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Concerning the Cover -

The cover of last month's BULLETIN (the green one) excited considerable comment, consisting of diverse opinions. It was a marvellous black-and-white aerial photograph but rather dark in background, so we endeavored to match the emerald green waters of the Carribean. Well, the idea was better than the results, but it was a lot of fun trying!

Incidentally, an active veteran of the Snipe class, Sailmaker Charles Morgan of St. Petersburg, Fla., played a prominent part in this Miami-Nassau race. The race was won by Paper Tiger, a 40-foot yawl that was built by a dare and so became the new queen of the Southern Ocean Racing Conference. Credit is given for the victory to owner JAck Powell's expert handling and to 31-year old Morgan, who was aboard the winner and who designed the boat.

It seems the two men have been fast friends for years and Morgan consistently boasted that he could design a boat that would win big ocean going races. Both expert sailors in small craft, they had never spent much time with the bigger boats. Finally, Powell took Morgan up on the dare and he designed the fiberglas Paper Tiger. It was launched the first of this year.

In its first race of 403 miles, it finished 2nd; it slumped to 21st in the Lipton Cup; but won the Miami-Nassau title 57 minutes (corrected time) ahead of the runner-up and left floundering in its wake numerous bigger yachts that were supposed to beat her by more than three hours. It evidently has a preference for long courses and much is expected of this combination in future races. SCIRA congratulates Charlie! SPECIAL NOTE - The cover of this BULLETIN, like so many others in the past, was designed by Cleve R. Slauson, Jr.

ATTENTION - All Fleet Captains

SCIRA DUES - This is the final appeal for all delinquent SCIRA members to pay their 1960 dues. After a member has been suspended for non-payment, he can be re-instated only upon payment of dues in arrears and for the coming year. He is ineligible to sail in any official Snipe race unless he can show a paid-up membership card. There are still about 200 Snipe owners falling in that category, so please make an effort to clean up your 1960 business.

The new Snipe sailing season starts April 1st and 1961 cards are now ready. Dues are \$5.00 per year for individual owners and \$3.00 each for co-owners of Snipes. Associate dues are \$2.00; Subscribing Memberhsips are \$5.00; and Sustaining Memberships \$25.00 per year. The schedule of all fees and dues can be found on Page 42 of the 1960 Rule Book. Don't forget that the primary success of SCIRA depends upon the collection of dues, and since the value of the organization to the individual far exceeds the small amount of money asked in support, don't hesitate to ask for the money. When a man goes to sell his Snipe, then is when he realizes the value of a good organization in a one-design class in protecting his investment. An individual Snipe owner who does not belong to an official fleet and has a measured boat, can send his dues in direct to the SCIRA office. Be sure the boat is properly registered.

SNIPE INSURANCE - Many questionnaires on boat insurance for the Snipe class have been returned and replies are now being tabulated. If you haven't sent yours in yet, you are requested again to do so, for the ultimate group policy offered to the Snipe class exclusively will depend on the facts gathered from this census. The larger the number, the better the results!

CHICAGO BOAT SHOW - This year dates for the show are later than usual from March 24th to April 2nd. Snipe will be exhibited in booth 46 just inside the main entrance of the new lake front Exposition Center on South Lake Shore Drive and 23rd St. at McCormick Place. A new Lofland fiberglas Snipe will be shown and members of the Chicago Fleet 86 will assist Mr. Lofland in manning the booth and passing out SCIRA literature. You are invited to make this booth your headquarters and your help in any way will be appreciated.

BULLETIN INFORMATION - There seems to be some confusion about extra copies of the BULLETIN going to crew members. When you pay your \$5.00 annual dues to SCIRA, it includes two copies of the BULLETIN, one for you and one for your crew for free, but you must send in the name and address of your crew each year in order to keep this list up-to-date. You should avail yourself of this privilege, for the best source of future Snipe skippers comes from the present crews, and while we are not trying to give away BULLETINS (they cost money!), SCIRA must not overlook this opportunity to publicize the class. Also, most of the crews want the BULLETIN and will appreciate the favor.

There are still some copies of issues back to 1952 of the BULL ETIN as offered in January. Many Snipers have completed their files, and one enthusiast got 73 copies. Copies of June and Nov. 1955; Aug. 1957; Oct. 1958, and Jan-Feb. 1959 are needed and if you have any extras, please send them in. You will get 15 cents for each copy plus thanks from those who want them.

