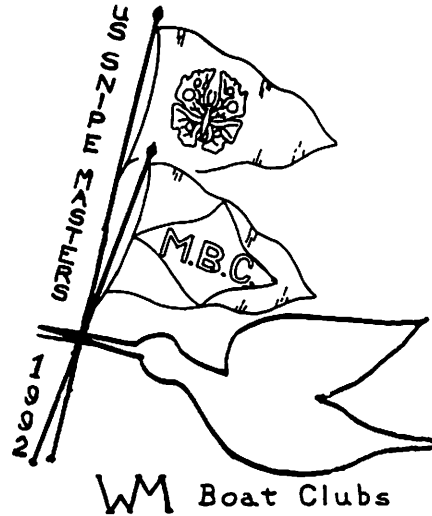
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Eds. Note: Special thanks to the California Snipers. They've picked right up with sending their regatta reports on disc. When your editor is faced with a deadline and the choice is between a disc and lots of typing, guess which one he chooses!

Alamitos Bay Yacht Club, hosts of this year's U.S. Snipe Nationals, hosted its annual Pan Am and Olympic Classes Regatta, March 27th thru 29th. The three-day affair was particularly important as the west coast was set to hold Olympic Trials for the Tornado, 470, Finn and Europe classes one week later. This was the last chance for these sailors to work on boat speed and measure up the competition. Many local Snipe sailors are involved in Olympic campaigns. In fact, every Olympic class has a top prospect who's also a top So. California Snipe sailor! Still, 32 Snipes gathered in Long Beach Harbor on the "Charlie" course, along with fellow Pan Am classes (Lasers and Lightnings) for the three-day regatta on long, beautiful, open-water courses.

These three-day series allow sailors to get into some serious sailing. The professional race committee work by the host club got the six race/one throw-out regatta off without a hitch, despite the many general recalls brought on by the competitive fleet of Snipes. (I think we did this just to torture the Laser sailors and hear them whine and groan!) Winds were moderate for Friday and Sunday's heats, in the 10-13 knot range, while Saturday's two tours around the Olympic triangles saw lighter breezes of 6-10 knots. It was the first completed regatta of the year for the Los Angeles/Long Beach area as Spring has finally arrived in So. California, bringing sunshine, stable sea breezes, and a lot less rain. Winter of '92 was a wild one for these folks.

Despite so many top local Snipe sailors opting for the Olympic classes, the top five teams in this year's Pan Am/Olympic Classes affair all figure to be top ten material when the Snipe Nationals come to Long Beach this summer, August 18th. Jack Franco, with Barbie Anderson up front, thought he had the regatta won, retiring from race 6 after a mediocre start. But, Jack will be working on his math this Spring, as a slight miscalculation opened the door for the very tough team of Jay & Jackie Golison to slip in and take the regatta and the gold medal. Third went to another tough, hard working team of Kevin Funsch and Watt Duffy, who ground out a gritty race #6 to make a statement and take the bronze medal. Fourth place went to Stu Robertson. Fifth went to another brilliant duo of Snipe sailors, Mary Brigden Snow and Chris Snow. It's going to be a real shoot-out when East meets West at the 1992 Nationals!

Bob Bowdon

PAN AM & OLYMPIC CLASSES REGATTA Alamitos Bay Yacht Club March 27-29, 1992

1	Jay Golison/Jackie Golison, ABYC	23.0 pts.
2	Jack Franco/Barbie Anderson, ABYC	24.4
3	Kevin Funsch/Watt Duffy, MBYC	26.0
4	Stu Robertson/Dan Gilboa, ABYC	29.7
5	Mary Snow/Chris Snow, SDYC	40.1
6	Chuck Tripp/Allison Cecil, ABYC	59.0
7	Rick Merriman/Carol Merriman, SDYC	72.0
8	Robin Gales/Jeff Baker, MBYC	78.0
9	Tom Fisher/Jenny Dyer, MBYC	81.7
10	Steve Willits/Rick Belcher, ABYC	85.0



COMMETTE/SUDDATH AGAIN WIN RASCO

Peter Commette and Connie Suddath again dominated the 1992 (XXIII) Comodoro Rasco Snipe Regatta, hosted and sponsored by the Coconut Grove Sailing Club. Paco Calvet and Jose Cardet won the Aicardi Trophy.

On Saturday, winds were from the northwest, light during the first race (shortened) but 5-10 for the next two races. On Sunday, light to medium winds were from the west and northwest. The Race Committee did an excellent job with a very oscillating wind; almost every weather leg needed to move the weather mark.

Mike Anderson, Coconut Grove Sailing Club Fleet

Captain, successfully conducted the races with the help of Club members and sailing friends: Dave Swanson, Frank Herbert, George McCullough, Judy Jensen, Bill Page, Jim Blackburn, Wanda Cooper, Carol Cooper, Jim McDonough, and Bud and Ruffy Price.

Commodore Larry Whipple presented trophies to skippers and crews of the first five places and the Aicardi Fleet winner. After the trophy presentation we had the traditional "La Bomba" and sang it for the winners, and the Race Committee Chairman and all drank the famous "Spain on Fire" mix of wine and cider.

