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Voice Of The People

WELL - WHY NOT?

I am thinking of marketing a gadget if the demand seems great enough. Being of simple mind, I have gone back into naval lore to find a good method of determining the speed of a sailing craft.

These modern units with the "whiskers" sticking out the bottom seem quite unreliable. I think I will call it Porter's Speed Reader. It is a device restricted to sailing vessels. It consists of a wooden quadrant about 5 inches in radius, with lead placed in the circular edge, which causes it to float upright. It is made fast to a log line by a three part bridle. The part fitted to the upper corner has a socked and a pin which pulls out when a strain is placed upon it with the desire to haul it aboard. The chip is cast over (streamed)with the pin in position. The first 15 or 30 fathoms of line is called the stray line which is marked by a piece of red bunting. The line from this point is divided into parts of 47 feet 3 inches, each called a knot. They are marked by pieces of cord tucked through the strands with knots in their ends corresponding to the number of knots out.

Each knot is subdivided into fifths and marked with a white rag. The log line is allowed to run out while a 28 second glass is emptying itself (this is sand, not beer). The result is the rate of speed of the vessel. The length of the knot was derived from the proportion that one hour (3, 600 seconds) is to 28 seconds as one mile (6, 280feet) is to the length of a knot (47 feet 3 inches). The clipper ship Flying Cloud off Cape Horn once ran out 18 knots and there was still a little sand in the glass.

Now I figure that if it was good enough for the Flying Cloud, it should be just dandy for a Snipe. I will await for all inquiries before going into production on this gadget and will answer them with prices. Fleet discounts will not be conidered at this time" — James A. Porter

- James A. Porter 1728 Breton Rd. SE Grand Rapids, Mich.

Mr. Smelser's very fine (and provocative) article will be reprinted in an early issue of the BULLETIN.

RETIRED SAILOR WRITES ARTICLE; THEN BUYS A SNIPE

"Will you please send me whatever forms are used for application for active membership in the Snipe Class. I sail at Fagle Lake Yacht Club, Edwardsburg, Michigan.

I wish also to have the Class transfer Snipe number .4648 to my name. If you need documentation for this change, I will send you a photocopy of my receipt for purchase yesterday.

Thank you for your kind letter to Lakeland Boating in response to my piece which the editor named "Medicare for Sailors.." In organizing the argument, I talked myself into buying a Snipe. Today, I began the 27th year after my initiation into sailing by falling overboard from 14648, cutting my eye-brow, breaking my glasses, and losing my cap. Luckily, I had hold of the painter, and had Milo Lundt at the tiller. Perhaps I need a keeper more than I need a superbly designed and built boat.

If, like some classes I have belonged to, you wish names, 14648 will be named "Loyal Judith," after the first immigrant ship to bring a Pennsylvania Deutscher named Smelser to this continent." Marshall Smelser

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April 18th, at Lake Hefner, just off of Wolf Point (the mouth of the harbor of the Oklahoma City Boat Club). My crew is Joe Warner, and I, of course, am skippering Snipe #12520. The photographer is Ron Stone. " — Dave Babcock, FC.

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These nice brisk Spring winds which sailors like so well (if not hurricanes or tornados), are blowing a lot more Snipes around the waters this year. For in the last 30 days, we issued 109 numbers for new Snipe hulls, and that is 17 more than the month before.

Rather unusual is the fact that all these numbers went to the United States except for a block of 30 to Spain. They were spread all over the country, too, which keeps Snipe from being classified as a "local" or "sectiona;" class.

So the wind is blowing - the ball is rolling - or whatever you want to call it! SCIRA is growing steadily to maintain it's enviable standing. Get Your Friends in Snipe so that they can enjoy not only the advantages of a large national one-design group, but also those of 'The Largest Sailing Class in the World."

Denmark added her 7th official SCIRA fleet when Charter 598 was issued to the Odense/Kerteminde Snipe Fleet.

THE COMMODORE SAYS

Our next Annual International Meeting will be held in Indianapolis on November 26. The Board meeting on the 26th and the membership meeting on the 27th will be held at Hook's Service Center in the Trophy Room. The Board meeting will start on Friday with a noon luncheon and continue on through the evening and, if necessary, will continue Saturday morning. The membership meeting will start Saturday with a luncheon at noon and continue through the afternoon and evening.

