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THE COMMODORE SAYS

I wish to thank the Snipe Class and the International Board of Governors for the honor you have bestowed upon me. To be the Commodore of the finest, purist and one of the largest sailing classes in the World is a goal I have cherished.

I recognize with this honor that there are great responsibilities. I will attempt to fulfill them and to continue to steer our organization in the manner established by our past Commodores.

The efforts required to promote and promulgate the Snipe Class begin in the fleets, and our fleets are myriad (790 in the World). Fleets lead to districts, and they in turn lead to the national and international scene.

We are a widely divergent group of sailors with many fine qualities and a great deal of enthusiasm, and the most enthusiastic (I think) are the "home" sailors—those of us who come down to the club weekly and compete and compete and compete. We rarely win the club championship or the fleet championship. We may win a race or two occasionally, but we are enthusiastic and we try. And, hopefully we may win the next one.

These sailors are the backbone of our class. These sailors who only sail at home for whatever reason, be it financial or time or family matters, are the ones who I am speaking of. Those who cannot go to the districts or the circuit or to the Nationals. Because out of this group arise those who can and who we read about in the Bulletin. Those who win regattas and travel. And we are proud. We are proud because we know them. We are proud because they came from our local fleet and we are proud that we raced against them and perhaps at one time have beaten them.

To those of you who will come to New Orleans this year, I request this of you: talk to your fleet captain now and submit shortly in writing their goals, thoughts and desires to improve Snipe sailing at a local level. Because as the local level goes, so does the class. Send their input to me and we will organize them into a manageable agenda for discussion at the Nationals.

Respectfully yours, Gene Tragus, SCIRA Commodore

Venezuela Announces New National Secretary

Jaime Osset, National Secretary for Venezuela for several years reports that he is returning to his native Spain. His replacement as National Secretary will be Roberto Perez, Calle Finlandia, Residencias Los Miradores, PH 51-D, Alta Florida, Caracas 1050, Venezuela. He will be assisted by class comptroller Rafael Lozano.

To date there are four boats ready to sail, with hopes for two more in 1984. The Class will continue in good hands according to Jaime's report, however there continues to be a problem of lack of support for Snipes from the National Sailing Federation.

Jaime extends his appreciation to those who attended the IX Pan American Games, "and at the same time I present my apologies for not being able to give more attention to the sailors of the Class. Regretably, my function as trainer of the Venezuelan team didn't allow me much free time."

His future address is: Calle Ibiza No 30-5B, Madrid-5, Spain.

New Scoring System Approved By Class

After a number of years of using the Olympic-type scoring system, the Snipe Class has decided to offer a low point system to be used for regattas. It can be used in all sanctioned regattas from local ones up to and including the World Championship. It cannot be used for determining fleet standings; the traditional SCIRA Point Score system must be used for these

THE COVER

"On top of the Snipe world, Hakan Bjurstrom, on the way up from the basement," is the way photographer Per Gothlin describes this scene at the World Championship in Porto last year.

Launching of boats was accomplished by this humongous crane with its heavy straps. At low tide it was a long slow ride, but fearless Bjurstrom believes that the skipper goes down (or up) with the ship.

THE SCORE

We had a good start for the year with 34 numbers issued. Spain got 20, and seven each went to Portugal and U.S.A. Portugal has a new fleet, C.N.O.C.A. which is Naval Club of Officers and Army Cadets. Portugal has a lot of enthusiasm now, and we wish them good luck.

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as well as for the Minneford and Reichner competition.

Scoring may now be done using the "Olympic System" or the new "Low Point System." This is at the option of the fleet sponsoring the regatta.

The Low Point System scores the first place finisher with ¾ of a point; second and subsequent places receive points equal to the place in the race. All the present rules for scoring such as ties, Did Not Finish, and Did Not Start remain exactly as they have always been in the SCIRA Olympic System found in the Rule Book.

