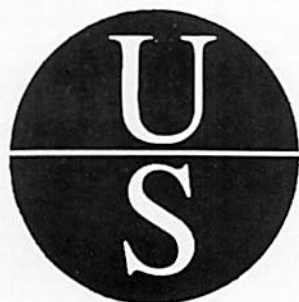


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New Rear Commodore Jerry Thompson

Rear Commodore Jerry Thompson, Alamitos Bay Fleet 218, Long Beach, California, has been active in the Class for over thirty years. His interests have included administration as well as racing, and he has recruited at least one boat builder for the class.

He bought his first Snipe, number 9599, in 1953 and three years later won the U.S. Junior Championship, and finished second in the seniors. Jerry won the 1975 North Americans, and is current Bermuda Race Week champion. He has sailed in 24 senior nationals, 2 junior nationals, 1 Western Hemispheres, and 9 North Americans, as well as various U.S. regattas.

Jerry, who has owned over 20 Snipes, talked Herb Shear into becoming a Snipe builder, and bought the first Chubasco, number 1633; one of the few wooden Chubascos built.

Jerry served as general chairman of the U.S. Nationals when Alamitos Bay Fleet 218 held the regatta in 1968. That championship won the St. Petersburg Trophy as the best run regatta in the U.S. that year. He has also been fleet captain for Alamitos Bay, and served a three-year term as member-at-large of the SCIRA Board of Governors. His experience in race committee work includes operating the mark setting boat at the 1984 Western Hemisphere Regatta in Paraguay.

Jerry's children, Kim and Brad, are also Snipe sailors. Both have crewed for Jerry in national championships, and last year sailed together in the junior nationals.

Two New Members of the SCIRA Board of Governors

SCIRA's two new board members are Means Davis of Atlanta, Georgia, Fleet 330, and Fritz Gram of Cuba Lake, New York, Fleet 442. Both are familiar names to readers of the *Bulletin* as regatta winners, and both have held office within their fleets, and are past SCIRA District Governors.

Means began sailing at Atlanta Yacht Club in 1959. He has been fleet captain and yacht club commodore. He and his wife, Peggy, have taken special interest in developing new Snipe sailors for the fleet; conducting classes and demonstrations on rigging and sailing the Snipe. They operate Sailboats, Etc., mostly as a mail order house, selling boats and parts to promote Snipe sailing in Atlanta and the Southeast. They have been active in promoting fleet development in SCIRA District 4, and have given support to establishing new



By a marvelous coincidence all three of the new members posed together in this photo of the top finishers at the U.S. Masters Championship.

Left to right in back are: Jerry Thompson, Fritz Gram, and Means Davis. Front: Jane Gram and Peggy Davis. R. May photo.

fleets, and regattas throughout the area.

A perennial fleet champion, Means has also won the Oakville Trophy, the Redneck Interdistrict Trophy, and regularly records high finishes in District 4 regattas.

Means is president of Haas & Dodd Insurance Agency in Atlanta. He and Peggy are parents of two Snipe sailors: Means, V, and Tarasa, who is current District 4 junior champion.

Fritz Gram has won the District 5 Championship at least seven times, and is a regular winner of the Retzhaupt Trophy, which goes to the overall winner of the combined District 5 regattas. He has won both the Minneford and Reichner International High Point Championships. Fritz, who began his Snipe sailing career as a junior, has won the U.S. Masters championship twice, and is the current title holder. His regular crew is his wife, Jane.

Fritz is a lawyer, and he and Jane reside in Olean, New York, where they sail with the Cuba Lake fleet.

THE COVER

Rear Commodore Jerry Thompson makes a flying start at the 1984 Bermuda Race Week, as Sam Mollett (US 23624) and Doug Nugent (KC 24116) follow in his wake. Photo by Gene Ray, Bermuda News Bureau.

THE SCORE

The new year has started off nicely with 37 new numbers being issued. Italy got 20, U.S.A. 10, and 6 went to Portugal with 1 going to England. No new fleets were chartered

Numbered SNIPES — 26164
Chartered Fleets — 795

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Two more skippers express opinions on Sue Mitchell's letter and Chris Hains' rebuttal on the "old boat" question. Scott Cline is the SCIRA measurer for McLaughlin boats. Michael Keagle is a new Snipe sailor, and 1985 captain for the Gull Lake, MI, fleet.

Chris Hains "Hit the Target"

In regard to opinions expressed to the Bulletin by Sue Mitchell and Chris Hains, I feel that Mr. Hains is very much on target. In 1983, 18-year-old boats finished first and third at the U.S. Nationals. Surprisingly in the last 12 years, relatively few changes have taken place. The deck mold Sue's deck came out of in 1972 is still used daily. I believe the new boats are better built, not faster.

One fantastic change since 1972 is the newer masts with their related controls. This was truly a great change in design because it allows enough control that both heavy and light teams can use it in all conditions. This is great because it makes the boats much more equal.

The new boats do have better flotation and cockpit drainage. This does not make them faster, only safer. Deck recesses for cleats are nice, not faster. The new fiberglass rudders with aluminum tiller are better because they are stronger, less likely to break and seldom need to be varnished. With construction using Klegecell, boats no longer pick up weight and remain stiff enabling them to reach an old, old, old age.

Changes are needed. A class that doesn't change dies. Even after 150,000 boats, the Laser class has made some major changes. On Snipes, I know that spinners and trapezes are not practical. But who doesn't have an extra jib laying around. I would like for the Board of Directors to consider a rule change so we can sail with two jibs. No new equipment is needed. They will both go up the front stay on the same halyard and only the existing jib sheet is needed. Simply tie one end to each jib. When going to windward the outside jib is cleated and the inside jib rests against it. Off wind there is no longer a decision to be made concerning going with or without a whisker pole, now you simply do both. In marginal planing conditions, this setup will provide the extra power to get up on a plane. It also keeps the crew busier which makes them feel important. I urge you to please help me by urging the Board of Directors to make this much-needed rule change.