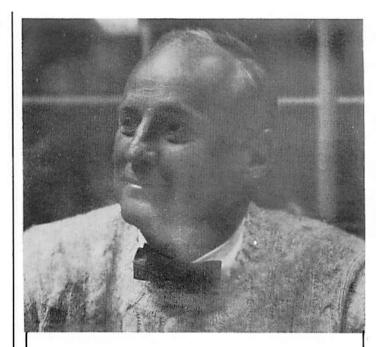
PRINCIPAL SAILING RULES - The new sailing rules adopted bintly by NAYRU and IYRU have been received and Fearon D. Moore of Hawaii is now compiling the 12th edition of his interpretations of these rules. They will be printed in the same form as the 11th edition which was so popular and will be sold again exclusively by SCIRA. Watch the BULLETIN for announcement as to when they are available, which will be in time for use this spring.

PAST SCIRA COMMODORES - All Past Commodores of SCIRA been accounted for except 1935 Commodore A. H. Bosworth, who was living in Florida at that time. If anyone can supply any information or leads at all to help discover his whereabouts, it will be greatly appreciated.

1961 RULE BOOK - There were 27 advertisers in the rule book last year, an increase of 13 over the year before. These were obtained by several people soliciting ads from local sources. If you have any leads this year, now is the time to offer them the chance to take a pa' in the rule book for \$30.00. It goes to all SCIRA members and to 28 different countries all over the world for less than the postage for one piece of direct mail and it is never thrown away. A fine way to get in touch with Snipers with the same advertising rates in effect in 1953.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS - There are 143 cards in our Bad Address file belonging to members in good standing who do not get the BULLETIN now because their mail is returned by the Post office. They are "lost" to SCIRA. If you fail to get your BULLETINS in the future, make sure we have your correct new address, for we hate to lose customers.



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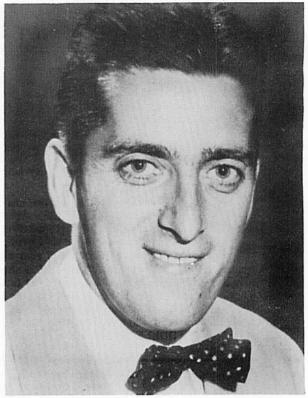
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On January 21, 1961, all SCIRA lost a beloved friend when Cleve R. Slauson, Jr., drowned in the Illinois River at Peoria while iceboating.

Cleve joined the Snipe Fleet 131 at the IVY Club in 195 and under his personality and leadership things definitely improved. A man of drive and enthusiasm, he introduced many outstanding Snipers to Peoria while acting as Fleet Captain, a position he held for many years. The home fleet would sail against these boats and soon a metamorphosis came about. Old boats were reworked, new boats were bought. Always a great promotor of Sniping, Cleve was largely responsible for the activity and growth, both in quality and number, of the Peoria Fleet.

Cleve was an outstanding competitor and sportsman. He attended interfleet regattas whenever he could and also participated in the 1955, 1957, and 1960 U.S. Nationals. He won many major regattas and local honors. As a member of SCIRA, he was also greatly interested in national affairs and, as a professional printer and lithographer, made many suggestions for the BULLETIN to Bill Crosby, many of which were adopted. The last BULLETIN Bill issued (August 1953) was the first one to use the new cover which Cleve designed, and it was used as the standard cover for many years. He contributed much art work along with many pictures and his assistance was always greatly appreciated and highly valued by the Board of Governors. He served terms as Governor of District 3 and was on the SCIRA Board of Governors for two years.

Cleve was always ready for a good time and everyone had a good time in his company. His unique mannerisms and quick wit will always be remembered. SCIRA has truly lost a good Dan Wesselhoft. friend!

The shock of Cleve's sudden passing was felt in Snipe circles all over the country. Many expressions of sorrow and sympathy have been received from Snipers by his wife, Dorothy, and young daughter, and several have suggested that a national SCIRA trophy be established in his memory. The IVY Club has already decided to have a local Memorial Trophy, but approve of the movement to set up an official SCIRA trophy. Many Snipers who have sailed against Cleve, his friends, and acquaintances would thus have an opportunity to express their feelings of appreciation for his contributions to Snipe sailing. Accordingly,