This addition to the rules is attributable to the persistent work of Past Commodore Gonzalo Diaz who kept submitting this change to the Board of Governors. It seems that the time had come, so the Board accepted the proposal. Whether this new system will gain popular approval remains to be seen. Since this method makes scoring much easier, it probably will be universally adopted.

Revised Snipe Manual Now Available From SCIRA

In the mid-60s Dr. Sam Chapin put together the Basic Snipe Sailing Manual, a slim volume which holds a lot of information about all the basics of sailing that are so troublesome to the novice. Sam gave the rights to the manual to the Class, and the booklet has been so popular that we have sold out two editions and several reprintings.

We now have a revised edition available from the SCIRA office. The attractive, easy-to-read text includes a glossary, racing essentials, simplified racing rules, measurements and rigging for the Snipe, and much more.

The Manual is available at three dollars per copy. In orders of ten the price is twenty dollars.

1984 Dues Deadline Is March 31

Unpaid SCIRA dues become delinquent on March 31. Dues statements will be mailed to all 1983 members who have not renewed their memberships on or before April 15th. Fleet Captains are reminded to send any dues already collected on to the office as soon as possible. Members who have not been contacted by their Fleet Captains may send their dues individually to the SCIRA office. Billing for delinquent dues costs time and money. Do your part to get your dues on in. Your help will be appreciated.

Letter to the Editor

(Pros and cons of the 720° and other alternative to disqualification penalties were discussed in the December issue of the BULLETIN. Past Commodore Flavio Caiuby makes a point about the relative fairness of the 720° as opposed to a percentage penalty such as is used in Brazil's National Championship. Other opinions are invited.)

Lowry,

I am very much against the 720° and for the percentage penalty. Our National Championship uses the percentage penalty. The 720° is unfair.

Imagine for instance a slight incident on rule 36 or 37.1 before the start in a "South American" with 96 boats (as in Buenos Aires in 1980). You lose at least sixty places with your 720°. Imagine then, the same slight incident near the finish line. Do you lose three or four places?

So, 720° punishes with different strength the same incident in different stages of the race. The percentage penalty doesn't.

As an IYRU International Judge, I always try to teach against the 720° and for the percentage penalty.

Flavio

Fleet Building Begins At Home

One way to begin with fleet building is to find out what members like and don't like about the way the Snipe racing is being conducted now, and what people would change if they could. Several fleets have sent copies of the fleet questionnaires to the office. This one was received from Spencer Allen, editor of the FRISCO FLEET FLASH, newsletter of San Francisco Bay Fleet 12. Spencer gives credit to the Seattle Fleet for the format.

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The results should give you some good ideas for including new activities for fleet participation and changing things which turn people off. There is also a potential for new fleet members and for new crews. Once people begin to contribute ideas they may become more active in putting their ideas into action.

Try a fleet questionnaire, and let the BULLETIN readers know about your success.

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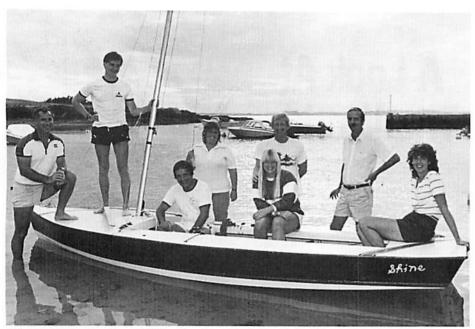
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Winning team: L to R — Bill Buckles, Pat Gardner, Id Crook, Jim Belford, Phyllis Belford, Bob Johnston (crew for Chris Hains), and Debbie Harlow (crew for Doug Nugent). (Bermuda News Bureau photo)

Oakville Aces Bermuda In Team Race Series

Ontario's Oakville Yacht Squadron retained the Carl Simmons trophy by outsailing Spanish Point Boat Club at Bermuda 4-0 in Snipe team racing. The 1983 contest between the two fleets began Oct. 7 and was scheduled over five days, but the Oakville team made short work of what was to have been a seven-race series.