Scott Cline, SCIRA Measurer

Note: Watch next month for pictures of Scott's novel suggestion.

Sue Mitchell Was Right

I am writing you in response to Sue Mitchell's letter to the editor in the September 1984 Snipe Bulletin. I am 17 years old and a new Snipe sailor, but not new to the sport. I have been crewing on different boats for five years.

Because of cost of a new Snipe, my parents had to buy an older Snipe. I thought that since it was a one-design class all of the boats would be the same. I was wrong!!! After two regattas plus many frustrating races at home, I learned a lot, but also had to invest in new equipment to get a competitive boat. My boat still needs much more work.

I think that families and young sailors are discouraged by the constant changes and added expenses. I feel that most Snipe sailors are unaware of changes and additions and when they go to a regatta it is boat vs. boat, where it should be skipper vs. skipper.

"We need to stop now. Stop dead in our tracks. Stop changing design and rules..."

Sue Mitchell

I agree 100%.

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Tomas Franzen was elected National Secretary at Sweden's annual SCIRA meeting replacing outgoing secretary Jan Wennergren. Tomas, who has been sailing Snipes for a year and a half, was responsible for the 1984 regatta program for Sweden. He learned to sail in a Laser and has served as national secretary for that class. His wife, Eva, is his crew. Address:

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Submerged Rules

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How many witnesses to a protest must be heard?

by Gary Boswell, Dallas, Fleet 1

Few regattas escape the problem of resolving one or more (often more) protests. Large multi-class regattas often generate protests by the pound. What is a protest committee to do? All parties want a fair hearing. The rule book prescribes a host of conditions that must be satisfied to insure that a fair hearing occurs. If even one of the conditions set forth in Part VI, Section B of the rule book is not followed, the protest may be overturned. Yet if a protest committee literally follows each procedure in every hearing it may not finish its task before the sun rises upon a new day.

For example, what if one party to a protest requests that each of his 24 witnesses is heard from? Is there no relief? Will the decision of the committee be invalidated if they do not permit each witness to speak? After all, Rule 73.2 — Taking of Evidence — clearly says: "The protest committee shall take the evidence presented by the parties to the protest and such other evidence as it deems necessary." Note that it says "the evidence" not "some of the evidence."

But wait! The mast of the good ship Help is just visible on the horizon; i.e., help is in sight. Appeal #54 states that "a Race Committee may be justified, in exceptional circumstances, in declining to hear an indefinite number of witnesses called by a party to a protest all of whom are prepared to testify to the same state of facts." Note the three conditions:

1. a state of exceptional circumstances exists,
2. an indefinite number of witnesses has been called,
3. each is prepared to testify to the same state of facts.

Curiouser and curiouser. No definition of exceptional circumstances occurs. The fact that there are more protests to resolve than can be processed in the time available is hardly an exceptional circumstance. It occurs with amazing frequency at large regattas. Yet one can infer from Appeal #54 that this is what the term implies. The second condition is a real problem. A perusal of the dictionary will confirm that indefinite means uncountable. I have never been to a regatta in which I could not count the total sailors present, including all mates, children, groupies, etc. My immediate reaction is that this condition can

never be attained except in the misty world of the mathematician. Once again a less-than-literal reading of the text must be accepted. What this language probably means is "more than a few."

Finally, a witness can be excluded only if he/she is prepared to testify to the same state of facts as preceding witnesses. But, how is one to know what a witness is prepared to testify unless the witness is allowed to testify. Indeed, human nature being what it is, how is one to believe that more than a few people would ever be prepared to testify to the same state of facts about anything. The level of disbelief increases without limit when it is realized that these witnesses are more than likely tired, wet, hungry, mad, hungover sailors.

Still and yet, there is some help in our new Submerged Rule. The rule seems to be: A protest hearing is not invalidated if an overworked protest committee, upon learning that a large number of witnesses has been assembled to testify to the same presumed fact, declines to hear more than two or three witnesses. A reefed version reads: A protest committee may limit the number of witnesses.

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24688*	Wade Edwards/Eliza Edwards	CSYC Detroit #5	3-2-4	16.7	2
25863	John Crookston/Beth Crookston	Wall Lake #642	7-3-2	21.7	3
24267	Colt Weatherston/C.P. Weatherston	CSYC Detroit #5	5-7-3	28.7	4
25452	Dan Conway/Brad Conway	Grand Rapids #137	2-5-10	29.0	5
23968	Paul Wood/M. Wood	Portage Lakes #110	4-6-5	29.7	6
18010	Roger Turner/Wendy Turner	Gull Lake #190	11-4-7	38.0	7
13200	Tim Oberle/Rick Oberle	Grand Rapids #137	6-10-12	39.7	8
11800	Ham Johnson/Jane Johnson	Grand Rapids #137	9-8-8	44.0	9
16288	Rich Grant/Peggy Grant	Grand Rapids #137	8-16-6	47.7	10
22422	Mike Otto/Pat Steinert	Wall Lake #642	13-12-11	54.0	11
24088	Jeff Musson/Al Dunning	Grand Rapids #137	16-9-13	56.0	12
13871	Lee Kramer/Lloyd Osgood	Grand Rapids #137	10-17-16	61.0	13
22440	Bud Lorch/Steve Grant	Grand Rapids #137	15-13-17	63.0	14
17765	Charlie Connors/Glen Howes	Gull Lake #190	17-19-9	63.0	15
23840	Terry Conway/Andy Conway	Grand Rapids #137	18-14-14	64.0	16
16402	Dick Palmer/Marge Palmer	Grand Rapids #137	15-15-DNS	69.0	17
23200	Mike Novak/Joe Novak	Grand Rapids #137	14-22-15	69.0	18
20702	Robert Reed/Ray Howland	Grand Rapids #137	19-11-DNS	72.0	19
17515	Mike Keagle/Maile Keagle	Gull Lake #190	21-18-19	76.0	20
23800	Jeff Lawrence/Todd Cooper	Gull Lake #190	20-21-18	77.0	21
15779	John Stepanovich/Ted Kohl	Grand Rapids #137	23-23-20	84.0	22
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20936	J. Briggs	Lincoln	6-8-5-4-7	4
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24242	J. Wagener	Lincoln	7-4-6-9-10	7
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25552	J. Augustine	Lincoln	DSQ-7-2-7-4	9
19939	L. Briggs	Lincoln	10-13-11-13-12	10
24104	R. Evnen	Lincoln	DNS-9-DNS-14-8	11
22320	Conroy		DNS-16-10-10-17	12
25075	D. Goppert		8-11-DNS-DNS-DNS	13
18636	J. Buckley	Lincoln	11-15-12-DSQ-15	14
21913	J. Layman	Lincoln	DNS-DNS-DNS-11-11	15
24099	B. Hobbie	Lincoln	DNS-14-DNS-12-13	16
24042	A. Overcash	Lincoln	DNS-12-13-16-DNS	17