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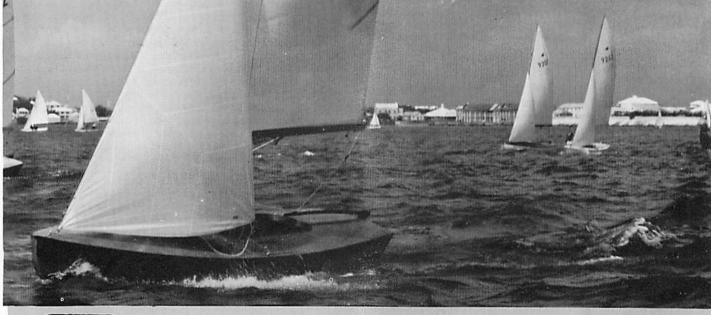
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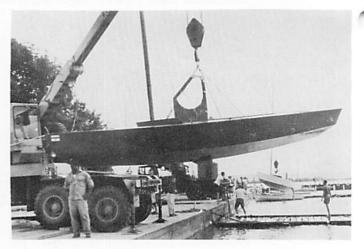
Arty Karpf, Eastchester Bay Snipe Fleet at City Island, New York, won three clear-cut 1sts to capture Snipe honors at the Presidents Cup Regatta held in Washington, D. C., September 24-25th. Bill Ludlum, Wet Pants Fleet of Sayville, N. Y., placed 2nd in all three races. Taylor Brown, Middle River Fleet in Baltimore, Md., was 3rd.

The first race started in light winds and Karpf worked out an early lead, never to be threatened around the two-lap triangular course. Rolf Carlsen of Glen Cove, N. Y., was in a "safe" runner-up position until he attempted to round the windward mark on the second lap. There the wind let up temporarily and the current carried him into the mark. Back in the pack, a race developed between Brown, Weller, Ludlum, Kreuzkamp and Poage to pick up that second place and positions changed often. At the finish, Ludlum got the nod with Brown 3rd.

In the second race, the breeze picked up enough to get skippers and crews sitting to windward and Karpf demonstrated the easy way to win a race by being first at the windward mark and increasing his lead on each leg. Ludlum duplicated Karpf's performance in 2nd spot. And Brown successfully warded off attempts by Carlsen and Betlem to beat him out of 3rd place and they finished 4th and 5th respectively.

Sunday morning the breeze picked up to 10-13 mph with occasional hiking puffs. After the Snipes started, the wind shifted, making the first leg a parade of close-hauled boats and catching the earlier starting classes way down to leeward. A jam of classes developed at the first mark. And out of the scramble emerged two teenage girls - Jane Farrell as skipper with her sister, Gerry, crew from the Deep Creek YC in Cumberland, Md., to lead the pack of Snipes. Positions on the ensuing run changed often as the Farrell star faded to 5th approaching the mark. They swung wide and to leeward of the mess, passed four Snipes and several larger boats in other classes, and again were out in front of the whole pack. The girls, however, fell back again as Ludlum, Karpf, Carlsen, and others passed them. A private battle developed with Karpf trying to overtake Ludlum. When a larger boat blanketed Ludlum as it passed to windward, Artie sneaked in behind to establish the windward berth. Ludlum fought desperately to hold the safe leeward position, but Karpf won out and then proceeded to finish that leg and the remaining lap unmolested. Ludlum held uncontested 2nd place. The teenagers, Carlsen, Kreuzkamp, and Poage seesawed back and forth for 3rd spot. The spectaculat girls would go from 3rd to 6th and vice versa while your head was turned. Don't ask how! When the spray died down, Carlsen was 3rd and the teenagers 4th. Although Brown finished 7th, he was too firmly entrenched to be dislodged from an overall 3rd. While the Farrell sisters did not take any silverware home with them, they certainly should be nominated for "Honorable Mention."

Sterling silver trophies were awarded to the top three



HARD WORK was eliminated at Washington

skippers and silver ash trays to each of their crews. Miss Washington, D. C., third runner-up in the Miss America contest in 1960, presented the trophies. Our winners, all bachelors, let the Snipes down when they refused to accept the challenge of kissing Miss Washington. Karpf, after much prodding and heckling, reluctantly pecked at her cheek as Miss Maxine Ginsburg, his crew, looked on. During presentation of trophies, the General Chairman, Commander Ed Cotter, congratulated Snipes for having the second largest number of entries (several classes were within three boats) and remarked about the distance Snipers travelled. The BULLETIN also received publicity when Cotter announced he was interrupting the proceedings "for the photographer to take pictures for the Snipe BULLETIN."