Cocktails and food will be available both days the same as before. Be seeing you there!

A, F. "Bud" Hook Commodore

"And"

1965 World Championship Regatta

At the January meeting, it was agreed by all parties that the best time for holding the 1965 World Championship Regatta would be the first week in September, and it was so announced in subsequent BULLETINS. Since the U.S. National Championship Regattas are always held the first week in August, the dates set were considered the earliest possible in order to allow enough time for the entry to get there.

However, investigation of transportation for boats from the Western Hemisphere (Bahamas, Canada, U.S. and possibly Bermuda and others), revealed that the Portugese steamer Santa Maria out of Miami would dock at Tenerife September 6th, from whence boats would make the short trip to Las Palmas by ferry later in the day.

Fernando Bolin, National Secretary for Spain, has announced the final (and firm) RACING DAYS as Sept. 9th to 16th. That will allow two intervening days for rigging, measuring, practicing, etc., before the big event. There were 22 countries at Bendor in 1963 and it appears a safe bet that this figure will be surpassed this year. Why not drop in and watch the champs?

Tragedy at Mission Bay -

Steve Taylor, Race Committee Chairman of the U.S. National Regatta at San Diego last summer, sent in a clipping from LIGHTNING FLASHES with a following comment.

"Mission Bay Yacht Club, San Diego, Calif. —On Thursday, April 1st, at 4 a.m., Vic Bowen, caretaker at Mission Bay Yacht Club and his wife were shot during an attempted robbery of the club. Mrs. Bowen passed away at 4 a.m., April 4th, as a result of the wounds. Vic passed away at 12:15 a.m. April 7 as a result of shotgun wounds in the stomach and sides.

All hands that took in SCIRA Nationals last summer at MBYC should remember Vic as the backbone of their fine organization. Besides being a fine caretaker, I considered him a great boatswain, always ready to give a hand when needed."

The International Snipe Class joins with the Internationa Lightning Class Association in extending the deepest sympathy to Vic Bowen's family in the deep sorrow that has befallen them.

Snipe Sailor Captains Intercollegiate Team -

The Intercollegiate Yacht Racing Association of North America named, last March 24th, a team of intercollegiate sailors to represent the United States in competition for the Sir Thomas Lipton Cup in Great Britain this summer. Terry L. Cronburg, '66, and Donald K. Schwanz, '66, were named to the seven-man squad, and Cronburg has been selected as the team captain by the Association.

Other members of the team will be Scott Allen of the University of Southern California, Bob White of Ohio State, and Chuck and Art Paine, of Brown and University of Rhode Island, respectively. The group will be divided into three two-man crews for the Firefly Class competition. A seventh team member, who will act as alternate, has not been named

The Squad will leave for Great Britain around July 15th, and will sail for four or five weeks there, while touring the country in two automobiles provided by the Ford Moto Company. The first period of competition will be only practice to prepare the sailors for the Lipton Cup matches against the best sailors from the British Universities.

The team will be coached in Great Britain by Mr. Walter C. (Jack) Wood, the former Sailing Master at MIT who retired last year. With his assistance, the United States will seek to defend the Lipton Cup, which it won a few years ago. It is always a pleasure to follow the sailing careers of youngsters who have grown up in Snipes. Over the years, as many of our junior champs add to their sailing laurels, the reflection on the high level of competition consistently maintained in our regattas is a matter of pride to all members of the association. Terry owns 11863 and is a member of Winchester Fleet 77 in Mass. ;Scott Allan owns 14800 and sails at Mission Bay Fleet 495 in Cal. -2 of 6 team members are Snipers.



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How We Wish YOU Would Come to Peoria



IVY Club Harbor and Sea Wall

Snipe Fleet #131 of Peoria, Illinois is planning to top their 1957 National Championship Regatta. The plans that are unfolding add up to a Snipers kind of championship. No stone is being left unturned to place emphasis on proper race courses and a fair contest for all.

THE LAKE — The Ivy Club is situated on the upper Peoria Lake, formed by a dam below Peoria holding back the waters of the Illinois River. There is approximately 12 square miles of racing area. There is practically no noticable current during the month of August. All commercial and private river traffic will be stopped during the races and controlled by the Auxilary Coast Guard of Peoria.

