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# From the Commodore

Dear Friends,

Last month, I enjoyed sailing my Snipe in the District 4 championship in Charleston, South Carolina and in the Colonial Cup in Annapolis, Maryland. The competition was excellent and the social was better. I highly recommend travel to regattas out of your local area. Travel improves the sailing skills, relaxes the mind and body and allows you to see old friends and to meet new people.

I have witnessed the hard work going into two upcoming regattas that promise to be outstanding. US District 1 is gearing up for the US Nationals at Tom's River Yacht Club. A group of our best sailors and hardest workers will compete in the first US Women's Nationals. I have never sailed in Barnegat Bay and I am looking forward to it. Try to attend!

If you have qualified to sail in the 1997 Worlds in San Diego, do not miss it. The Mission Bay Yacht Club and Snipe Fleet 495 are arranging a fun, competitive event. Even if you are not racing, it is a worth a visit: social events, the 1997 measurement clinic, National Secretaries' meeting and the Board meeting.

In this issue, we include a draft of the proposed agenda for the 1997 SCIRA Board of Governors meeting. Our Executive Director will make the final changes to the agenda in the next month. Please review it and ask questions and make your comments to the committee chairpersons and members and to the Board members.

Regards and Go fast in Snipes,

*Gonzo*



## Around the Snipe World

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## Preliminary Agenda 1997 SCIRA Board of Governors San Diego, CA USA

### Tuesday, September 16, 1997

(Start at 0700, finish at 1000)

<b>Opening Remarks by Commodore</b>	1 minute
<b>Approval of minutes from</b>	
<b>1995 SCIRA Board of Governors meeting</b>	2 minutes
<b>National Secretaries Meeting overview</b>	17 minutes
<b>Reports</b>	40 minutes
Western Hemisphere and Orient	
Europe	
<b>Finance</b>	30 minutes
Report	5 minutes
Discussion	20 minutes
Vote	5 minutes
<b>Long Range Planning Committee</b>	1 hour
Report	5 minutes
Discussion	45 minutes
world championship entries	
junior world boat distribution	
simplification	
membership through organizations owning Snipes	
Vote	10 minutes
<b>Centerboard Committee</b>	30 minutes
Report	5 minutes
Discussion	20 minutes
Vote	5 minutes
further testing	
approval of material(s)	
table	

### Thursday, September 18, 1997

(Start at 0700, finish at 1000, if there are races, at 1200, if there are no races)

<b>ISAF Committee</b>	30 minutes
Report	10 minutes
Address by Paul Henderson, ISAF President	
Discussion	15 minutes
Vote	5 minutes
<b>Promotion: raffle review, video report, plans</b>	30 minutes
<b>Site Approval and Selections and Discussion</b>	40 minutes
Worlds	
Europe, WH	
Masters	
Women's	
Juniors	
<b>Juniors:</b>	20 minutes
<b>Database: Present, Objectives and Future</b>	10 minutes
<b>Rules Committee</b>	30 minutes
Report	10 minutes
Clinic results: participants, feedback,	
Committee to prepare for 2000 Rulebook	
Discussion	15 minutes
Vote	5 minutes
<b>Executive Director job evaluation review</b>	20 minutes
(Further discussion on above or on other issues, if time allows)	
30 minutes to 2.5 hours	

# News from Snipe Fleets

## United Kingdom

From the UK Newsletter

"May 10-11 the Orkney Tourist Board sponsored a series of events in several different sports where teams from "the mainland" took on local teams for the honour of winning an Orkney Quaich (a type of two handed porridge bowl designed for mass consumption of whisky). Orkney is the northern most island of Scotland and has two fleets of "mixed vintage" Snipes, one at Stromness where the mainland ferry comes in and one at Holm (pronounced ham) where only the tide comes in. Two crews from Budworth traveled north to take on the locals in a series of six races, using local boats and changing boats for each race. It was only when Budworth crews arrived in Orkney that they discovered that the locals don't normally start racing until June - but in spite of very windy weather before and after the weekend, the two days of sailing were delightful. According to an account of the event which appeared afterwards in the local Orkney press, "the visitors appeared to enjoy the racing and were only too happy to give the local skippers advice and pass on tactical information. What was certainly true is that the Southern Softies really did enjoy the sailing, and indeed the whole trip to Orkney, and if the event is held next year, the main problem may be holding off the rush of volunteers to get onto the challenging team."

## Portugal

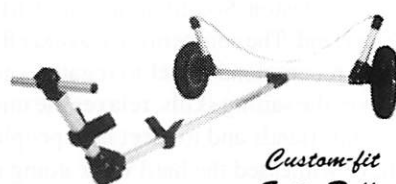
New National Secretary Miguel Graça writes...