The wind, in both intensity and direction, was not to the liking of some contestants, but otherwise the regatta was most successful, being well organized and run. A large fenced off section for contestants' cars, boats, and trailers was patrolled day and night by police. Three travelling cranes with operators and ground crews lifted boats from trailers and almost placed them on the race course. The entire Potomac River was closed to ALL traffic except contestants. Stands were provided where spectators could follow the progress of the entire race. A beer party, buffet lunch, and dance was held on Saturday. An efficient race committee had the final standings and trophies ready for presentation before the boats were tied on the trailers.

From a small turnout a few years ago, Snipe is now a leading class. Join in making Snipe the largest class in the 1961 Presidents Cup Regatta! —— Bill Rushlow

FINAL RESULTS - PRESIDENT'S CUP REGATTA - 1960

BOAT	SKIPPER RACES	1	2	3	Fin.
10546	Arthur Karpf	1	1	1	1
8989	William Ludlum	2	2	2	2
10602	Taylor Brown	54	5	7	3
10292	Gus Kreuzkamp	4	7	5	4
11810	James Poage	5	8	6	5 4 5 6
9364	Jane Farrell	9	10	4	6
11600	Paul Betlem	12	5	9	7
5894	Dave Weller	6	9	11	8
7617	Rolf Carlsen	21	4	3	9
10373	William Stacey	7	13	8	
4002	Stewart Brown	10	6	12	11
7185	Robert Schaefer	8	14	13	12
10850	Robert Reef	14	12	10	
0241	D.E.Haase	13	15	14	14
12437	Lavann Martin	12	11	21	15
7421	Don Burns	16	17	15	16
11556	John Becker, Jr.	11	21	21	17
4472	Edward O'Brien	21	16	21	18
9564	Bill Rushlow	21	21	21	19
11752	Bernard Becker	21	21	21	20

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contributions of any sum will be accepted by the Executive Secretary and set aside for the Slauson Memorial Trophy and, whenever a suitable amount has been raised, the Board of Governors and an IVY Club committee will decide on the kind of trophy and the appropriate Deed of Gift. It is hoped that the trophy can be presented for the first time at the 1961 Nationals. Any gift, no matter how small, is acceptable, for a large participation is desi**ra**ble.

Some District News

DISTRICT 3 - The annual winter meeting was held at the Gull Harbor Inn near Kalamazoo, Michigan, on January 28. following decisions were made:

First, the District 3 Championship Series will be held on Glen Lake near Traverse City, Michigan, on July 28-30th. This will onclude the Dunphy Team Races on Friday and the Chalmers Burns Individual Championship Races Saturday and Friday as in the past. Sailing conditions are the best to be found anywhere.

Second, the District voted to donate the sum of \$100.00 to the World Championship Regatta Fund in an effort to insure success to the affair and enable U.S. Snipers to be perfect hosts to our visitors from all over the world. We hope that the other district organizations will also find it possible to give similar support to this big event, for we realize no single group of people can support such a large undertaking alone - it takes time, money, and enthusiasm from all Snipers in the country to do the job right.

Third, a resolution was passed expressing sympathy to the family of our beloved friend and Past Governor, Cleve Slauson. Approval was given to rasing a fund for a Memorial Trophy.

DISTRICT 1 - Due to a paralyzing blizzard, few members were able to attend the annual winter meeting held at the New York Boat Show in January. Luke Czarny of Fleet 231 and Tom Legere of Fleet 77 were installed as Governor and Vice-Governor, both in absentia.



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QUASSAPAUG YC MEMBERS on Committee planning for World Championship. Top (l.tor.) John Kunz, John Wolcott, a stand-in for Hi Upson and Ken Cook, John Coe, Harry Allen, and Howard Watts. Seated (l.tor.) - Terry Whittemore, Sol Rowland, Mrs. Malcolm O'Leary.



THIS LITTLE GIRL hopes her Daddy will race one of the 30 Snipes in the World Championship - AND WIN!

ANCHOR and Robe present a

THE 1961 SNIPE CLASS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP RACES

A REPORT BY GENERAL CHAIRMAN TERRY WHITTEMORE

I am happy at this time to give you a report on our progress in preparing for the Snipe Class World Championship which is to be held at the American Yacht Club in Rye, New York, September 16-22, 1961.

Your Committee has reasons to count on the top team from all SCIRA nations being present for this important regatta. As a result, we have set the basis of planning on the fact that guests from some 30 nations will attend. We sincerely hope so! Housing for the skippers, crews, and official representatives has been arranged at the Westchester Country Club, just a few minutes drive from AYC.