The five crews doing the damage for Oakville were Bill Buckles and Patrick Gardner, John and Phyllis Belford, Id and Gwyneth Crook, Chris Hains and Bob Johnston, Doug Nugent and Debbie Harlow. Bermuda's five crews comprised Snipe Western Hemisphere secretarygeneral Wayne Soares and daughter Beverly, Ronnie DeSilva and Richard Greenfield, Ray Pitman and Samantha Adcock, John Plested and Andy Mullin, Kiki Bosch and Shevaun Adcock.

Oakville YS and Spanish Point BC engage in this team race contest on an alternating home-and-away basis. Overall, the Canadian club has won the series seven times, the Bermudians four. There is now some embarrassment at Spanish Point because the Bermudians have been beaten four times in a row and twice on home waters. Nonetheless, the latest meeting was as enjoyable as its predecessors: squally conditions disappeared after the start of the opening race and the next three were sailed in brilliant October sunshine, 80 degree heat and breezes up to 10 knots.

A squall and a momentary windshift put Buckles of Oakville and Soares of Bermuda over the line at the start of the opener. Then the wind died. When it filled in again, it enabled Oakville's Hains to make the first Olympic course mark with a huge lead over Buckles, Soares and Belford (Oakville). All 10 Snipes closed up on the run and at the bottom of the course, Oakville crews cleverly consolidated their positions, going on to win the race with the first three places in the bag.

In light air the following morning, Canadian club crews comprised four of the first five around the triangle in the second race. But Bermuda's Pitman took a flier far out to port and came in as leader at the next mark. Pitman went on to cross the finish line first in this race, but the next four places and decisive points went to Oakville. A broken rudder pintle made Soares a non-finisher for the locals.

Teams swapped boats for the third outing. Soares, in a lively breeze, led over the triangle, followed by DeSilva (Bermuda), then Oakville's Buckles, Belford and Crook. The Oakville crews gained on the second windward leg, got a boat to the mark first and at the finish had successfully contrived to hold the foremost Bermuda crews to second, third and fifth placings. In consequence, Oakville won this one by two points.

Oakville wrapped up the series in two days when the Bermuda team came within one boat position of saving the situation in the fourth race. Four of the five front placings were held by Spanish Pointers for much of this race, but eventually Buckles led the way in, with Oakville crews infiltrating enough of the frontal slots for a narrow advantage.

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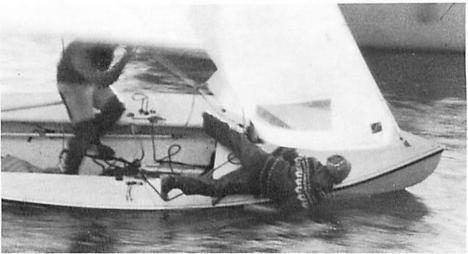
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A Look At The Worlds

Per Gothlin captures SCIRA's top sailors in action.

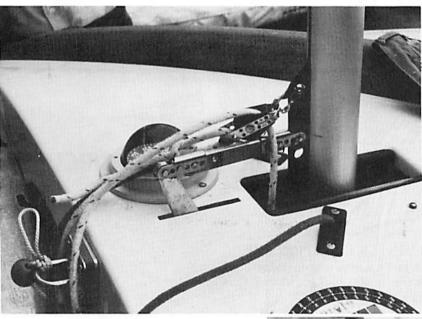












Above: England's
Champion Gary Lewis
at his best — downwind
reaching in heavy air.
At left: mast puller A la
Starboat on Doug
DeSouza's boat. Below:
a track for adjustable
shrouds on Doug
DeSouza's boat. The
track may not be adjusted while sailing to
be legal. (Per Gothlin
photos)