Portugal is reorganizing with the following programme:

- Class legislation
- reactivate the Class
- Collect new Snipe sailors
- Measure and certify all boats
- Receipt of decals and fleets
- Organize Championships with good regattas and good prizes
- Issue a ranking with prizes at the end of the year
- Improve and intensify information about the Class
- Timely National Calendar
- Create training programme together with Portuguese Sailing Federation



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## India

Dr. M. Gunasheela writes...

"Our status W.R.T. level of water in the lake continues to be very bad for our 2<sup>nd</sup> year in succession. No sailing at all. Our National Federation mainly consists of Defence Services sailors and is in its low tide, and the Snipe is not recognised so far. We have 13 Snipes from the good old days starting from teak wood Snipe from 1934 built by Military Engineering Services and 6 Marine ply Snipes built to specification soon after we became SCIRA members in 1974. We do have 7 Lasers, 2 Enterprises, 4 Fireballs and assorted windsurfers. Due to environmental changes and city growing too large, all of a sudden ecological changes, etc., have made our lake go dry. We are finding great difficulty as other nearby lakes are facing similar fate as ours. Traffic congestion prevents us from going 140 km away to a lake that has water most of the time..."

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# SCIRA Sets International Measurement Clinic

Seeing the need to standardize measuring of Snipe hulls and sails around the Snipe World, the International Board of Governors recently voted to organize a Measurement Clinic with the following objectives:

- For all measurements to be done the same way with the same tools throughout the world
- To provide channels of communication and procedure to change methods
- To produce written standards for certification of measurers
- To produce a set of detailed instruction for measurers to follow
- To select the tools to be used.

With these objectives in mind, Commodore Diaz appointed a committee, headed by Past Commodore and Vice Rules Chairman Giorgio Brezich, to set the agenda and hold the clinic September 10-12 just prior to measurement of boats for the World Championship in San Diego. The measurement clinic will not interfere with the actual measurement of competitors boats.

To ensure all continents are represented, the Board voted that sponsored participants, led by Chief Measurer Hisanao Kato, Rules Chairman Brainard Cooper, Vice Rules Chairman Giorgio Brezich and the following regional representatives; one measurer from South America, one measurer from Southern Europe and one measurer from Northern Europe shall attend. In addition, information about the clinic will also be sent to all builders, Snipe sailmakers and current measurers.

The tentative agenda is as follows:

## **Wednesday, September 10**

- 0800 Opening Remarks and measurer's philosophy
- 1000 Description of tools
- 1200 lunch
- 1300 Method for Hull measurement
- 1500 Method for Moment of Inertia measurement
- 1700 End of session

## **Thursday, September 11**

- 0800 Method for mast measurement
- 1000 Method for weighing
- 1200 lunch
- 1300 Method for boom, centerboard and rudder measurement
- 1500 Method for sail measurement
- 1700 End of session

## **Friday, September 12**

- 0800 Method for sail measurement
- 1000 Race management: Sailing instructions, Sanctioned regattas
- 1200 lunch
- 1300 Questions
- 1500 Concluding remarks
- 1700 Closing of clinic

*For further information about the clinic, contact the SCIRA office at: 619-224-6998.*

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## Brazilian Sailing Week

The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Sailing Week sponsored by the São Paulo Yachting Federation was held at the Guarapiranga Lake in São Paulo on May 1-3. More than 200 boats representing 20 different classes showed up at the three courses. 25 Snipes enrolled.

Unfortunately, as they say in Brazil, months with an R have no winds, and on the first day boats waited the whole day and the wind didn't show up.

The first race was run on Friday, May 2, with winds from the North/Northwest but around 8 knots so the Race Committee decided to make a windward/leeward course. Kurt Diemer/Guipe Diemer were first followed by Ivan Pimentel/Dante Bianchi and the three were Carlos Henrique Wanderley/Martin Zacher. As soon as the first race was over the wind slowed down and the second race was postponed for an hour. At about 3:30 pm, the Southeast wind started and as the sun at this time of the year sets just after 5:45 pm, the Race Committee decided to repeat the course from the first race. The winners were Ivan Pimentel/Dante Bianchi, in second place Carlos Frederico Hackerott/Guilherme Hackerott and third the Vasconcellos brothers, Frederico and Felipe.