John Wolcott, builder of his own Snipe in which he won the 1958 U.S. Nationals, accepted the responsibility of overseeing the layout, construction, purchase, and delivery of 30 new and identical Snipes in time for this Championship. It was largely through his efforts that the world renowned Lippincott Boat Works agreed to extend their unsurpassed knowledge of marine construction and design to our Snipe Class. It was decided that the first boat to be built would be a pilot model for the other 30. This Snipe is currently employed for promotion and advertising.

As a result, the first Lippincott Snipe was displayed at the New York Boat Show in January. It is a magnificent creation, and interest in our display surpassed all expectations. Herein I would like to thank the Snipe fleet members in and around New York, headed by Past District Governor Ray Kaufman, for managing the booth so ably. They really worked hard for SCIRA!

We are indeed fortunate that the Lippincott brothers themselves (champions in other racing classes) have given our Class the benefits of their vast and unique experience derived from small boat racing knowledge, coupled with precision craftmanship.

This Snipe, #13000, soon departs for Florida where it will be raced in Miami and Clearwater. Any desirable alterations noted through the heat of the racing will be incorporated in the 30 Snipes to be constructed after this final test.

At the Boat Show, other events transpired which clearly indicate the interest in this championship. Mr. Malcolm Baldridge, President of the Eastern Co., and Mr. Robert W. Ogg, Managing Director of the Danforth Anchor Division of the Eastern Co., at a ceremony at the Danforth Anchor booth, presented one of the 30 shiny new 4-lb anchors donated by them to be used in the World Championship boats. All 30 are now stored safely

in my garage!

Clyde Gischel, Vice-President of the Stanley Works, and a famous Sniper in by-gone days (Akron, Ohio), has arranged to contribute necessary tools for each of the 30 boats.

John Kunz, FC of Quassapaug Fleet 321, along with John Coe, Jr., both working with Anaconda American Brass, have worked in comjunction with Essex Marine to insure that 30 identical dagger boards will be ready for the Championship. All the Pimm Sheets have been contributed, and we believe the same will apply to the paddles and cushion life preservers.

To all these fine people we say, "Thank you - thank you for your wonderful support in this vast undertaking!"

Recently, I had the pleasure of driving with John Wolcott, Harry Allen, and Howie Watts to Winchester, Massachusetts, where we displayed this pilot model at Tom Legere's house. About 40 interested sailors were on hand to extend the warmest welcome we could ever hope for, and I might add, the boat did an exceptional job of selling itself.

Later, another showing was arranged at my house, and besides 60 guests coming from as far away as New York, we were given excellent newspaper and radio coverage. We look forward to showing this boat at various clubs going to and from Florida to the Midwinter Regatta.

Our Committee Secretary, Mrs. Malcolm O'Leary, is also in charge of trophies for this event, and I have reason to suspect that the contestants will be eminently pleased with the results of her efforts. Bud Hook, of Indianapolis, is also doing excellent work in this category. Again, many thanks!

Victor Borge, a relatively close neighbor of mine, is going to assist in setting up one or two evenings of entertainment for our guests. Knowing Victor, I'm sure even the team bringing up the rear in the regatta will have the occasion to forget themselves in mirth and merriment.

To U.S. Snipers, I would like to stress that much has yet to be done, not the least of which is your individual and fleet support of the Chairman of our Finance Committee, Mr. Edmund Daly, 225 Gaylord Drive, Waterbury, Connecticut. What with the Snipe growing nationally and internationally by leaps and bounds, it might well be 56 years or more before our turn to be host to this event comes again. Therefore, I know you'll agree that we must endeavor to do our country and our wonderful class proud

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PRESENTATION - Malcolm Baldridge (right), President of the Eastern Co., t D. Ogg, Managing Director of Danforth Anchors, a division of Eastern, token anchor to Terry Whittemore (left) at their booth in New York.



CHAMPIONSHIP DAGGER BOARDS - Displayed at the New York Boat ese rds are being made by the Anaconda American Brass Co. John Ir., a) and John Kunz (right), Fleet Captain of the Quassapaug Yacht e both employed by Anaconda American Brass and were instrumental in ng, through the co-operation of Anaconda and Essex Marine, for the 30 l boards to be used in the World Championship Races.





SNIPE IN NEW YORK SHOW

LIPPINCOTT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SNIPE DISPLAYED.

The SCIRA booth at the New York Boat Show this year was definitely worth while and we feel quite happy with the general results. The beautiful new Lippincott boat attracted many people and aroused interest among all sailors, especially in view of the fact that 30 such boats were in the process of construction for our World Championship Regatta. All agreed it was quite a program and we received many fine compliments on our undertaking.