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Boat	Skipper/Crew	Fleet	Finishes	Position
16216	R. Carpenter	Lincoln	1-1-1-1-DNS	1
18844	T. Wright	Lincoln	2-2-DNS-2-1	2
19444	R. Guenzel	Lincoln	3-DNF-DNS-3-DNF	3

JUNIOR RACE

Boat	Skipper	Position
20936	Christensen	1
22320	Conroy	2
21913	Layman	3

Snipe Jib Trim

Some hints and helps on getting the most out of the set of your sails

by Mark Reynolds

(From the Sobstad Sails Newsletter)

In everything but very light air, I have found it fast to trim the jib very tight, steer very aggressively, but also accurately, and be quick to ease the sheet when stalled, or when in need of extra power as when hitting chop. If the crew constantly adjusts the jib, 75% of the time you can be sheeted tighter than the other boats. Steering becomes more critical when sheeted tight, as it is easy to stall the jib if the boat is not kept right in the groove.

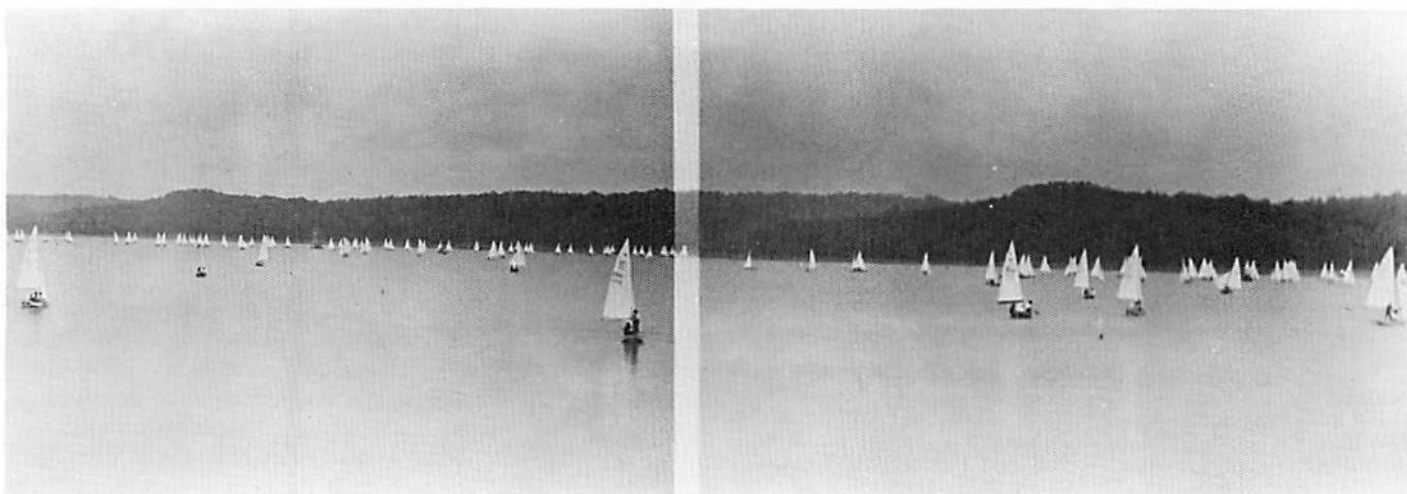
We trim the jib with three main adjustments: sheet tension, mast rake, and fore and aft lead position. We haven't done too much with athwartships adjustment, which I think is the least important, but we are also doing some experimenting here. I am big on marking everything with a felt pen for reference points. We have a trim line drawn out of the clew of the jib, marks on the jib track, marks on the jib sheets, and the most important reference mark is on the splash boards, so we can see where the center of the foot is trimmed. The jib lead position usually stays the same, except in very heavy air where we move it back a couple of inches to de-power. Normally, the lead angle is affected most by the mast rake. In light air, the mast is in the aft position keeping the slot from being too tight, and balancing the helm. In medium winds, the main and jib are powered up by a decrease in rake, and in very heavy air, the mast is again back in the aft position to open the slot and bend the mast.

To set the sheeting angle in average winds, we try to keep the telltales breaking evenly and sail with a twist that follows the back side of the main. The real test in setting the angle is on the race course, where we will move the leads around and change sheet tension until the competition starts dropping behind.

Don't forget to send the Bulletin a complete report and photos on your Snipe regatta. In the overall results be sure to include names of skipper and crew, home club or fleet, places in each race, total points, and standing in fleet.



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An accidental double exposure by Sylvia Griffith provides a "spooky" look at the Halloween regatta.

Halloween Regatta Becomes the Adams Cup for 1984

Ed and Meridith Adams of Narragansett Bay, R.I. bested the fleet of 82 spooks to win the Halloween Regatta held at the Atlanta Yacht Club on Lake Allatoona, October 27 and 28.

