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AROUND THE SNIPE WORLD

USSR: Excerpts from a letter to Burt Eaton from Alexei Fomin, new SCIRA USSR National Secretary:

"Your materials on Snipe measurement and construction have been translated and will be of real help to Leningrad constructors in building a high-class fiberglass boat. This work is expected to be finished by May, 1991...I should mention that the situation in my country is far from being favorable. Still there are some positive factors. The official registration of the Snipe Class Association will take one to two months...There is still one problem. We do not have the necessary currency for joining SCIRA and for the Soviet yachtsmen to participate in SCIRA races. In case our idea of the barter exchange and sale of our Snipes in Europe is a success this problem will be solved. We are able to build the high-quality boats, trailers, centerboards, rudders and halyards. We have already got the preliminary agreements with producers...I am sure that the commercial interest of the European firms in the Soviet Snipes will contribute to their popularity in the USSR...I am happy to tell you that in the New Year I will start to publish the magazine "Yacht Club" with much space for the publicity of the Snipe. By the way, you can reach me via Fax at 2002215. Sincerely Yours, Alexei Fomin.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: Excerpts from a letter from Sr. Hector B. Duval, President of the Federacion Dominicana de Yatismo:

"We feel very excited about the idea of starting, with your support, an official Snipe fleet in the Dominican Republic. We currently have Snipe sailors as the Snipe has been in our country since 1974, when the 12th Central American and Caribbean Games were held in our country...I also inform you that during the recently finished Central American and Caribbean games held in Mexico, all regional National Authorites Presidents agreed that the Snipe Class will sail in the 1993 Games, which will be sailed in Puerto Rico, giving us wide chances to reinforce our regional fleet.

"We need SCIRA's help with getting started with building fiberglass boats and information to help our sailors participate in regional regattas.

"With my very best regards, Hector B. Duval, President"

USA: ATTENTION JUNIORS! Joni Palmer is developing a database of all the Junior Sailing Programs in the U.S. Included are: Active Junior sailing program directors, advisors, parents, volunteers, and juniors. Please send the following information to Joni: First and last name of person, full address, including zip code, home, business, and Fax telephone numbers, yacht club or sailing organization name, USYRU area (A,B,C, etc.), your club's YRA, Junior Yacht Racing Association involvement (if any) and your affiliation with junior sailing, i.e. Coach, Program Director, Parent, etc.

Please mail to Joni Palmer, 4900 Hayden Run Road, Columbus, OH 43221.

USA: Distict Four has a new district-wide High Point Competition which will determine a high point champion. Trophies will be awarded to the top five skippers. The annual competition is open to all SCIRA and D-4 members and has a built-in incentive for attendance at sanctioned regattas that have been poorly attended or at nonsanctioned regattas that are of possible importance to the District or where Snipers might travel for promotional purposes. For the 1991-1992 scoring period the following "designated" regattas are included in the scoring: The 1991 Red Lobster Cup, The 1992 Commodore Rasco, The 1992 First Coast Championship, Jacksonville, FL, and the 1992 Race for Space

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MARCH 1991

THE COVER: Lucas and Augie Diaz lead the fleet at St. Pete's Dead of Winter Regatta. Dennis Kelly photo.

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NORWAY'S NYGARD IS ELECTED TO BOARD

A fifteen-year Sniper, Norway's Ola Nygard joins the Board as the Secretary for Northern Europe. He first sailed Snipes with his brother, Amund, and they participated in local and National regattas. Ola's first International regatta was the 1982 Europeans in Italy, where he crewed with Birger Jansen. They finished 11th.

Ola has sailed in every Europeans since, including the 1990 Championship where he was 9th, and the top Norwegian boat. He also sailed in the 1989 Karatsu Worlds.

A certified sailing instructor who enjoys working with juniors, he finds time for official duties as well. He has served on the Board of his local Yacht Club for five years, and has been an officer in Fana Snipe Club, Fleet 676, for ten years.

When he's not busy sailing his Snipe, Ola is a lawyer/legal adviser in Norway's Royal Department of Agriculture.



Ola Nygard

ARGENTINA'S MACCALL— VICE-SECRETARY OF WESTERN HEMISPHERE

John MacCall is well-known for his winning ways in the Snipe. Consider his International record in the period from 1980: John won the Western Hemisphere Championships in 1984, and was fourth in 1986. In the Worlds he was fifth in 1981, fifth in 1983, second in 1985, and 16th in 1987. Ouite a record!