In addition, we got more publicity this year and received some excellent newspaper coverage. The New York Times had an article describing our organization and all our regattas, with emphasis on the WC Races. The World-Telegram and Sun stressed the fact that the only one-design class to exhibit a boat at the show without a profit was the Snipe and the intent was for volunteer Snipers to publicize the boat and class and answer questions. This year, we distributed several thousand descriptive folders of a special printing and also passed out 3,000 Snipe post cards to "hot" prospects. We attracted lots of attention!

The Ulmer sail company was exceedingly generous in donating a suit of sails, which were displayed on the boat at the show. In order to raise money for the WC Races, we decided to raffle off this suit of sails and chances are available for one dollar each to interested parties. The drawing will take place at the summer meeting at the time of the District 1 Championship July 29-30th. I am holding the bag.

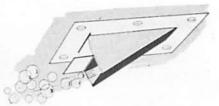
I have been closely connected with these shows for several years now and I can honestly say that the results this year were the best yet.

— Ray Kaufman

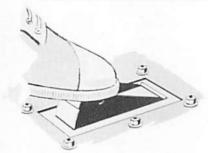
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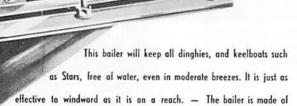




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On the other hand, newcomers in a small fleet will always be rated higher than the old masters in a big fleet. I suggest a checking and study of the system with regards to fleets with large numbers of starters in them, i. e. by giving points for boats over which you have won. It is easier to be third in a fleet of 5 than in a herd of two dozen boats. If a small bonus point was given for each defeated boat, and added to the average score, it would equalize matters and make point score standing much more interesting and meanful, especially when it comes to interfleet competition on a national or international basis.

As the system now is, it makes for splitting a big fleet into pieces (many smaller fleets) and then everybody could easily have higher points as a result of having less competitors to race against. But increasing the number of fleets in the same city or on the same small lake is no good - at least, not here! It would mean the end for a good state achieved with much work. The point rules are fine and fair in every other respect except this one and I suggest that the Rules Committee work out some satisfactory formula to apply between fleets when figuring season standings so there will be more equality and fairness to all participants. As it stands now, most sailors realize the chances are against winning it due to the above situation, and surely the Rules Committee can come up with an answer which will preserve this distinctive feature of the Snipe Class."

--- Arno Walli National Secretary for Finland

HAS A SCORING PROBLEM

"Our fleet would like to know the best system to use for deciding the winner of the series of races we have every fall and spring. Each series runs over a period of 10 to 12 weekends with about 20 scheduled races in each period.

Natrually, the number of boats varies from 3 to 10 (our total fleet), so, in order to keep activity, we have counted a race as official for our local scoring if there are 3 or more boats. We have used the Snipe point scoring system and kept a total of points scored by each skipper. Then we have decided that you must sail in at least 2/3 rds of the races to be considered; and if you sail in more than 2/3rds, you can discard your worst races.

In our opinion, this puts too much premium on attendance. A third place in a 3 boat race gets as many points as 3rd place in a 7 boat race, and the person that sails in all races has a big advantage. Is there any system of scoring that gives credit to the number of boats in the race, but that also gives consideration for the man who sails consistently and doesn't just come out when he knows there will be a large number of boats racing?

We would appreciate comments. "
—Frank A. Jones, Jr.

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Briefly, the above situation is the chief reason why official Snipe class races must have at least 5 starters to count. That requirement alleviates the injustice and difference between the extreme low of 3 and the top of 10 and, percentagewise, means a great deal in totaling up scores. Awarding of the 10 point bonus for each race participated in should give an advantage to the regular sailor, and if a minimum of 2/3rds of the races are required for counting, it would appear that it would work out pretty close in the long run, for over 20 races the advantages and disadvantages would tend to equalize. But if there are only 3 boats in the majority of the 15 races that count, there is little that can be done about it except to get more participants out.

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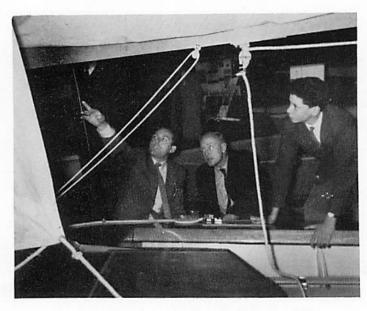
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- SNIPE IN LONDON BOAT SHOW -

For the first time, an International Snipe was exhibited in the International Boat Show in London - and it was fiberglas!