On the third day winds were steady from the Southeast and the third race started on time. Once again the Race Committee decided to have a windward/leeward course as they intended to run another race. Kurt Diemer and his son won this race followed by Renato Machado de Almeida/Stefano Alziati and the third team was Frede Bojlesen and son Fernando Bojlesen.

The last race was a success as the wind had increased so the Race Committee decided to have an Olympic course. Paulo Santos and son Ricardo won this race, Freddy Hackerott and son Guilherme were second, and the Vasconcellos brothers were third.

In the evening, after a cocktail party, the winners were awarded their prizes. Although only four races were run, everyone enjoyed themselves and the Vasconcellos brothers had a chance to test again the course as the Junior World Championship will be held in November at the Guarapiranga Lake.

—**Fernando Garrafa**  
São Paulo, Brazil



	<i><b>Skipper/Crew</b></i>	<i><b>Finishes</b></i>	<i><b>Total</b></i>
1.	Paulo/Ricardo Santos	4-6-8-1	10.75
2.	Kurt/Guipe Diemer	1-10-1-10	11.5
3.	Carlos Frederico/Guilherme Hackerott	8-2-9-2	12
4.	Frederico/Felipe Vasconcellos	7-3-7-3	13
5.	Carlos Henrique Wanderley/Martin Zacher	3-5-6-7	14
6.	Gustavo Farah/Caio Martins	6-4-4-8	14
7.	Renato M.deAlmedida/Stefano Alziati	5-8-2-12	15
8.	Caio S.H. Prado/Eduardo Castilho	10-9-16-4	23
9.	Frede/Fernando Bojlesen	dnc-16-3-5	24
10.	Marcos Mascarenhas/Gabriel Cavalcanti	9-11-14-6	26



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## District 6 Championships

June 7 & 8 found 24 Snipes struggling in the waters of the Pacific Ocean for the 1997 District 6 Championship. All the members of the US World's team were found on the course to be used for the upcoming World Championship. Mauricio Santa Cruz from the Brazilian team also competed in the event.

Doug Hart showing good boat speed and on course savvy out distanced the other competitors in what was an unusual wind direction for the Mission Bay Yacht Club ocean venue. A south wind found the left side of the course favored both days and those boats pushed to the right side of the course struggled to find their way back to the fold. The south wind did not favor the kelp beds as with an unusual wind direction, the loose strands of kelp found their way into the racing area. Members of the race committee were removing kelp in the starting area. Everyone was checking for kelp often as any strand on the rudder or daggerboard spelled death for keeping that important lane to the left side.

Saturday night all the competitors were treated to the Snipe film archives. Jerelyn & Sean Biehl treated the crowd to old 16mm films of Snipe sailing in the 50's and 60's

from spots like Spain, Havana and the Bahamas. Old woodies with cotton sails brought

a tear to the eye of Doug DeSouza.

—District 6 Governor  
Jerome Fournier

<i>Skipper/Crew</i>	<i>Finishes</i>	<i>Total</i>
1. Doug Hart/Jon Rogers	3-1-(12)-3-1-1	8.25
2. George Szabo/Eric Wilcox	2-4-6(cnf)-4-2	18.0
3. Jack Franco/Mike Sturman	1-6-4-7-(9)-3	20.75
4. Craig & Lisa Leweck	(9)-8-3-4-3-4	22.0
5. Rick & Carol Merriman	8-2-2-(cnf)-7-6	25.0
6. Argyle Campbell/L.Griffith	5-5-5-12-(13)-5	32.0
7. Mauricio Santa Cruz/Yumio	4-(dnd)-1-6-2-8	38.75
8. Robb Walker/Rowena Carlson	7-10-9-(11)-6-9	41
9. Peter Commette/Jerelyn Biehl	14-7-7-9-5-(ret)	42
10. Tom O'Neill/Laurel Timpson	6-11-(17)-5-15-7	44
11. Chuck Tripp/Alex Phillips	13-3-14-8-8-(ret)	46
12. Ken Redler/Julie Manzer	10-13-10-10-12-(ret)	55
13. Jerry Thompson/Jeff Baker	12-9-18-13-11-(ret)	63
14. Steve Stewart/Scott Lindley	16-16-16-(cnf)-10-10	68
15. Bob Bowden/Joanne O'Dea	15-17-15-(cnf)-14-13	74
16. Stu & Russell Robertson	17-15-8-cnf-17-(ret)	75
17. Jerome Fournier/Kim Young	19-18-11-(cnf)-18-14	80
18. Dave & Barbie Tillson	11-12-13-(dnc)-dnc-dnc	84
19. Geoff Becker/Kim Cofad	20-14-21-cnf-16-(dnc)	95
20. Don Barrus/Sue Shipley	21-22-22-(cnf)-21-11	97
21. Bob Jackman/Chris Shand	22-23-(dnc)-20-20-12	97
22. Russell Oiring/Ryan Burger	18-19-19-19-(dnc)-dnc	99
23. Stine Cacavas/Julie Domberg	24-20-23-dnc-19-(ret)	104
24. Rob Pinkel/Nick Wilder	23-21-20-(dnc)-dnc-dnc	112