John is also a hard worker for the Snipe Class; his most recent accomplishment was serving as the Chairman for the 1990 Western Hemispheres at Club Nautico Olivos, in Argentina.

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LETTERS

The former Secretary of the Western Hemisphere, Mr. Id Crook, asked that we run the following letter:

Club Nautico Olivos was the site of the 1990 Western Hemisphere Championship. As a host they were super friendly and the hospitality was great! Races were run on time and the race management by Pedro Sisti could not be faulted. Unfortunately there were only 12 boats, and it is rather disappointing to go to the large expense of hosting this regatta for such a small turnout. I was personally embarrassed when my own country (Canada) did not participate.

John MacCall was a one-man army organizing all items from accommodations to money changing. He will be a great addition to the SCIRA Board of Governors.

Snipe sailing is alive and well in South America and one look at the Western results shows that the rest of us have some catching up to do on the race course.

I believe that the suggested revisions to the format of the Westerns (Increased number of qualifiers, *Snipe Bulletin*, Feb. 1991, page 10) will revitalize this event which is in need of a good shot in the arm. The Board should take a good look at the revisions.

It has been my great pleasure to serve on the SCIRA Board and I hope some contributions have been made. The Western Hemisphere is now in good hands with Luis A. Carluccio of Uruguay as Secretary and John MacCall of Argentina as Vice-Secretary. We look forward to seeing you all in the Bahamas for the 1992 Westerns! Signed: Id Crook.

I am the registered owner of Snipe #14847 and have been a member of SCIRA for a couple of years while I have been restoring "Tangerine" to her former glory.

I have been meaning to write for many months but kept silent because I hoped that what I was seeing was going to be a temporary thing. I am referring to the lack of attention to Snipes by the *Bulletin* and to the constant attention being paid to race results and races all over the world complete with boring pictures of skippers and crews receiving awards in some far-away regatta...I would much rather look forward to getting the *Bulletin* with the hope that I might find some bit of information that I might use in my attempts at sailing the

boat with more success or pleasure.

The most recent issue (January) was the crowning blow and indicative of how unimportant the boat has become to the *Bulletin* when the editors (sic) chose to put a picture of Commodore Means Davis on the cover instead of a picture of a Snipe. I'm sure that Means is a great guy but I joined the Association so that I could find out more about Snipes and I can't care less what the Commodore looks like.

The Snipe is a great boat but that isn't enough. The main emphasis must be the people and the enjoyment of sailing the boat. We must get new people into our boats and show them how much fun it can be.

The "hotshots" of the fleets have got to take some of the less skilled members out on the water and show them the tricks and make them know that they are an important part of SCIRA!

The Bulletin must become our link to the mass of knowledge our members have accumulated. Let's get it turned around and headed in the right direction before it's too late!

Sincerely, Ralph Umbertis, Ft. Bragg, California

Editor's reply: I agree with you, Ralph! The hardest part of my job (as the one and only Editor) is finding a balance of topics that will be of interest to each of our readers. Snipe owners have a wide range of interests, so we must consider the racers, the novices, the pleasure sailors, and the wooden boat crowd. Sixteen pages each month is not much space to fit all of this into, but we continue to try.

The bottom line, and this has been repeatedly stated by each of my predecessors, is that it is the Snipe Class International RACING Association, so when push comes to shove, we must include regatta results. Now, as far as the Commodore's cover photo, that's tradition. Besides, everyone in Means' family thought it was great!

To Mr. Dan Williams, Chairman SCIRA Rules Committee.

Dear Dan.

I recently had an experience with my Snipe #24109 that I would like to share with you and the SCIRA Board.

On December 8, 1990, the Coral Reef Yacht Club held their Annual Regatta. A front was moving through and at the start the winds were about 20 knots. I had just started the race when I heard a loud metal snap. The rig went loose and I realized that the swaged fitting on my jib luff wire had snapped.

With little effort my crew soon had my hankless jib in the cockpit without having to go onto the foredeck. In a second we were heading home, upwind, without the jib, hitting 2 and 3 foot waves with our rig holding up beautifully. We sailed the three to four miles safely. I am sure that we could not have managed this wind and wave action had we not converted our boat to the functional jibstay and removed the jib hanks, as allowed under the Test Program, and as outlined in the Proposed Rules Changes for 1992.

I feel that had it not been for my shortened forestay I would have at minimum lost my mast. No hanks is a must if you want to be able to release the jib halyard for the downwind legs, but more important, the crew, in high seas, can bring the jib down and into the cockpit without having to go forward onto the deck.

The safety factor must be seriously considered as the Board of Governors prepares to vote on this matter.