And Mylene Demongeot, the famous French actress who was in England for the premier of her new film "The Singer - not the Song", visited the booth of Olympic Boats, Ltd., of London, where the all-glass Snipe #12699 MYLENE I was on display. It was a lovely combination of beauty and the favorable lines of the boat attracted much attention.

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Decize and has a large amount of built-in buoyancy and expanded polystrene so that it is unsinkable. The modern deck layout and attractive white hull and light blue deck aroused considerable interest. A large number of visitors, particularly young helmsmen, expressed a strong desire for International Snipe as a class for the 1964 Olympics in Japan. But the chief drawing card is the fact that more international regattas are held on the continent for this class than any other racing class. The boat was also featured in an article in the February edition of the "Yachting World". Peter Harris, FC of Fleet 372, will sail MYLENE I this coming season.

— Peter Harris



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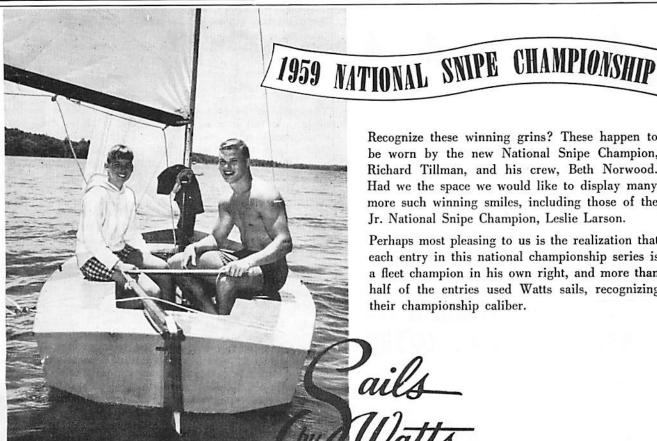
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SNIPE NEWS IN BRIEF -

Many sailors want to know what kind of ink to use for marking sails and fleet measurers are especially interested. Ruth Roberts says they use MARKRITE as it dries very fast and does not run or spread on synthetic cloth. You can probably get it without much trouble.... Paul Elvstrom, 1960 World Champion of the Snipe Class and noted small boat sailor, has been a recent visitor in Newport Harbor, California, and expected to sail there in the Midwinter series. Lanny Coon anticipated competition with Eichenlaub, Huggins, Jenks, and Elvstrom with great pleasure, as the opportunity to sail against such great sailors is seldom available. It should be an interesting regatta. Fleet 210 is showing old 2896 right along side a brand new fiberglas hull in their booth at the Denver Boat Show in order to show what a good investment a Snipe can be. Many old boats are in fine condition and are always top contenders in regattas. Recently, #53 popped up down in Texas and is being rejuvenated. Chuck Webster sailed 3929 in 7 New York State regattas last summer and won 2 of them, finishing 2nd or 3rd in 3 others. Mal Price of Denver says. " 1960 was the third year of interfleet team competition between the local Jet 14 and Snipe fleets. For the first time, the Snipes were able to beat the Jets, doing so rather decisively in two separate 3 race series. This was due partly to an upgrading of the quality of the Snipe fleet with the acquisition of 6 new fiberglas Snipes. We will have an invitation al regatta the 6th of August on 11 mile Reservoir in Park County, Colorado, and here is a chance to sail and vacation in the cool, snow-capped Rockies"..... The Iowa-Nebraska Fleet is working on a group at Spirit Lake, Iowa, and it looks like a new Snipe fleet might be established there. At least, SCIRA Rear-Commo-Hughes is hopeful and, if interested, get in touch with him now. Edmund N. Campbell, 33 Sudbury Rd., Concord, Mass., is anxious to locate a couple more Snipers in his vicinity with the object of forming a fleet..... Ken Lacey, Jr., maintained his hold on Snipe class honors when he won the Coconut Grove Sailing Club's fall regatta sailed in winds of 15-25 knots on the