Gonzalo Diaz, Sr.

1992 (XXIII) ANNUAL COMODORO RASCO SNIPE REGATTA Coconut Grove Sailing Club February 8-9, 1992

Finish	Sail	Skipper/Crew	Club/Hometown	Places	Points
1	28214	Peter Commette/Connie Suddath	Lauderdale Y.C.	5-1-1-1-4	11.25
2	24776	Gonzo Diaz/Charlie Lewis	Coconut Grove S.C.	3-3-4-4-1	14.75
3	27872	Charlie/Michele Bustamante	Boca Raton, Fla.	6-5-2-2-2	17.00
4	24686	Marc/Angela Duvoisin	Titusville, Fla.	7-2-3-5-3	20.00
5	26395	Gonzalo Diaz, Sr./Arron Haller	Coconut Grove S.C.	2-4-5-3-6	20.00
6	25071	Don Hackbarth/R. D. Burley	Atlanta, Ga.	1-7-7-6-8	28.75
7	25374	Paco Calvet/Jose Cardet	Miami, Fla.	4-8-6-7-7	32.00
8	26795	Gabe Blom/Brit Bischoff	Coconut Grove S.C.	8-6-8-8-5	35.00
9	19723	Jim Janda/Lowell Kahn	Key Largo, Fla.	9-9-9-9-9	45.00
10	23391	Ves Burford/April Runnel	Miami Fleet, Fla.	dnc-dnc-dnc-10-10	56.00

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1992 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP UPDATE

by Fred Rozelle

The 1992 Snipe North American Championships will be held September 17 through 20. Crescent Sail Yacht Club (CSYC) and the Detroit River Snipe Fleet #5 look forward to welcoming Snipe sailors to our club for some great sailing on Lake St. Clair. We encourage Snipe sailors to begin making plans to attend.

HOST CLUB: CSYC, along with Fleet #5, will be hosting the event. SCYC has hosted many Snipe, Lightning, and Thistle national championships. The 1985 Snipe U.S. Nationals were at SCYC. The facilities include three hoists, beach, plenty of yard storage area for boats and trailers, showers and a galley for breakfast, lunch, and snacks. A dinner and planned party follow each day of racing.

SCHEDULE: Measurement, registration and a practice race will be held on Thursday, September 17. Six races are scheduled; two on Friday the 18th, three on Saturday the 19th, and one on Sunday, the 20th. The plan is to end the regatta

early Sunday afternoon and have the awards ceremony immediately following the races. Social events are planned for each evening.

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Conditions in late September consist of westerly winds, 12-18 knots. Westerly winds bring relatively modest chop with predictable shifts. Water temperatures will range between 70-75 degrees. September is considered the most favorable month to sail on Lake St. Clair.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Local homes in the Grosse Pointe area, one to four miles from the club, are available. Limited van and motorhomes may stay at the club. Several reasonable hotels are nearby. Contact Aliza Edwards at 313-886-9330 for more housing information.

GENERAL INFORMATION: Regatta Chairman Fred Rozelle, 850 N. Oxford Rd., Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236. Home: 313-882-3533. Work: 313-362-2100.

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August 8 & 9—MICHIGAN STATE CHAMPIONSHIP—Fred Rozelle, 850 Oxford Rd. N., Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236, TEL: 313-882-3533

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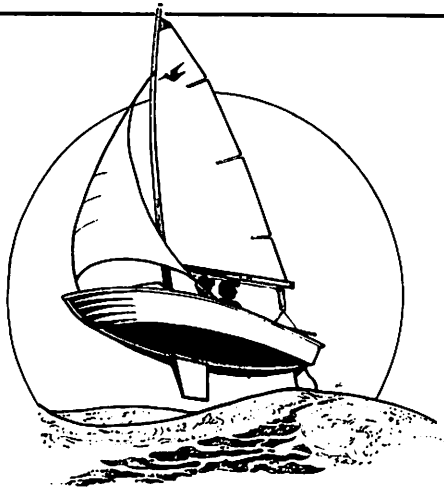
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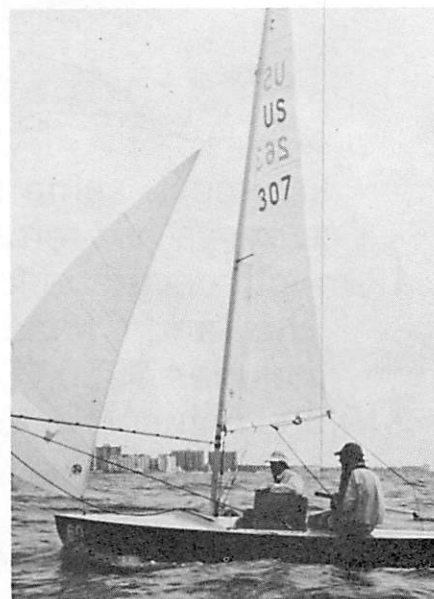
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North/Fisher Southern Circuit Snipe Results

Midwinters — Clearwater
1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10*
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Don Q Regatta
1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10

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