## District 6 Junior World Qualifier

Snipe District 6 hosted the District 6 Junior Championship the weekend of June 14-15 at Mission Bay Yacht Club. This years event was also a qualifier for the Junior Worlds to be held this November in Brazil.

8 teams sailed a total of 8 races on Mission Bay to determine who would be heading to South America and taking a week off of school this fall. When the dust settled Mission Bay's Steve Hochart and John Warnock came out on top with string of 7 firsts and one second. In second was the Atlanta team of Dustin Kays and Chris Stang. Dustin and Chris have already qualified to represent the US in Brazil and came to Mission Bay to get a little practice in. Rounding out the top three was Southwestern Yacht Club's Marc Barra and Lisa Harrison.

The level of talent at the regatta was great with all the sailors showing great boathandling skills and boatspeed. Older Snipe sailors had better watch out because these kids are good!

Thanks the the Mission Bay Snipe Fleet for donating the use of their boats and to Doug Hart, the Bowdens, Jeff Baker, George Walker, Jerome Fournier, Bob Jackman,

Russell Oiring and many others the use of their time to run the races. It was a great weekend. Hope to see you all next year!

—Chris Snow  
Regatta Chairman

## Results

<i>Skipper/crew</i>	<i>Boat</i>	<i>Finishes</i>	<i>Total</i>
1. Steve Hochart/John Warnock	28687	1-(2)-1-1-1-1-1	5.25
2. Dustin Kays/Chris Stang	28702	5-3-(7)-2-2-2-2-2	18
3. Marc Barra/Lisa Harrison	28072	2-4-2-3-3-3-7-(dns)	24
4. Bridget Shear/Steve Brown	28369	3-4-(6)-5-4-5-5-5	31
5. David Hochart/Kevin Hughes	28223	4-6-5-(6)-5-4-4-4	32
6. Danny Silva/Piet Van Os	28464	6-1-4-4-6-(7)-6-6	32.75
7. Andrew Campbell/Horacio D'Agustino	27377	7-(8)-8-7-7-6-3-3	41
8. Ryan Burger/Ben Constant	25872	8-7-3-8-8-8-(dns)-dns	49



# 1997 Colonial Cup

In a repeat scenario from the 1996 Colonial Cup, the 1997 Colonial Cup came down to the last race. St. Mary's grads Scott Nixon and Samantha Rosemont of Annapolis had to beat USNA grad Hal Gilreath of Atlanta with Alex Stout (St. Mary's) of Annapolis crewing to maintain their first place standing. Though not as exciting as last year's tacking duel, Gilreath/Stout out drifted Nixon/Rosemont in Sunday's dying breeze to repeat as this year's winners. Doug Clark, currently sailing coach at the US Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, and his crew Marci Girard placed third followed by Annapolitans Henry Filter/Lorie Stout and Rear Commodore Lee Griffith sailing with Leanne Randall Dunbar.

Though the weekend felt like it was going to be more like the Frigid Digit (SSA Snipe Fleet's annual fall event), twenty-five Snipes from as far away as Miami (Commodore Gonzo Diaz), Atlanta, and Cleveland sailed 8 of 9 scheduled races in shifty and puffy conditions on the Chesapeake Bay. Between the trying conditions and short course format, being consistent was virtually impossible (except for Mr. Consistency, Hal). As one competitor put it, "You make a mistake and you don't just get passed by one boat - the whole Conga line goes by."