RACE COMMITTEE — An experienced chairman will be brought in the Nationals to head up and advise the local Ivy Club Race Committee. Portable marks will be used to enable the best possible course for a given wind condition.

BEACH AND HARBOR FACILITIES — Peoria can handle 100 boats or even more if necessary, with complete hoist, beach and parking facilities immediately adjacent to the Club and racing area.

SPECTATORS—Larger cruiser type boats will be available for spectators or most all of the race can be seen from the Ivy Club sun deck or pool area without even leaving shore.

IVY CLUB—Offers pool facilities including a kiddy pool, air conditioned dining room, bar open every day and evening. Snack bar, special tent set up on lawn for quick sandwiches. Showers, picnic tables and cookout area, playground and equipment and most important of all a friendly atmosphere.

SOCIAL PROGRAM _____ Starting with greetings and measuring juniors on July 28th to a big evening junior blast at the Ivy

Club on July 29th (planned by Peoria juniors). On Saturday, July 31st the juniors go to a private home for a chaperoned swim party. Trophies to juniors on Sunday, August1st.

The seniors will kick off the social schedule Saturday, July 31st with music and dinner at the Ivy Club. On August 3rd the famous Ivy Club Seawall dinner, dance, then on August 5th, the Commodores party at an impressive private residence. The final banquet will be in the all new Grand Ballroom of the Pere Marquette Hotel with all the trimmings including trophies. Prizes are being gathered to delight the sailors that win them.

The Ivy Club dining room and bar will be open for your convenience each day and evening.

CITY OF PEORIA — The whole city is opening up its arms to the Snipers that will attend the National Regatta. Sniping is major news in Peoria and you will be in the headlines. Peoria is a city with over 200,000 people in the metropolitan area offering all kinds of nite spots, quaint restaurants, parks, zoo, scenic drives and modern housing facilities. The normal average temperature in Peoria for August is 73.7 degrees. Warm days, pleasant evenings. The weather is usually dry during this period and winds moderate.

Peoria is the home of Caterpillar Tractor Company, Keystone Steel and Wire and has a major plant of Pabst Brewery, American Distillery and Hiram Walker Distillery. Peoria also has been the home of Snipe Fleet #131 and Sniping is celebrating it's 25th year in Peoria. There are 30 senior and 14 juniors in the Peoria Fleet and all very active. Early in June, brochures and entry blanks will be sent out to all fleet captains. Come and see for yourself!