The event, which is the best way to describe Halloween, began on Friday night, the 26th of October, as Snipers from as far away as Bermuda and Canada began to arrive. They were treated to a complimentary chili dinner and a good deal of exuberant fellowship, the latter amply supplied by the Texas contingent (do those guys ever sleep?).

Saturday dawned clear and warm, an unexpected plus for this time of year, but with a nice amount of wind. The junior race began on schedule with John Mulhausen in charge. Shawn Burke with brother Steve maintained the momentum from New Orleans to take first, with Tarasa Davis, who is currently sailing for Brown, taking second, and Nicky Adam-

son of the Harbor Lights Boat Club taking third.

The wind continued throughout the day providing two great races in which the wind velocity played little part. As always on Allatoona the direction variations tested everyone's skills. Accolades are due race committee chairman Fred Pember and his group of volunteers for their outstanding work. Both races were excellently run and we were in to the dock by 5:00.

This extra time gave everyone just that much more time to truly prepare for the party on Saturday night, and party is putting it mildly. The costumes were better than ever. Santa and his buxom partner are welcome back anytime, they do know how to boogie. In any case, the party carried on into the wee hours of the morning. I know, I stayed up long enough to make sure that everyone was having a good time.

Sunday the winds initially were very light but gradually built before the race.

They continued to go up and down during the final race but on average were comparable with what we experienced on Saturday.

John Porter and George Nedriga of the Savannah fleet worked out convincingly on Sunday to capture the Goblins division, while three home fleet boats captured three of the top five positions. We really enjoyed putting on the Halloween Regatta this year and thank all of you for being part of it.

A nod goes to Chris Hains of Oakville Yacht Squadron, Ontario, Peter Lavelle, Paul Watson, Richard Greenfield, and Graeme Tremlett of Bermuda and the large contingent of folks from the Northeast and Southwest who took the time to come and enjoy the Halloween Regatta. We hope that you had a good time and look forward to seeing you next year.

*Paul and M.J. Gillis
Atlanta Fleet 330*



John Porter III (right), skipper, and George Nedriga (left), first place in Goblins.



Steve and Shawn Burke received the Pember Trophy.

HALLOWEEN REGATTA

SPOOKS (Top 48 of 82 boats)

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Fleet	Finishes	Points	Position
26099	Ed Adams/Meridith Adams	Narragansett Bay	1-3-2	5 3/4	1
25951	Dave Pritchard/Mike Lenkeit	LLSC	1-1-6	7 1/2	2
26026	Matt Gregory/Holly Gregory	PYC	2-2-4	8	3
23749	Griff Hall/Linda Dull	SSA	6-2-1	8 3/4	4
23619	Greg Fisher/Amanda Usher	HYC	4-6-2	12	5
24807	Steve Suddath/Connie Suddath	LLSC	5-1-7	12 1/4	6
25848	Craig Lewek/Bob Hodges	HYC	2-5-6	13	7
25887	Shawn Burke/Steve Burke	LLSC	3-11-1	14 3/4	*8
24676	Jesse Coburn/Andi Milligan	LLSC	3-3-13	19	9
25840	Brent McKenzie/Tom Schroder	LLSC	6-9-4	19	10
25045	Buzzy Heausler/Gail Heausler	Tampa	9-4-10	23	11
24599	Andrew White/Russell Snyder	SSA	10-4-17	31	12
19091	Peter Duvoisin/Jean Duvoisin	PYC	9-8-16	33	13
25810	Rob Gorman/Lisa Gorman	North Cove YC	8-7-18	33	13
24264	Means Davis/Peggy Davis	AYC	16-10-9	35	15
21212	Tom Craig/Bruce Carscaddon	PYC	17-15-5	37	16
26078	Greg Gust/?	Harbor Lights BC	7-9-21	37	16
25430	Chris Friend/Pam Pimental	Newport, RI	14-16-8	38	18
25377	Scott Myers/Jessica Cummin	Tulane	12-7-21	40	19
23622	Carl Cheney/Pat Cheney	SSA	13-17-11	41	20
25555	Mike McLaughlin/Marsi McLaughlin	PYC	25-14-3	42	21
25517	Nicky Adamson/Doug Snyder	HLBC	10-6-28	44	22
25434	Ed Craig/Yvonne Craig	PYC	20-12-12	44	22
24605	Tarasa Davis/Johnny Sinclair	AYC	16-11-19	46	24
24442	Buzz Lamb/Marge Lamb	PYC	22-20-5	47	25
25007	Tom Smith/Mark Kjeldgaard	LLSC	29-15-3	47	25
20848	Bill Simons/David Cox	PYC	29-5-13	47	25
24742	John Adams/Ruth Adams	LLSC	18-13-19	50	29
25371	Robert Cummings/Beth Poort	HLBC	21-14-15	50	29
26995	Francis Seavy/Jane Duvoisin	Clearwater	4-DNF-8	50	29
25100	Woody Norwood/Scott Bowers	AYC	5-8-DNF	51	32
25733	Peter Keen/Christine Keen	Cowan Lake SA	22-22-11	55	33
25067	Jim Robinson/Leslie Samuels	SYC	11-18-27	56	34
24600	Brad McFadden/Martha McFadden	AYC	7-19-30	56	34
24122	Bill Hooper/Velda Hooper	AYC	17-21-18	56	34
26076	Jim Bookhout/Ed Hill	HLBC	19-10-29	58	37
26004	Lee Griffith/Karla Griffith	Pine Beach YC	13-12-35	60	38
22823	Brian Mollet/Terry Reid	AYC	12-24-24	60	38
25373	Kathy Bronaugh/Jim Bronaugh	PYC	28-18-7	63	40
24265	Frank Pontious/Marilyn Pontious	AYC	15-39-9	63	40
25841	Don Hite/Debbie Hite	North Cape YC	32-19-15	66	42
23272	Tut Campbell/Ruth Brodhead	AYC	24-32-10	66	42
21628	Tom/Linda Katterheinrich	Ohio	15-30-22	67	45
25406	Bill Lynn/Margot Lynn	AYC	19-25-26	70	46
23662	David Smedley/Brenda Humphries	HLBC	26-30-14	70	46
24077	Ron Barber/Judy Barber		37-21-14	72	48