—Alex Pline

Annapolis Fleet #532 Fleet Captain

Skipper	Boat#	Finishes	Total
1. Hal Gilreath/Alex Stout	28142	4-4-1-7-3-4-(8)-6	28.75
2. Scott Nixon/S. Rosemont	28214	3-1-2-1-6-14-5-(16)	31.50
3. Doug Clark/Marci Girard	28050	10-(14)-5-5-4-2-3-5	34.00
4. Henry Filter/Lorie Stout	27054	2-7-4-10-7-1-15-(19)	45.75
5. Lee Griffith/L. Dunbar	29204	9-11-6-6-(17)-3-9-3	47.00
6. Pedro Lorson/S. Cushman	28044	11-9-6-6-(17)-3-9-3	48.75
7. Charlie/M. Bustamante	27872	(19)-13-9-13-1-12-4-2	53.75
8. Alex Pline/Nancy Gilreath	29147	6-12-3-(16)-10-9-14-4	58.00
9. Ned Jones/Kari Warren	28852	5-2-10-(dnc)-dnc-11-6-1	59.75
10. Craig/Mimi Beardsley	29148	12-5-11-11-8-5-(16)-10	62.00
11. John/Maggie Manderson	28065	7-6-7-12-14-7-11-(21)	64.00
12. Gonzo Diaz/S. Eldridge	28812	1-3-16-4-12-21-13-(22)	69.75
13. Eric Reinke/?	25483	14-(16)-12-14-11-13-10-7	81.00
14. Don Hackbarth/G. Jones	29014	20-8-(22)-18-13-15-2-8	84.00
15. Gavin O'Hare/H. Wolford	25867	17-19-14-8-5-(22)-12-11	86.00
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18. Dave Applegate/?	27861	15-10-13-22-16-10-(23)-15	101.00
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20. Ian Prime/Missy Meagan	25729	21-(23)-10-10-21-6-17-17	120.00
21. Darryl Waskow/?	27734	18-20-(23)-17-19-18-21-20	133.00
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# 1997 Snipe Southeasterns

Lake Lanier Sailing Club (LLSC) hosted the seventh Snipe Southeastern championships. Seventeen crews from Alabama, Georgia, New York and South Carolina traveled to Lake Lanier to enjoy sailing and socializing. Included in this group were three former regatta champions. Marc Duvoisin and Nancy Gilreath sailed consistently throughout to win over Charlie and Michele Bustamante.

Saturday turned out to be a picture postcard day as the sun shone, the breeze blew and the temperatures were in the mid 70's. A 8-12 knot Southwesterly breeze with oscillating shifts made for three competitive races. Racing was close for the three races as Hal Gilreath and Kathy Dressler established themselves as the early leaders.

Sundays races were not as perfect as Saturday's. The wind gods forgot to wake up on a sunny Sunday morning. The fleet set forth in the first of two races in almost no wind. Tommy and Jack Smith held off the Bustamantes to win the shortened drifter.

The last race had a little more wind and the Bustamantes won it going away. John Muhlhausen was able to garner second with Don Hackbarth and Becky Killough in third. Marc and Nancy were able to finish fourth to earn the regatta by one point over the Bustamantes.

The Southeasterns is but a prelude to LLSC's fall event, The Battle of Atlanta. Mid-September is when avid Snipe sailors and fans will return to enjoy the sailing and socializing on Lake Lanier. We'll see y'all then.

—Hal Gilreath

## Results

1.	Marc Duvoisin/Nancy Gilreath	6-2-1-4-4	16.75
2.	Charlie /Michele Bustamante	4-5-6-2-1	17.75
3.	Hal Gilreath/Kathy Dressler	1-1-4-13-5	23.5
4.	Don Hackbarth/Becky Killough	2-11-3-8-3	28
5.	Brent McKenzie/Rhonda Myers	12-3-2-5-7	29
6.	Gary/Jeff Beck	9-6-8-3-6	32
7.	Tommy/Jack Smith	11-4-5-1-11	31.75
8.	John Muhlhausen	10-12-7-6-2	37
9.	Blaine/Adrienne McClachtey	3-7-10-12-9	41
10.	Dustin Kays/Andrew Cason	5-9-9-11-10	52
11.	Steve/Mary Burns	13-15-13-7-8	56
12.	Jerry/Bunny Kimble	7-10-11-16-12	56
13.	Brad Dunn/Jason Stoney Brook	8-14-12-10-14	58
14.	Bill Moss/Clay Burnap	15-8-16-9-15	63
15.	Lee King	14-13-15-17-16	75
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# Helsinki Regatta

June 14-15, 1997

Six races on a trapezoidal "outer loop" course were scheduled for this years Helsinki Regatta, the second in our Gran Prix- ranking series and the first qualifier.

The racing was tight, the wind light-ish (3-6 m/s) with a shower and hiking wind on Saturdays last race - mostly sunshine on Sunday however. The lively motor-boat traffic provided some extra challenge as did the "patchy" wind. You just had to know where to go and how to keep the boat going.

After the races and some protest mumm-mumm (the time ran out before anyone got to the office) it stood out that we had managed to beat them all with four 1sts and a 3<sup>rd</sup> and a 9<sup>th</sup> - mostly thanks our smooth downwind speed on the downwind-dominated trapezoidal course.