Opposite page, upper left: Haul out — Mats Gothlin is ready to climb the 20-meter-high pier. Local boys helped attend the boats (polishing, rolling sails, etc.). Top right: Steve Kelly and Pedro Wassitsch of the Bahamas demonstrate a new roll tack technique. (Boys will be boys.) Bottom left: Craig Martin gets his boat in position for the lift. Bottom right: Steve Kelly and John Dunkley wait in line for the hoist. Small boys in rowboat made themselves useful helping boats into the cradle. Per Gothlin photos)



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Record Fleet Gathers For Frigid Digit

A record fleet of 56 Snipes rivaled the Annapolis Sailboat Show the weekend of October 15th and 16th as the largest "inthe-water-show" on Chesapeake Bay.

Snipes that migrated to the Frigid Digit this fall were greeted by pleasant though challenging sailing conditions. Race one on Saturday commenced — as did most races — with a series of general recalls. Practice makes perfect, so we finally got it right, and were off on an Olympic course in a 1-12 mph breeze from the NW with 5-15 degree shifts throughout. Ed and Meredith Adams led the way, followed by Dick Mitchell, John Johns, Matt Fisher and Jonathan Bartlett.

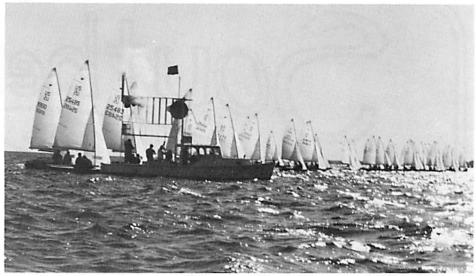
Winds continued shifty and varied from 5 to 12 mph throughout races two and three. Shifting gears was definitely the name of the game, and no particular side of the course seemed to be heavily favored for long. Just for fun, Griff Hall thought he'd try out his aluminum tiller as a sea-anchor midway through race two. But he was in such a hurry he forgot the anchor line . . . bye-bye tiller, bye-bye Griff.

Meanwhile at the finish line, John Johns took the gun, followed by Fred Thurston, Ed Adams, Steve Callison, and Skip French. Ed and Meredith returned to the top in race three; then it was Fisher, Callison, Van Wagnen, and Eiffert to round out the top five.

Regatta chairman Eric Purdon and company made any frustration on the race course worthwhile Saturday evening with raw oysters and beer ("yum — slurp burp") followed by a covered dish dinner.

Weather conditions Sunday morning were similar, but fading winds limited us to one race in which the Adams team continued where they left off on Saturday. Ken Van Wagnen was second, Griff found another tiller and took third, Dick Mitchell fourth, and Jack Willy fifth.

Race committee chairman Don Moore,



Boats like both ends of the line and few are late for the gun, as smoke rises from the cannon at the start of race two of the Frigid Digit regatta.

assisted by Dick C. Bartlett and Berta Swanson as Snipe class representative, ran smooth races. Ed and Meredith Adams wrapped it up with 5.7 points and first place, followed by Matt Fisher 37, Dick Mitchell 40, Steve Callison 46.7, and Ken Van Wagnen 53.7.

All of us from fleet 532 appreciate your coming and welcome you back to do it again next year.

Fred Betz Annapolis Fleet 532

FRIGID DIGIT (Top 25 of 56 entries)