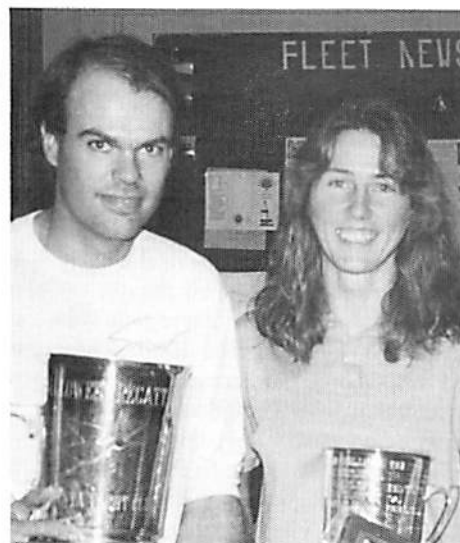
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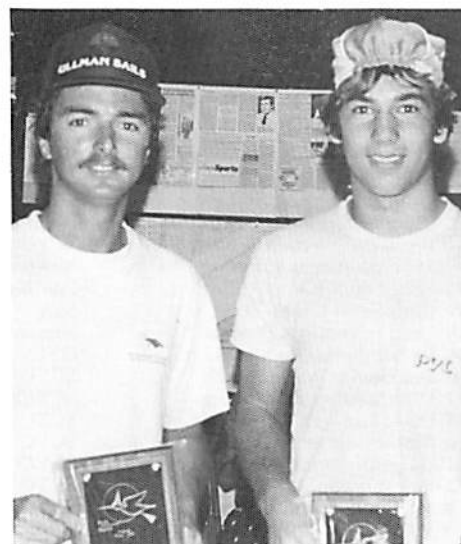
25948	John Porter III/George Nedriga	Savannah	2-1-1	3 1/2	1
23455	Tim Black/Marnie Black	Cowan Lake SA	1-5-2	7 3/4	2
24142	Don Hackbarth/Michael Hackbarth	AYC	3-2-3	8	3
16115	Joe Fernon/Derek Fernon	AYC	7-3-4	14	4
21508	Will Stour/Vici McFadyen	AYC	5-8-6	15	5
24109	Bill Walton/Debbie White	PYC	4-6-8	18	6
21461	Curt Marcott/Susan Marcott	Cowan Lake SA	10-11-5	26	7
22814	Ron Casto/Laura Pontious	BFSC	6-12-11	29	8
24698	Bruce MacPhee/Roy Sieber	PYC	11-10-9	30	9
	Walt Jenison/Gene McCord	PYC	9-14-12	35	10
22121	Guy/Guy Guckenberger	CLSA	12-7-20	39	11
25900	Jeff Mullet/Jim Conlin	Port, Lakes YC	15-9-15	39	12
22328	Hoyt Hurt/Tammy Hurt	Valdosta YC	13-13-14	40	13
23235	Paul Hodgdon/Johnny Amos	AYC	18-20-7	45	14
21359	Richard Thomson/Angela Wingard	Mt. Pleasant	19-17-10	46	15

JUNIORS

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2. Tarasa Davis/Johnny Sinclair
AYC
3. Nicky Adamson/Doug Snyder
Harbor Lights BC
4. Andrew White/Russell Snyder
SSA
5. Micheal Lenkeit/Kat Munson
LLSC
6. John Proter III/George Nedriga
Savannah
7. Lee Wright/Beth Poort
Harbor Lights BC
8. Derek Fernon/Micheal Hackbarth
AYC
9. Andy Hale
LLSC



Ed & Meridith Adams, first place in Spooks.



Dave Pritchard & Dave Lenkeit, second in Spooks.



Matt & Holly Gregory, third in Spooks.

Photos by Delkin Jones

S.S.A. Sailors Dominate Long Island Open/Call of Fall

SPLASH! Eric Purdon is back on the road again racing his Snipe in top form at the Long Island Open Regatta which was held at Sea Cliff Yacht Club the 8-9th of September. Purdon, from Annapolis, MD returned to the waters of Hempstead Harbor where he was successful in the early 70s winning this Call of Fall regatta.

The race committee for this regatta was made up of Pat Dillon, Jon Henrickson, Herb Finn, George Christman, Jack Wallmann and chairman Tom Young. In spite of shifty wind conditions, this top-notch committee was able to run five very tough Olympic courses in winds which varied from 8-16 knots. The two races on Saturday were long and difficult with many shifts. Jonathan Bartlett and Alex Stout, also from Annapolis, were unbeatable and won both races with Bruce and Dave Pat-

erson taking second in the first race and Griff Hall and Arthur Libby placing behind Bartlett in the second race.

Sea Cliff's own Bryan Dougherty, with Kris Meyers of Yacht Racing Magazine, were in contention taking two impressive fourths. The Sea Cliff tradition of handing out beer and soda to the sailors from the crash boat was done masterfully by George and Jack who also finished the boats at the weather mark so we could have three long windward legs.

Back at the Club after the first day of racing a very well-organized sit-down chicken dinner was held and visiting sailors competed for the Jessie St. James Sea Cliff Yacht Club Party award.

Griff Hall decided he should win the party trophy on his 30th birthday, but there was close competition from Linda Dull,

Chris Snow and Meredith Adams. However, when the meek of heart chose bedtime it was Griff the Birthday Boy who walked away with the St. James Award.