Most consistent was however Ville, scoring three 2's on Saturday and three 3's on Sunday and totaling a clear second. Third was Peter B w. Haakan - one gun and some in the back row (Rikard chose to race 2.4 meter, it seems he is betting on winning the nationals to qualify).

The 'biggest "surprises" were of course Markus Holm's come-back with his wife Jaana - keeping on a great family tradition of top husband-wife sailing of his brother Peter. Jukka T. showed also better-than-before form and up-to-date speed, finishing 10th. It was also nice to see Mikko V. sailing again - and a new "junior" crew from the Keuruu fleet. I hope Rainer will take good care of the boys, with a little homework they will certainly be up to first row soon. Roger had his brand new Skipper in the marina but did not quite get it ready for racing.

It certainly seems that the racing is getting more even, it was never more than 2..3 minutes between the first and last after 40 minutes of racing - most of the boats seemed to have the same boatspeed, putting more emphasis on the starts, tactics and boathandling.

The trapezoidal course is winning more and more popularity among the racers - it's compact, keeps the fleet together and the reach to the finish is not dull at all (despite of what one would think). Perhaps the wide "slot" that the finish line creates gives one more possibilities to attack the leaders, creating very interesting photo-finishes!

So we had a nice regatta with 15 boats racing (14 last year so we are gaining a little). The 49ers had their first national regatta at

the same time - 7 boats, 35 spectators - a rather slow start for the new hi-tech-boat. Hope the guys will get more show next time. The Lasers had their nationals at the same

time too - we are looking for a borrowed-boat for the champion to test his skills against the Snipes in our nationals!

—Sampo Valjus  
Finland National Secretary

## Results - Olympic scoring

Boat	Skipper/crew	Finishes	Total
1. FIN-28704	SampoValjus/Reetta Aalto-Setala	1-3-1-1-(9)-1	5.7
2. FIN-26650	Ville Aalto-Setala/Jussi Nevas	2-2-2-(3)-3-3	20.4
3. FIN-26922	Peter/Kaj Bjurström	(pms)-1-3-2-7-5	31.7
4. FIN-27277	Markus/Jaana Holm	4-7-5-(10)-2-4	42.0
5. FIN-26925	Rainer/Tuulia Vilkkilä	(pms)-4-4-5-5-6	47.7
6. FIN-29019	Claus Carpelan/Risto Valjus	(dnc)-dnc-dnc-4-1-2	57.0
7. FIN-26650	Paavo Nikkila/Markus Järn	7-9-(11)-6-4-7	60.7
8. FIN-26646	Jouni Valli/Robert Bjurström	3-10-8-(13)-6-8	61.4
9. FIN-28350	Mikko Valjus/Antti Kaarlela	6-5-6-11-(12)-12	61.4
10. FIN-25474	Jukka/Vappu Tainio	5-11-10-8-(14)-10	73.0
11. FIN-28469	Timo/Teijo Nikkila	9-8-7-(15)-10-11	75.0
12. FIN-24352	Jukka/Kimmo Kotisalo	10-6-9-7-(15)-14	75.7
13. FIN-27231	Ari Kansakoski/Mari Linnapuomi	8-(dnf)-12-12-8-9	79.0
14. FIN-24140	Juhani Sillanpää/Jyri Pelkonen	11-12-14-9-13-(pms)	89.0
15. FIN-21660	Antti/Jussi Mikkonen	12-13-13-(14)-11-13	92.0
16. FIN-29238	Roger Nylund/?	(dnc)-dnc-dnc-dnc-dnc	115.0

## Trophy Citta' di Luino

*Luino, Lake Maggiore, Italy*  
*May 31-June 1*

The Trophy Citta' di Luino is very old, the first race was sailed in 1950. In the past on the Lake Maggiore you had only two kind of boats : the Star and the Snipe. In the past 47 years a lot of thinks are changed, not only in our sport. We live in a completely different world. But we have always Snipes, a lot of Snipes : in Luino we are 36 boats, like as 47 years ago. One reason is the shape of the boat, with few changes the boat is ever up to date. One other reason is the class : our motto "serious sailing, serious fun" is true. I think the Snipe sailors are real sportsmen. Please, keep it this way !

Saturday we sailed the first two races, with a light south wind. The conditions were favorable to the sailors from the sea, not from the lakes. So, Enrico Michel with John Turazza won the first race, and Giorgio Brezich with Manola Reis the second race. The next day we had a lot of rain. The committee started the third race in the afternoon, with rain but 6-7 ms North wind. At the end of the race the wind slowed down, and somebody loss their position. The Solerio

brothers won this race.