Louis J. Leber, Fleet Captain



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SNIPE NEWS IN BRIEF -

It is constantly surprising how old boats keep popping up. Recently 1969, first measured in 1937 in Brooklyn and then rechecked as a member of Lake Mohawk Fleet 10 at Sparta, N.Y., in 1939, appears on the scene (after all these years) in Wakefield, Mass. The owner says the boat is in fine condition and that 'her sweet lines of pine planking must have been professionally shaped" and he would like to know if the boat is still a genuine Snipe. He states, "I sail at a small lake called Quanapowitt, where, for years, we have had a small and active Snipe fleet of from 8 to 12 boats. It has never been an official fleet and the rules are not strictly enforced but, during the last 2 years, interest in Snipe sailing is reviving and we want to re-start the old fleet to arouse more interest. " That situation exists in many parts of the U.S. and Canada, and it is surprising how often one hears of groups of Snipes which have never been affiliated with SCIRA. Perhaps we need some minute-men development teams. New-England Snipers should call on Frederick John DeVries, Jr., 96 Pleasant St., Wakefield, Mass..... News comes from Jackson, Mississippi, that they now have 4 measured boats and another new one on the way and "How about polishing up a nice fleet number for us?" Well, we have an unlimited supply and will only be too happy to take the one off the top for these District 4 sailors as soon as their organization is complete..... If anyone would like to go over to Las Palmas by slow freighter along with the WH Snipes, there is a Portugese steamer leaving Miami in time to get to the regatta and then bring you back again about the 6th of October at very reasonable round trip rates. Would be a nice and unusual vacation. Write to Shaw Bros., Box 306, Miami 52, Fla., and ask about the Santa Maria.... Rousseau & Freres in Quebec City, Canada have built a fine wooden Snipe for Paul E. Cloutier who will sail it on Lake Trois-Saumons about 70 miles east of the city. The appearance of this boat in that area might stir something up and perhaps could be the beginning of the first Snipe fleet in that Province. Canada is making wide steps forward in sailing interest (Pan-American Games in Winnipeg in 1967 brings Snipe competition to the attention of all Canadian Sailors) and a good experienced boat builder in Quebec will do much to stimulate that district.... Jim Porter of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and his wife are taking a sailing vacation in Europe in May and June. They will pick up a new Spanish Snipe in Spain, attend a few local regattas, and bring it home in the summer. Jim has promised to send back pictures and articles of his experiences, and so the BULLETIN might be a little more interesting as a result.... Emilio Casellas reports that they now have measured 8 new fiberglass Snipes in the new San Juan Fleet 591 in Puerto Rico and with 4 more to come, they will start their official race score season now with 12 boats eventually participating. They will need practice for the WC Regatta at Las Palmas..... Snipe in the Portland, Oregon, Boat Show gave good tangible evidence that the class there was a going concern. They got the names of about 50 interested parties and hope to have some join the fleet Snipe activities in Minnesota seemingly develop slowly, but there appears to be more hopes of getting that fine potential area started this season. Dr. Gunnar Stickler, FC of the La Crosse SC Fleet 571, says last year was the first one with a fairly consistent turn-out, and prospects of improvement this year are good. He wants to know about all other Snipe activity in the Minneapolis area. Write to him at 1900 Crest Lane, MR 72, Rochester, Minn.... If you live around Quincy Bay and in the Weymouth area in Massachusetts and are interested in Snipe activities, get in touch with Carmen A. Pastore, Longcraft, Inc., 42 Summer St., Boston 10. He says that both areas have formidable Snipe Classes and offer competition in Mass. Bay to the large number of known unaffiliated boats, and even reach into the Thistle and Star Classes, despite the presence of Joe Duplin, a world champion Star sailor. Snipe is making a good come-back in New England as they get acquainted with the present day boat. There is no better class competition than in SCIRA.

Foam Has High Strength

Adapts BFG Plastic For Boat Building

Occasionally sailors living in an inland city pick up exciting news pertinent to the future of the boating industry before such facts are known in highly touted sailing centers like Marblehead and Newport Harbor (Calif).

A recent article in the Akron Beacon-Journal (The Rubber Center of the World) announced the introduction of a substance developed here which has excited local sailors for months. After reading it below, the truth that something better is always on the boards or around the corner is emphasized, and the possibilities and the changes in the offing are hard to grasp. The impact on Snipe particularly will be the pressure put on the reduction of the overall weight of the boat, which question has been raised as a result of developments over the last 10 years. Many in the organization believe this is long overdue, and certainly the news here makes more certain that a day of reckoning is steadily approaching. Read every word of this report—then draw your own conclusions!

Vinyl plastic, a material that has been used in hundreds of products ranging from baby pants to floor tile and pipe, is demonstrating its versatility again in a new form and in a new field.

As rigid vinyl plastic foam, developed by B. F. Goodrich's industrial products division, it is a lightweight material that is being adapted for boat building.

What makes the foam attractive for boats is the fact it has the strength of wood and fiberglass but only half the weight.

The unicellular foam - each cell is separate - which Goodrich calls 'Cell-Tile, " is not porous and can't become waterlogged.

Potter Marine Products of Plainview, N. J., which will market the plastic for Goodrich, introduced "Plyfoam" in a 37-foot sailboat at the Miami Boat Show this week.

The use of this material for boats of all sizes - either sail or power craft - can mean a tremenduous weight reduction without loss of structural strength, Gene L. Bego, Marketing vice president for the Goodrich division, noted.

"This results in additional speed and better performance but not at the expense of safety, "he added. "The cell structure makes it very buoyant and since it is a vinyl, it is not affected by weather and most chemicals."

Considerable savings in material and labor can be achieved by the boat builder using Plyfoam, John T. Potter, head of the distributing firm, points out.

"TOUCHE III," as this boat has been named, was built by only two men using simple tools, adhesives, fiberglass fabric and wooden forms. It was constructed by shaping half-inch sheets of the rigid foam around open slat forms and heating them with an industrial electric blanket of infrared lamps.

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Density of the foam can be increased or decreased depending upon the necessary strength requirements. As it is used in this case, the sheet weighs four pounds per cubic foot with density and strength especially suited for marine pruposes.