The next day, with the sun shining and the wind again blasting out of the southwest, all 17 Snipes were on the starting line for the gun. Speaking of that gun, it went off after four minutes thanks to our trigger-happy committee boat owner, Herb Finn. The sailors didn't miss a beat and hit the line with the flag flying. Finn was awarded a shotgun shell for the Buck Fever Trophy.

Purdon went out Sunday AM and with his super crew, Linda Dull, took two firsts, doing a horizon job on this very competitive fleet. In the last race Jonathan Bartlett had to beat Purdon if he was to win the regatta. Thanks to some great fast sailing from Meredith Adams and her crew, John Pope, who finished first, Jon was given his chance. Purdon captured third place just in front of Bryan Dougherty and Bruce Paterson who tied for fifth in this final race.

The outcome was Bartlett first, Purdon second, Hall third, and a tie for fourth between Bruce Patterson and Bryan Dougherty. The tie was broken as Bruce beat Bryan three out of five races.

At the informal awards ceremonies Commodore John Dawson helped to hand out the trophies to the top five skippers and crews. A special note was made of the fine crewing job done by eight-year-old David Patterson who helped his father, Bruce, capture fourth place.

Many thanks to Tom Young and his magnificent race committee, the wives of the Snipe sailors, Rose Capuco and all the members of the Sea Cliff Yacht Club for hosting this spectacular regatta.

Jack Williams
Sea Cliff Fleet 4

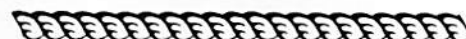
LONG ISLAND OPEN/CALL OF FALL REGATTA

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Fleet	Finishes	Points	Position
25761	Jonathan Bartlett/Alex Stout	SSA	1-1-4-5-2	12½	1
24615	Eric Purdon/Linda Dull	SSA	8-3-1-1-3	15½	2
23749	Griff Hall/Arthur Libby	SSA	3-2-5-2-7	19	3
24997	Bruce Patterson/David Patterson	Stamford	2-12-6-3-5	28	4
23554	Bryan Dougherty/Kris Meyers	SCYC	4-4-7-9-4	28	5
26099	Meredith Adams/John Pope	Newport	5-7-9-7-1	28¾	6
26004	Lee Griffith/Karla Griffith	Pine Beach	9-8-2-6-5	30	7
25949	Chris Snow/Cheryl Beck	SSA	11-5-11-4-9	40	8
25430	Chris Friend/Pam Pimental	Newport	10-6-8-10-8	42	9
9106	Irv Margulies/Sue Margulies	QYC	7-10-3-12-12	44	10
11536	Dan Grande/Alicia Grande	SCYC	6-13-13-14-11	57	11
23587	Dana Schnipper/Bill Shore	SCYC	DNS-DNS-10-8-10	60	12
18643	David Lawson/Jean Lawson	SCYC	13-9-12-15-14	63	13
23620	Ben Holse/Peter Martini	SCYC	12-15-15-13-13	68	14
25737	Bill Burtis/Bret Freebody	SCYC	14-14-16-11-DNF	73	15
24972	Jack Williams/Neil Hickey	SCYC	15-11-14-DNF-DNS	76	16
22174	Jim Freebody/Chris Sharma	SCYC	DNS-DNS-17-16-15	80	17



Back row, left to right: Bryan Dougherty, Griff Hall, Bruce Patterson, Eric Purdon, Jon Bartlett. Front row: Art Libby, Kris Meyer, Linda Dull, David Patterson, Ned Purdon, Alex Stout. Kneeling in front: Jack Williams.

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Suddaths Repeat as Van Wesley Winners

Steve and Connie Suddath of Lake Lanier Sailing Club Fleet 781 once again captured the Van Wesley Trophy, emblematic of the high point championship within District 4.

Steve and Connie, with consistent high scores in District regattas, including the Districts themselves, and a most impressive performance at the Nationals at which they won both the Crosby and Heinzerling, chalked up a record that could not be challenged.

Steve and Connie proved themselves once again as fast and able competitors and true sportsmen. They are a credit to the class, and an inspiration to all of us. Husband and wife teams can make it!



Connie and Steve Suddath received the Van Wesley Trophy.

Dematte and Roat 1984 Italian National Champions

Dematte and Roat representing the local Association Velica Trentina fleet were the best of the 51 boats entered in the 43rd Italian National Championship held June 19 through June 22, 1984, on Lake Caldonazzo, Trento, Italy. Five of the six scheduled races were completed in winds which ranged from 12 to 18 in the first race down to 6 to 10 in the finale.

Twelve fleets were represented.