The Regatta in Luino was valid for the Ranking List. The first three crews from the Ranking List at July, will be selected for the worlds in San Diego. After this race, Michel was mathematically qualified. For the other two places, we will have a fight between Brezich, Solerio, Bernardis and Dematte'.

—Ezio Braga  
Snipe ITA 28817

### The final result (first 10 of 36)

1) Michel- Turazza	1-4-2
2) Brezich- Reis	2-1-9
3) Solerio-Solerio	9-2-1
4) Dematte'-Larossa	3-13-3
5) Bernardis - Pontalti	6-10-5
6) Belloni- Belloni	13-5-6
7) Podesta'- Gatti	11-7-7
8) Braga- Parodi	5-15-13
9) Formosa - Loni	4-17-17
10) Costa- Spera	7-3-28

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# New Rules That Crews Should Know

If you think crews don't really need to know the rules very well, you're wrong. Every member of a racing team should understand the rulebook as well as they can, especially now that we have new rules.

The reason is simple. As a crew member, a big part of your job is anticipation. For example, will you get a puff or lull? Will the next set be a jibe or bear-away? The same holds true when you get near other boats: Will you duck below the starboard tacker or try to lee-bow? Is there a chance the leeward boat will luff you, or not?

If you don't know the right-of-way rules, you will have a hard time anticipating the scenarios that may occur when you get into traffic. And that means you won't be able to do your job quite as well. So learn the rule of Part 2 (When Boats Meet) in the new rulebook.

In addition to the basic right-of-way rules, there are a number of other rules that define how we must play the game, and many of these speak directly to the crew. It is these rules that I have listed and discussed on these pages. If you sail primarily as a crew, study these rules so you won't break them and so you'll have a better chance of winning. If you're a skipper, make a copy for your crew and encourage them to read it.

## New Rules

April 1 has come and gone, and now sailors around the world are racing under the new rules. Most sailors will have received their rulebooks from their Federations, if they are members.

In the meantime, the jury is still out on these new rules. They look good on paper and so far seem to be working well, but we'll have to wait and see. Good luck!

## Check your class rules and sailing instructions!

The rules listed on this page can be found in the new rulebook, called *The Racing Rules of Sailing*. Note, however, that rule 86 allows the sailing instructions and class rules to make changes to some of these rules (look for code letters below). Therefore, be sure to check your SIs and CRs before you go sailing.

**SI** - This rule may be changed by the sailing instructions.

**CR** - This rule may be changed by your class rules.

## Rule 1 - Safety **SI**

### 1.2 Life-saving Equipment and Personal Buoyancy

...Each competitor is individually responsible for wearing personal buoyancy adequate for the conditions.

## Rule 40 - Personal Buoyancy **SI**

*When flag Y is displayed before or with the warning signal, competitors shall wear life-jackets or other adequate personal buoyancy...*

The first Fundamental Rule says every crew member should wear "personal buoyancy" that is appropriate for the weather and sea conditions, whether or not the race committee requires this. When the RC displays flag Y, rule 40 says every competitor must wear a life jacket.

In the US, the life jacket or "personal buoyancy" you wear does not have to be USCG approved (but it may not be a wet suit or dry suit). However, the US prescription to rule 40 says every boat must carry "lifesaving equipment conforming to government regulations," which normally means you must also have onboard one USCG-approved life jacket for each crew.

Remember also that the first part of rule 1 requires every crew member to "give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger."

## Rule 33 - Changing the Course after the Start

...The race committee may change the length of the next leg by displaying flag C and a '-' if the leg will be shortened or a '+' if the leg will be lengthened. **SI**

If you are racing with movable marks, keep an eye on the RC boat when you approach the leeward mark because flag C with sound signals means a course change. Under the old rules, the RC could change only the direction of the next mark by displaying its compass bearing. Now they can also change the length of the leg by displaying a plus or minus. So watch out!

## Rule 41 - Outside Help **SI**

*A boat may receive outside help as provided for in rule 1. Otherwise, she shall not receive help except for an ill or injured crew member or, after a collision, from the crew of the other boat.*

While you are racing (from your prep signal until you finish), you may not receive any outside assistance except for the following three special cases:

- Your crew or boat are in danger and someone else is helping you under rule 1 (safety).
- One or more of your crew are ill or injured and someone else attends to them; or
- You have a collision with another boat and their crew helps you (e.g. by helping separate the two boats).

If you receive outside assistance in any of these ways, you may continue racing with no penalty; if you get other help, you break rule 41 and must retire.