Best regards, Dick Slosar, Islamorada, Florida

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PROPOSED RULES CHANGES FOR JANUARY 1, 1992

By Dan Williams, Chairman, Rules Committee

Once every four years, it is the Rules Committee Chairman's unenviable task to gather up the various proposed Rules changes that have accumulated over the previous four years, write up a set of Proposed Rules Changes, and ask for comment from the general membership. The comments will be sent to the members of the Rules Committee, who will then make a final recommendation to the World Board of Governors meeting at the World Championships in Norway, in August of 1991.

So here goes for the 1992 Proposed Rules Changes. Please note that these Proposed Changes, if approved, would apply only to new boats made after Jan. 1, 1992, unless otherwise noted.

RULE 8: The new IYRU Instructions to Class Measurers, effective March 1, 1990, states: In a One Design Class, everything that is not actually stated as permitted shall be regarded as prohibited. This statement is all right for those One Design Classes with only one or two builders worldwide.

In our Class, with ten or twelve builders worldwide and a sixty-year accumulation of gadgets and strings to pull, I think it would take a major rewrite of our Rules in order to comply with the IYRU statement. If you read our Rule 8 in its entirety, it is a very strong statement that I think has served our purposes well. It has been suggested that we need to stiffen up this Rule, but I think we should leave it alone.

RULE 8.14: Add a sentence: Pole launcher and retractor systems using shock cord retractors are allowed.: APPLY TO ALL BOATS.

RULE 8.15: Rewrite as follows: Carbon or aramid fibers are not to be used in the hull construction of the boat. Aramid fiber lines may only be used in the running rigging. Micro-grooved film is not to be used. APPLY TO ALL BOATS.

RULE 32: In the second paragraph, change the second sentence to: Rudders

must be mounted essentially parallel to the transom. APPLY TO ALL BOATS.

RULE 32: In the second paragraph, final sentence: It has been proposed that the tiller be weighed with the rudder to a new higher minimum weight than the present 6 lb. (2.72 kg) minimum weight of the rudder alone. The reasoning for this change is that some skippers use a bolted connection between the tiller and rudder. This connection becomes quite corroded in seawater and difficult to disassemble for weighing the rudder alone. My feeling is that we are better off leaving this part of the rule alone. I don't see the need to rewrite the rules just to accommodate a few skippers, but I'm open to suggestions on this matter.

RULE 37: The metric equivalent dimension to 1-1/4" is 31.8 mm., not 38.1 mm. Also add a sentence: Any taper in the mast above the stay intersection shall be essentially a uniform taper. APPLY TO ALL BOATS.

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RULE 41: Under the prodding of the SCIRA U.S. Long Range Planning Committee, the Rules Committee collected data on the location of the shroud, jibstay, and jib halyard intersections on ten current production boats worldwide. We found that out of a total of 30 possible dimensions (10 boats x 3 measurements), all but seven fell between a range of 14'8 and 10'0 and all but nine fell between a range of 14'9 and 15 '0. Therefore the Rules Committee proposes to rewrite Rule 41 as follows: The shroud, jibstay, and jib halyard intersections with the surface of the mast shall be between 14'9 (4496 mm) and 15'0 (4572 mm) above the sheer. See sketch on Measurement Data Sheet (MDS) for method of determining the intersections.

If we adopt this change we will no longer worry, on new boats, about shroud and jib halyard intersections versus jibstay intersection, only that all three intersections fall in the given range. We would also need to change the note on the MDS.

RULE 48: The Rules Committee proposes that the following new second and third sentences be used: The jibstay must be all metal, 3/32 inches (2.4 mm) minimum diameter, either wire of rod, and must be fastened to a tang or other deck fitting. Its length shall be such that when all three stays are hooked up and the mast pusher-puller is off, the mast will only move 1-1/2 inches (38.1 mm) at the deck.

The two new sentences incorporate part of the Shortened jibstay and No Jib Hanks Test Program that has been underway since August, 1989. The other part of this Program is in a proposed change to Rule 72. The Rules Committee would like to hear from all skippers who have been participating in this program. APPLY TO ALL BOATS.

RULE 51: In the Circular Letter dated October, 1990, the Rules Committee allowed boats that had a pole launcher system that was not easily removed to weigh in a 384

lbs. (174.2 kg.) minimum. This was a temporary measure until the subject could be more permanently addressed in the Proposed Rules Changes. As I see it, we have three options: 1. Continue to weigh some boats at 381 lbs. (172.8 kg) and others at 384 lbs (174.2 kg). This is the most troublesome to carry out. 2. Weigh all boats at 384 lbs and include a whisker pole in all weighing. This is the easiest option. 3. Weigh all boats at 381 lbs. and still include a whisker pole in all weighing. This option is in effect a WEIGHT REDUCTION! APPLY TO ALL BOATS.