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43RD ITALIAN NATIONALS

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Fleet	Finishes	Points	Position
25159	Dematte/Roat	A.V.T.	12-2-4-2-4	22	1
25149	Bari/Di Girolamo	A.V.T.	1-6-1-6-12	23.4	2
21943	Brezich/Penso	S.T.D.V.	7-9-3-3-1	24.4	3
24625	Bottagisio/Lise'	V.Y.C.	9-1-2-4-8	25	4
25154	Zaoli/Zaoli	Y.C.S.	10-5-10-1-RET	42	5
25562	Bernardis/Piazza	A.V.T.	28-3-7-10-9	49.7	6
25570	Huber/Huber	C.V.U.	YMP-4-26-9-2	54	7
22771	Casciaro/Calliari	A.V.L.C.	2-11-22-17-14	63	8
18617	Rossi/Arrighi	C.S.	18-15-32-7-3	63.7	9
23448	Zambonin/Zambonin	C.N.C.	6-24-6-8-28	67.4	10
25791	De Carolis/Parmeggiani	C.N.R.	29-10-8-2-4-6	71.4	11
25851	Godino-Breschi	C.V.L.S.	RET-17-15-18-5	78	12
20366	Ghirardini/Trafojer	A.V.L.C.	14-29-9-19-13	79	13
25141	Conelli/Parachine	C.V.M.V.	15-26-13-11-17	80	14
21942	Monteggia/Gaja	C.V.M.V.	15-26-13-11-17	80	15
25568	Masutti/Masutti	S.V.D.C.	5-22-RET-15-16	81	16
23568	J. Orlando/Cilli	Y.C.S.	23-14-18-5-24	83	17
23454	Zerbato/Zerbato	V.C.V.	8-7-12-35-35	86	18
25857	Morin/Baruffaldi	G.V.O.C.	4-12-30-RET-19	87	19
23454	J. DeMatte/Coser	A.V.T.	27-13-11-14-32	89	20
25789	Cescatti/Burlon	A.V.T.	11-35-25-38-11	106	21
23440	Perini/Monteverde	C.N.C.	13-21-29-25-23	106	22
22759	Zischg/Zischg	A.V.L.C.	3-31-41-27-25	106.7	23
24628	Bensa/Bansa	A.V.L.C.	19-34-28-31-7	109	24
22769	Armellini/Primon	A.V.T.	21-28-21-42-15	109	25
19809	Campari/Cerini	L.N.I.M.	25-30-19-12-30	110	26
19147	Bruni/Bruni	C.V.C.	17-32-17-DSQ-20	110	27
24174	Bassi/Baratieri	A.V.T.	26-19-24-22-22	111	28
25566	Primon/Martignoni	C.U.S.T.	20-27-20-20-DNS	111	29
22757	Borea/Rebussi	Y.C.S.	36-8-16-40-DNS	124	30
19146	Bragantini/Bragantini	C.N.B.	DSQ-16-33-43-10	126	31
22772	Zadra/Angeli	A.V.T.	16-23-35-33-40	131	32
25148	Valduga/Fanizza	A.V.T.	RET-43-14-26-36	143	33
22443	Lipani/Pagani	C.V.E.V.	32-39-37-32-18	143	34
24173	Nordio/Lunetta	C.N.C.	35-42-39-16-34	148	35
25567	Cecchieri/Cecchieri	C.N.D.S.	37-25-38-34-29	149	36
23443	J. Casciaro/Angeli	A.V.L.C.	RET-40-31-21-38	154	37
25787	Gallizioli/Bosisio	A.V.T.	38-41-23-41-33	159	38
20952	J. Ferrari/Valla	A.V.T.	RET-33-DSQ-23-31	163	39
21951	Agnisetta/Minazzi	C.V.M.O.	30-48-36-47-26	163	40
21941	Suttora/Sara	L.N.I.M.	RET-20-RET-45-27	168	41
25565	Lovato/Tessari	V.C.V.	RET-45-27-29-43	168	42
25139	Patrignani/Damasio	C.V.V.	33-44-44-30-39	170	43
24165	Beltrame/Sara	L.N.I.M.	34-38-40-37-41	173	44
25153	Olivari/Olivari	L.N.I.M.	RET-37-42-39-37	179	45
24164	J. Lucchi/Dematte'	A.V.T.	RET-47-43-28-42	184	46
9417	Trois/Valla	D.V.V.	31-36-DNS-44-DNS	187	47
25144	Menicaglia/Forassiepi	C.N.L.	22-50-DNS-RET-DNS	200	48
16442	Sandri/Paladini	C.S.	RET-46-34-46-DNS	202	49
25150	Lazzari/Lazzari	C.N.R.	DSQ-49-RET-36-44	205	50
25151	Longo/Calliari	A.V.L.C.	RET-DNS-RET-DNS-DNS	232	51



Redneck winners left to right, back: Steve Suddath, Means Davis, Jules Ivester, Fred Elliot, Guy Brierre. Front, left to right: Connie Suddath, Peggy Davis, Rebecca Ivester, Pete Fenner, Liz Merrifield.

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Suddaths Sweep Redneck Regatta

Steve and Connie Suddath led District 4 to victory over District 2 for the 1984 Redneck Interdistrict Championship, held on Ross Barnett Lake, Jackson, Mississippi.

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Start of the third race of the Redneck Interdistrict Regatta.

1984 REDNECK REGATTA Jackson, Mississippi

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Fleet	Finishes	Points	Position
24807	Steve Suddath/Connie Suddath	Lake Lanier	1-1-1	2 1/4	1
24264	Means Davis, Jr./Peggy Davis	Atlanta	3-2-6	11	2
25515	Peter Fenner/Fred Elliott	White Rock	4-4-3	11	3
19441	Jules Ivester/Rebecca Ivester	Ocean Springs	2-12-1	16	4
25071	Guy Brierre/Liz Merrifield	Singing River	9-3-5	17	5
20897	John McGowan/Diane McGowan	Jackson	6-10-4	20	6
25100	Woody Norwood/Scott Bowers	Atlanta	7-5-8	20	7
24605	Tarasa Davis/Pam Gore	Atlanta	5-9-11	25	8
25550	M. Van Walswinkle/M. Van Walswinkle	Houston	14-8-7	29	9
25852	Bill Trautman/Richard Trautman	Barefoot	10-11-13	34	10
21915	John Herlihy/John Herlihy, Jr.	Jackson	11-15-9	35	11
25234	Albert Lamar/Charlotte Lamar	Jackson	12-13-12	37	12
25070	Keith Crum/Mary Yarborough	Tulane	8-7-DNS	38	13
23172	Tut Campbell, Ruth Brodhead	Atlanta	15-16-10	41	14
25377	Scott Myers/Edie Yarborough	Tulane	13-6-DNS	42	15
16607	Nick Longworth/Nicky Longworth	Memphis	19-20-15	54	16
19267	Bill Parkhurst/Sue Parkhurst	Muscle Shoals	18-14-DNS	55	17
20262	Steffan Bilhofer/Web Colunis	Jackson	22-19-14	55	18
24142	Don Hackbarth/Derek Fernon	Atlanta	16-17-DNS	56	19
22412	John Downey/Bette Bilhofer	Jackson	20-21-16	57	20
22468	Earl Bennett/Damon Jones	Memphis	17-18-DNS	58	21
16700	Deese Ryan/Mike Cimbalo	Memphis	21-22-DNS	66	22



Winners: Steve and Connie Suddath.