choppy waters of Biscayne Bay in Miami Dec. 6-7th.... The Lake Merritt (Cal.) Midwinter regatta was highly successful when run on Dec. 4th with 21 entries. It was marked by unusual good winds and usual stiff competition and was won by Jim Warfield with an elapsed time of 42 seconds in two races over Bob Huggins. This topflight performance by Jimmie, no newcomer to Snipe racing, showed his years in the military service haven't slowed him down a bit. Combined with the recent performance of Jim DeWitt, who won the Trade Boat Regatta the day before, it stresses the fact that these two boys are going to do their part this coming season to raise the already high level of competition which makes Snipe the "hottest" class in the Bay area. (Reported by John Jenks). Don Trask won the first Fall Regatta and then tied for the second with Warfield....Seattle Fleet 444 had their best year yet and interest steadily increases, spurred on by the approaching District Championships in 1961 and the U.S. National Championships in 1962 on Lake Washington. From a small start 4 years ago, there are now 20 registered Snipes in the fleet with 4 new members awaiting delivery of boats this spring. The Snipe members of the Corinthian YC are very active in all affairs there and are a real live-wire bunch.... Rudolf Bartnig of Hamburg, Germany, won the twoman centerboard class championship as a representative of the Deutscher Segler Verband at Turku, Finland, last summer and since it was sailed in Snipes, he is quite interested in the boat and hopes to do some more racing in future regattas. All it takes to like Snipe is acquaintance with the boat. Get in a few good races - and win! - and you'll want to do it again.....
In a new yacht club of 25 members down in Austin, Texas, Snipe is being introduced under the leadership of Dr. Francis E. McIntyre. The American-Statesman devoted an entire full page of news and pictures of the activities on Lake Travis and it is about the biggest splash we have ever seen. Such publicity is bound to pay off..... Friends of Carlos Bosch will be happy to know that he, with his wife and young son, is now living in Miami and actively racing with Fleet 7. He left Cuba on the last boat Dec. 26th and can be reached at P.O. Box 4019, Miami 1, Fla.



KENNETH E. WATTS

Recognize these winning grins? These happen to be worn by the new National Snipe Champion, Richard Tillman, and his crew, Beth Norwood. Had we the space we would like to display many more such winning smiles, including those of the Jr. National Snipe Champion, Leslie Larson.

Perhaps most pleasing to us is the realization that each entry in this national championship series is a fleet champion in his own right, and more than half of the entries used Watts sails, recognizing their championship caliber.

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EPOXY AND POLYESTER.

Every now and then, someone writes in wanting dope on the relative merits of these two resins. Here's a brief summary: Epoxy is much more expensive than polyester resin. It is supposedly a much better adhesive; is supposed to be absolutely dimensionally stable; and must be used on materials (such as stryofoam) which are soluble in polyester resin.

I use the word "supposedly" above as my experience has indicated that some claims for some epoxy resins have originated on Madison Avenue rather than in a testing laboratory. The SCIRA had an epoxy master mockup made for producing molds for fiberglas hulls, and it developed some queer local bulges.

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INGENUITY.

Americans are supposed to be renowned for their ingenuity, but when it comes to dreaming up problems for the Rules Committee, the Europeans have it all over us. Two of the latest are very interesting. In a National Championship, the crew on one boat was also a skipper; in fact, a better light wind skipper than the one entered as skipper. So - comes a drifting match, and they trade places. Not just long enough for the erstwhile skipper to light a cigarette or relax, but for a large part of the race. (At least, this is one side of the story as reported to me). So far, no one has found any rule against this except in World and Hemisphere Championships and a few other regattas where there are specific rules against changing skippers.

Another one is the use of a tiller which can slide fore and aft in a sleeve attached to the rudder. This is simple, and is handy when reaching or running in large waves, and it is desirable to sit near the stern. However, as reported by a visitor from the Western Hemisphere, it can be disconcerting when overlaps suddenly disappear (or appear) or you suddenly find you can't clear a boat you thought you could clear because, all of a sudden, it is two feet longer.

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The prize suggestion of the year, however, is one that the stripes should be different colors; say, pink for the top one, green for the middle, and purple for the lower one. (The actual colors will be different on different boats depending on the color of the mast). In this way, a race committee member or a competitor who is unable to tell the top stripe from the bottom one will, unless color blind, immediately recognize that a sail should not stretch from pink to purple.

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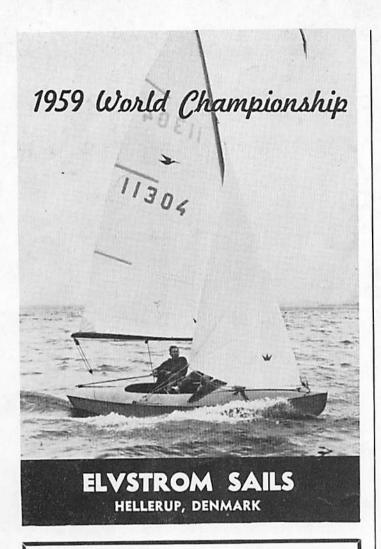
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