RULE 58: There has been much discussion about the role of anchors (and paddles) in current Snipe racing. Some of the new hulls do not have much, if any, cockpit storage space, and anchors (and paddles) tend to get in the way. Also, a 50 foot (15.2 m.) anchor line isn't much good in 200 ft. (60.8 m.) of water, and a 4 lb. (1.8 kg.) anchor does not have much holding power. The Snipe's designer, Bill Crosby, would find all of this disconcerting because he used to carry a 30 lb. (14 kg.) anchor in his Snipe.

The SCIRA Legal Counsel, Paul Festersen, believes that the best course would be no change in our requirements. He also feels that the Class would have some serious legal liability exposure if we make anchors (and/or paddles) optional. He thinks that if we do make a change, it would be better to eliminate them, not make them optional. If we do retain anchors, we will change the final sentence of this Rule to read: A suitable anchor, with flukes or hooks, and a minimum weight of 4 lb. (1.8 kg.) must be carried with 50 feet (15.2 m.) of suitable line. AP-PLY TO ALL BOATS. Additional note: In any case, we should probably delete the second part of the second sentence beginning with: and race committees may...

RULE 59: Rewrite the first sentence as follows: There shall be no advertising mat-

ter whatsoever in or on any boat or its sails. This incorporates the contents of Circular Letter dated October 25, 1990. APPLY TO ALL BOATS.

RULE 65: The Class has had a Mylar jib test program going since August, 1989. So far, there has not been much feedback to the Rules Committee on this program. We will be gathering more information this coming Spring to make a recommendation to the Board. If we do decide to allow Mylar jib cloth, it would probably be as an optional material and subject to the same minimum weight of 3 oz. per square yard (101.7 gr. per sq.m.) as our current sail-cloth. APPLY TO ALL BOATS

RULE 72: The Shortened Jibstay and No Jib Hanks Test Program proposed making jib hanks optional. Therefore, if the shortened jib stay is adopted (in Rule 48), this Rule could be rewritten as follows: Jib hanks shall be optional. If used, there shall be a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 10 hanks, one at each end of the luff and the others evenly spaced between them. Jibs may be sheeted inside of outside the shrouds. No battens or headboards allowed in the jib. If glove fasteners...at the head. APPLY TO ALL BOATS.

MEASUREMENT DATA SHEET: Add a 1/2 in. (12.7 mm) maximum radius note to the sheer radius sketch in the lower right hand corner. Also, change the stay intersection-with-mast note to agree with any changes in Rule 41.

This is all of the Proposed Rule Changes for 1992 that the Rules Committee is currently aware of. We invite your thoughtful comments and any additional Proposed Changes that you think should be considered for 1992.

Happy Sailing. Dan N. Williams, Chairman, SCIRA Rules Committee.

PROPOSED RULE BOOK CHANGES FOR THE 1992-96 SCIRA RULE BOOK

by Pete Fenner-Past Commodore

RULES FOR CONDUCTING NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA (Currently Page 94)

1. Race Courses [Change the first sentence of (a) to read:] (a) All courses shall (replace will) be either Olympic triangle-

windward-leeward-windward or 2-1/3 laps of a triangle with all marks left to port as shown in the accompanying diagram—Required Championship Course and Starting Line.

[REASON: The clear history and intent of SCIRA is to run similar port courses around the world. The IYRU rules state

that the word "shall" is mandatory and other words are permissive (will is not defined by IYRU.) At the 1990 European, Junior Worlds, and World Masters the race committee ran starboard Olympic courses. The jury decided (informally—there was no protest) that the current SCIRA wording combined with various

paragraphs in the IYRU rules do not prohibit a starboard course. By changing "will" to "shall" and specifically stating a port course, I hope to clarify our desire to have port courses.]

[Add a new paragraph number 14: 14. Regattas Using Borrowed or Chartered Boat. In SCIRA events where the competitors are required to use chartered or borrowed boats, the intent is to make the equipment used in the event as equal as possible and not to prejudice any competitor for the failure of borrowed or chartered equipment. In the event of a failure of this equipment:

- (a) The organizing committee and race committee of the regatta shall provide the crew using the failed equipment with opportunity for effective repair. If the equipment breaks down before or during a race in the regatta, then the crew shall be provided with every possible avenue for redress available under IYRU rules.
- (b) The jury hearing a request for redress shall interpret a failure to be beyond the fault and control of the crew experiencing the failure unless specific evidence is found which shows the crew to be at fault.