Boat	Skipper	Places	Points	Finish
24684	Ed Adams	1-3-1-1	5.7	1
23621	Matt Fisher	4-7-2-7	37	2
25676	Dick Mitchell	2-10-7-4	40	2 3
24608	Steve Callison	8-4-3-13	46.7	4
25524	Ken Van Wagnen	6-25-4-2	53.7	5
18100	Jonathan Bartlett	5-13-9-8	58	6
25483	Leonard Dolhert	11-8-12-9	64	7
25370	Eric Eiffert	7-14-5-18	67	7 8 9
24414	Skip French	22-5-8-14	72	9
24615	Eric Purdon	15-16-18-6	78.7	10
23624	Sam Mollet	16-20-11-12	83	11
24332	Leigh Savage	10-9-24-19	86	12
23182	Bob Bloomquist	17-12-13-21	87	13
US2	John Johns	3-1-dnf-17	88.7	14
25489	Fred Rozelle	20-21-17-20	102	15
23625	Dick Hand	21-24-6-29	103.7	16
25430	Chris Friend	34-15-10-22	105	17
23967	Jack Willy	18-28-32-5	106	18
24331	Jack Bauer	35-17-16-15	107	19
14002	Keith Donald	29-6-21-28	107.7	20
25404	Richard Loesch	14-26-36-11	111	21
23622	Carl Cheney	26-29-26-10	115	22
25777	Fred Thurston	24-2-15-dns	116	23
24998	John Lally	12-23-28-30	117	24
25554	John Marx	13-32-20-33	122	25

Florida State Championship Sailed At DIYC, Tampa

The 1983 Snipe Florida State Championship was held in conjunction with the Thanksgiving Regatta in Tampa, November 26-27 hosted by the Davis Island Yacht Club. As usual D.I.Y.C. did an excellent job. For Saturday three races were scheduled but only one was completed in dying winds. On Sunday we had a grand day! Winds 10 to 17 and very steady from the East. Four races were completed.

> Gonzalo Diaz Miami Fleet 7

FLORIDA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP (Top 12 boats)

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Fleet	Places	Points	Finish
23713	Gonzalo and Ana Diaz	Miami	1-2-1-1-3	7.25	1
25712	Charlie Bustamante/Walt Zalph	Miami	3-1-2-2-2	9.75	2
6995	Francis Seavy	Clearw.	2-3-4-3-1	12.75	3
21503	Robert and George Lizano	Miami	5-4-3-4-5	21	4
23700	D. Grav	Daytona	7-5-5-9-4	30	5
23172	T. Campbell	Clearw.	4-11-6-7-8	36	6
22725	B. Foster	Clearw.	8-6-7-12-6	39	7
22696	E. Huntley	Clearw.	9-8-10-8-9	44	8
19795	Dick Edwards	Clearw.	6-9-9-6-dns	45	9
8598	Larry Welbon	Clearw.	11-dns-11-10-7	54	10
20427	Milo Vega	Clearw.	10-10-dnf-5-15	55	11
21143	C. Carlson	Clearw.	dns-7-8-11-dnf	56	12



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Int'l. Open, UK Juniors Sailed At Blue Circle

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The senior event was competitive in the shifting light winds which required 100% concentration. Race Officer Keith Butler set good courses, and local David (Budgie) Jones clinched the trophy from Alan Williams of Budworth Sailing Club. With 24 entries representing five fleets it became a Blue Circle takeover as Tom Parkinson kept the club burgee flying to the fore by gaining an overall third. Paul Mason won two races but dropped back to fourth owing to two retirements.

In the Junior Nationals it became ladies first, with local Susan Pollen taking the cup. For Susan it was a double event — not only did she gain the 1983 Junior Snipe National Championship title but also celebrated her eighteenth birthday.



Fleet Captain Derek Crouch with his wife Avril, welcomed sixty sailors to their house for a barbecue Saturday evening. In the spacious garden an open air disco was organized and the party spirit was complete with the al fresco meal and bottles of wine on the garden tables.

Results: International Open (top 4): 24705 David Jones, Blue Circle; 23233 Alan Williams, Budworth; 20641 Tom

John Bean, Broadstairs S.C., leads Gavin Watkins, Stone S.C., at the windward mark.

Parkinson, Blue Circle; 19327 Paul Mason, Blue Circle.

UK Junior Nationals (top 4): 20705 Susan Pollen, Blue Circle; 25225 Simon Buterworth, Crosby; 20351 Alex Lewin, Stone S.C.; 22873 Martin Coomber, Stone S.C.

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