Potter looks for Plyfoam construction to open up new areas of design for boat builders where weight previously has been a restricting factor.

Anywhere the high ratio of strength to weight is needed, this construction can be used, he predicted, with its application in the marine field limited only by the imagination of the designer.

The "Touche III" is a family sailboat suitable for deepwater sailing and is 37 feet long with a 20-foot beam. It is an easily noneuvered trimaran which has proved very fast. Each hull is three feet wide and the one main sail is 650 square feet on a 51-foot mast of extruded aluminum. The builder reported the high-riding catamaran proved faster than the 12-Meter America Cup yachts during their trials.



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Les wells BACK TO THE LAKES

Although the visitors from Galveston and other gulf locations were tearing their hair out by the handfuls, it was really a pleasure to get back to lake sailing at Shreveport the first of May. The man on the radio said the forecast was for winds of 6 to 18 from the southeast, then looked out the window and remarked that at that moment, it was fourteen from the southwest. They were both right. The wind hit 6 and 18 frequently throughout the weekend, and was within 45^o of south most of the time. While I thoroughly enjoy sailing on bumpy water of the Bahamas or Florida—I have trouble making my boat go fast over the bumps. I don't have trouble going fast on smooth water—I just have trouble guessing where to go.

Since two races were protested and thrown out two years ago for non-compliance with Sanctioned Regatta rules, Shreveport has put Snipes and a few other small boats on a separate course, and John McKee has done an excellent job of setting good starting lines and courses. In the time we were sailing around waiting for the first race, the compass heading for the starboard tack went from 120° to 90° to 180° and back to 150° . I was feeling sorry for John trying to guess what to do with these shifts. I should have saved my sympathy. He did all right. The starting lines were good and so were the courses. My average for the day (and the first two races) was five wrong guesses and one right on which side of the lake to go to. No one's average was very good—straight fourth places would have won, I believe. In any case—my two, three, and twenty weren't good enough.

What made the guessing so difficult was that one tack was parallel to the shore, and the other perpendicullar to and toward the shore. This always produces the trickiest possible conditions, especially on a lake where there are likely to be high hills and trees along the shore. Frequently, there will be a "slot" parallel to the shore where you point high and go fast—if it is there and if you can find it. On the other hand—it is obvious that the wind is better out in the lake and away from the shore, so you should approach the windward mark on the tack perpendicular to the shore.

Just going up the middle isn't the answer, nor is just two long tacks. Louis Nelms' theory was to always try for the slot parallel to shore, getting to the shore by holding in that direction when the wind direction was not predominantly favoring either tack. His average wasn't too good, but I believe he would have won if something hadn't happened to his jib halyard on the last beat of the last race. I might have also, but after seeing a second place in the second race turn into about a thirty second when the boats came romping in to the windward mark from out in the lake—I took the next two beats that way. This was wrong. The system I believe is to decide what course is the best, have the courage of your convictions, and don't blow your top when your plans don't work every time.

HOW TO SUCCEED WHILE TRYING NOT TO

I don't know how many boats and people Shreveport had with their fourteen classes last year, but it was way too many for their facilities. This year the Snipe people got the number of classes down to nine, but they still had 175 boats (45 Snipes).

They may have accomplished something for the tuture, nowever-they had reserved places for visiting cars, trailers, and boats, practicing the worst kind of discrimination against their own members-who had to park about a quarter of a mile away all the time and weren't allowed to come to the Saturday night dinner unless they were sailing. This should cool off their enthusiasm for large regattas and get support for the Snipe contention for fewer boats at more but smaller regattas. The reserved spaces worked fine for the visitorsbut with 175 boats to score and multitudes of boats to get out of the water and trophies to award-I was glad to be the first boat into the harbor after the last race and didn't take such a dim view of that twentieth place. I just packed up and got started on the 575 mile trip home at about the time I would have from our normal Snipe-only regattas. If their trophy list did stretch down to wherever I finished, mine will catch up with me sometime during the summer-I hope.

WEATHER REPORT

There have been complaints the last few years concerning lack of wind at Wichita's Mid Western Championship Regatta If yesterday is any indication of things to come-these complainers should be happy this year. There wasn't any stormjust a wind averaging from 40 to 60 mph, with peak gusts over 80.

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