## Rule 42 - Propulsion **42.3 Exceptions** **SI, CR**

*A boat's crew may move their bodies to exaggerate the rolling that facilitates steering the boat through a tack or jibe, provided that, just after the tack or jibe is completed, the boat's speed is not greater than it would have been in the absence of the tack or jibe.*

The rule about roll tacking remains unchanged. Just as under the old rules, you can use your body weight to help steer the boat through a tack or jibe. There is no limit on how much you can roll - the only restriction is you can't come out of the tack or jibe faster than you would have been going if you didn't tack or jibe. In other words, you can't use kinetic body motion to make the boat speed up, but you can use it to minimize the amount you slow down during a tack.

## Rule 43 - Competitor Clothing and Equipment

*43.1 (a) Competitors shall not wear or carry clothing or equipment for the purpose of increasing their weight.*

Crew members are still prohibited from wearing clothing to increase their weight. You can't, for example, wear a sweatshirt over your one-piece suit in order to soak up water and hold the boat down better. It's OK to wear what you need for warmth, but on boats without lifelines you must stay within the clothing limits described by rule 43.2. In addition, under the new rules you are no longer allowed to wear weight jackets of any kind (and class rules can't change this.)

## Rule 44 - Penalties for Breaking Rules of Part 2

### 44.1 Taking a Penalty

*...Her penalty shall be a 720° Turns Penalty unless the sailing instructions specify...some other penalty.* **SI**

Before you start a race, make sure everyone on your boat knows what penalty system you are using. If it's the 720° Turns Penalty, this will certainly require a different crew reaction than simply displaying an I flag. Unless the sailing instructions state otherwise, the 720° will always be in effect. Remember: You must take a 720° as soon as possible after the incident.

## Rule 47 - Limitations on Equipment and Crew

*47.1 No person on board shall leave, unless ill or injured or to help a person or vessel in danger. However, a person leaving the boat by accident or to swim shall be back on board before the boat continues in the race.* **SI**

If a crew member falls overboard, you must have that person back on board before you can continue in the race. However, if a

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## New Rules That Crews Should Know

crew member leaves to help another boat or person under rule 1, or if a crew member is taken off your boat because he or she is sick or injured, then you may continue racing without that person.

### Rules 49 - Crew Position

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**49.2 A boat shall use no device other than hiking straps to project a competitor's body outboard.**

According to this rule, you can always use hiking straps to get your weight father outboard. But unless your class specifically allows other means of hiking, you must not use a device like a trapeze or a hiking board.

There are certain grey areas in this rule. One concerns hiking pants with battens or foam in them. Do these "project a competitor's body outboard"? *SCIRA has issued a circular letter allowing the use of hiking pants.*

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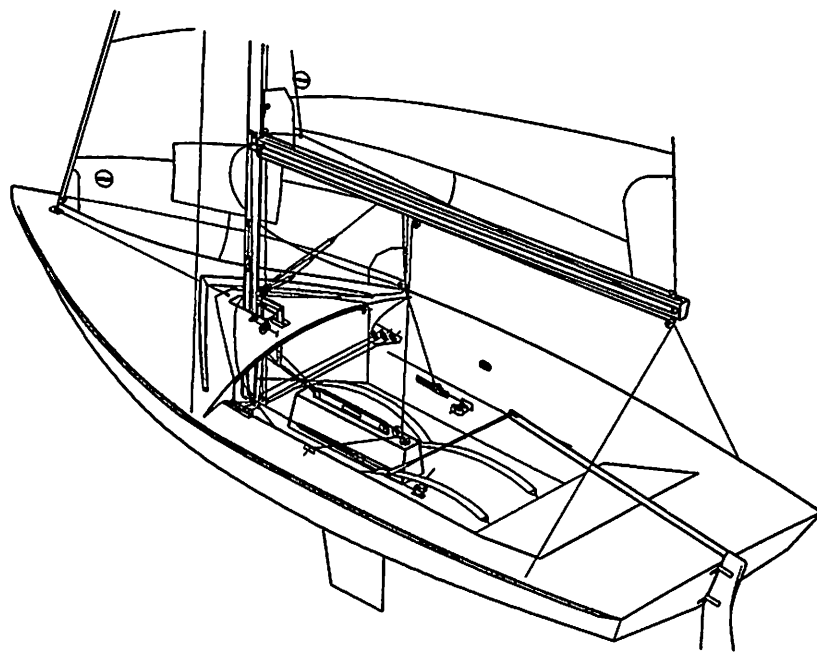
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