David Pritchard Wins Battle of Atlanta

The third Annual Battle of Atlanta was hosted by Lake Lanier Sailing Club on beautiful Lake Lanier, GA, September 29 and 30. A light turnout of only 31 boats enjoyed unseasonably warm weather with good sailing conditions. David Pritchard, LLYC, placed first; Shawn Burke, LLYC, placed second; and Matt Gregory, PYC, placed third.

The first race was a modified Olympic course in 5 to 7 knots of wind. Tut Campbell, AYC, led at the weather mark and was never passed. Dave Pritchard was second and Brent McKenzie was third.

The second race was sailed on the same course with a slight increase in wind strength. Brent McKenzie broke out with a comfortable lead and went on to win this race. Shawn Burke was second and Dave Pritchard third.

The final race Saturday was held in a dying breeze. Shawn Burke was first, putting him second overall. Brent McKenzie got fourth this race by giving him 7½ points — first going to the party. Dave placed sixth in the third race, making him third overall.

Everyone enjoyed two kegs of beer and a steak dinner Saturday night. Some serious dancing and telling of war stories was done by all.

Sunday morning came too early for most, but the majority made it out despite the rain and light air. Dave Pritchard won both races Sunday morning and was first overall with 12½ points, followed closely by Shawn Burke with 13½, and third was Matt Gregory with 26 points.

*Tom Smith
Lake Lanier Fleet 781*

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BATTLE OF ATLANTA (TOP 20 OF 30 BOATS)

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Fleet	Finishes	Points	Position
25730	David Pritchard	Lake Lanier	2-3-6-1-1	12½	1
24807	Shawn Burke	Lake Lanier	7-2-1-2-2	13½	2
26026	Matt Gregory	Privateer	8-7-5-3-3	26	3
25840	Brent McKenzie	Lake Lanier	3-1-4-17-4	28½	4
23272	Tut Campbell	Atlanta	1-4-9-6-13	32½	5
25007	Tom Smith	Lake Lanier	4-5-12-8-6	35	6
24676	Jesse Coburn	Lake Lanier	16-6-2-10-8	42	7
25371	John Adams	Lake Lanier	10-10-7-4-16	47	8
24774	Martin Zonenberg	Lake Lanier	12-11-11-12-5	51	9
24122	Bill Hooper	Atlanta	13-12-13-13-12	63	10
23663	Skip Remter	Atlanta	18-9-16-14-9	66	11
17227	John Graman	Barefoot	6-17-23-11-14	71	12
24791	Bob Kwasha	Lake Lanier	21-20-18-7-7	73	13
25872	Paul Gillis	Atlanta	11-22-15-19-10	77	14
16115	Joe Fernon	Atlanta	20-18-26-5-15	84	15
24142	Don Hackbarth	Atlanta	23-24-17-15-11	90	16
25852	Bill Troutman	Barefoot	15-16-21-9-NS	92	17
20580	Dave Lark	Lake Lanier	5-14-14-NS-NS	95	18T
25406	Bill Lynn	Atlanta	17-8-8-NS-NS	95	18T
20848	Bill Simons	Privateer	14-19-3-NS-NS	98	20

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APRIL 27-28, SNIPE HUNT, Atlanta Barefoot Fleet 726, John F. Freeman, 1787 Ridgewood Dr. NE, Atlanta, GA 30307.

MAY 11-12, SOUTHERN SNIPE CHAMPIONSHIP, Privateer Fleet 142, Bill Walton, 1409 Winding Way, Chattanooga, TN 37405. (615) 267-0337.

MAY 11-12, BLUE CIRCLE INTERNATIONAL/JUK JUNIOR NATIONALS, Blue Circle, Kent, John Broughton, 24 Empress Dr., Chislehurst, Kent, BR7 5BD England.

MAY 18-19, SILVER SNIPE, Motala, Sweden, Tomas Franzen, Skrivnagen 17, 122 44 Enskede, Sweden.

JUNE 15-16, STONE INTERNATIONAL, Stone SC, Essex, John Broughton, 24 Empress Dr., Chislehurst, Kent, BR7 5BD England.

JULY 12-14, U.K. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP, Sheppey Yacht Club, Isle of Sheppey, Kent, John Broughton, 24 Empress Dr., Chislehurst, Kent BR7 5BD, England.

JULY 25-28, SWEDISH NATIONALS, Helsingborg, Tomas Franzen, Skrivnagen 17, 122 44 Enskede, Sweden.

AUGUST 2-4, NORDIC OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP, Oslo, Norway, Birger Jansen, Skoveien 51 C, 1320 Stabekk, Norway.

AUGUST 3-4, BROADSTAIRS OPEN, Broadstairs, Kent, John Broughton, 24 Empress Dr., Chislehurst, Kent, BR7 5BD England.

AUGUST 10-11, U.S. JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP, Detroit River Fleet 5 and District III, Lake St. Clair, MI, Leigh Savage, 22608 Alger, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080.

AUGUST 12-16, U.S. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP, Detroit River Fleet 5 and District III, Lake St. Clair, MI, Leigh Savage, 22605 Alger, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080.

AUGUST 31-SEPTEMBER 1, UK SOUTHEAST CHAMPIONSHIP, Malson YC, Essex, John Broughton, 24 Empress Dr., Chislehurst, Kent, BR7 5BD England.

SEPTEMBER 14-15, UK NORTHWEST CHAMPIONSHIP, Budworth SC, Essex, John Broughton, 24 Empress Dr., Chislehurst, Kent, BR7 5BD England.

SEPTEMBER 19-21, NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP, Annapolis Fleet 532, Phil Richmond, 142 Monticello Ave., Annapolis, MD 21401.

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