[REASON: Our current rules do not address borrowed boat regattas. At the Junior World Championships, the Interna tional jury took the position that breakdowns, particularly in the first race, were being caused intentionally by the competitors. This attitude was fostered by the equipment chairman who own boat broke, and he felt that "it had not broken in 10 years" so they must have "used it wrong" or intentionally broken the equipment. As a close observer of the event, it became apparent to me and most of the competitors that these early breakdowns were on boats not as well prepared or maintained as the 18 new boats also used in the event. Still the jury, only one of which was (and is) a Snipe sailor, maintained that the earlier incidents did not deserve redress. This left a bad impression on several competitors and possibly changed the results of the regatta.]

PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE CONSTITUTION FOR THE 1992-96 RULE BOOK

[Add a Section 33 to the Constitution to read:]

Section 33. IYRU Representative. The

Board of Governors shall nominate and elect an official representative of the Snipe Class to the International Yacht Racing Union-IYRU-general meeting and International Classes Committee. The IYRU Representative shall be elected in "Rule Book revision years" and serve a term of four years. Such representative shall be either the Commodore or a Past Commodore of SCIRA at the time of his or her election. Candidates for the position of IYRU Representative shall be willing and able to attend the major IYRU annual meeting in each of the four years of his term. The IYRU Representative shall make a written report to the Commodore, SCIRA Board, and all National Secretaries within 60 days following each IYRU meeting. Such report shall identifying all issues pertinent to SCIRA or any SCIRA Country. The IYRU Representative shall have one vote on the Board of Governors. In the event the IYRU Representative is unable to attend an IYRU annual meeting, the Commodore or other Flag Officer shall represent the Class at that meeting.

[In addition I propose the following Board Resolution in support of the IYRU Representative:]

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[REASON: In my travels as a SCIRA Flag Officer, I have come to see that the IYRU is very important to SCIRA and our long term success. With the coming of professionals to sailing and an "open" Olympics, amateur sailing gains added importance as the training ground for these professionals. In addition, the national sailing federations like the USYRU as well as the IYRU are gaining considerable importance and power as the governing bodies of both amateur and professional sailing (at least in the Olympics). The Snipe Class has always been restricted to amateur sailors, and we plan to continue

that status. However, as a sailboat for amateur racers, the class is at a disadvantage in attracting commercial funding compared with the more visible Olympic and Professional classes.

While our strong class organization is a bulwark against being exploited by the professional aspects of the sport and the nationalism of the federations; we must establish effective, long-term representation to the IYRU to protect our position as well as put forth our own ideas.

The International Classes Committee of the IYRU is working to effectively counter-balance the long term desires of the National Sailing Federations who are the main voting members of IYRU. (IYRU is a union of National Federations.) The Classes Committee recognizes the importance of a long term representative in influencing the policies and rules of the IYRU. That body recommended to the International Classes that they elect Presidents or representatives to IYRU to four-year terms.

Our Commodore or a Flag Officer would certainly be our best representative since he (or she) is perceived as truly speaking for the class. However, in any organization which officially meets only once per year, it requires the same representative attend several meeting in succes-

sive years to build the contacts and cooperation necessary to be effective. Unfortunately, our Commodore only serves for one year and I do not favor lengthening that term. Therefore, I have proposed a new Board position of IYRU Representative to be filled by a Commodore or Past Commodore of the class. This new officer would have the responsibility of representing the Board of Governors and the Commodore at to the IYRU, attending IYRU meetings, and reporting issues key to SCIRA to the board and National Secretaries

To both emphasize the importance of having a high ranking representative at the IYRU annual meetings and assist in gaining the long term commitment the representative desired by the SCIRA Board, I have proposed that SCIRA International pay a portion of the representatives actual expenses for attending the meeting.

Gentlemen, the "rules of the game" are changing both on the water and, more importantly, off the water. We need to secure ourselves an effective seat in the rules making body so that the new rules do not preclude our continued existence. I believe this new position would be very helpful in protecting our long term best interests.]

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FIRST WIN FOR LUCAS IN ST. PETE'S DEAD OF WINTER

Lucas Diaz and his crew/dad, Augie, had a big problem at the start of the final race in the 1991 Dead of Winter regatta: They were over-early! To make matters worse, the boat that they had to stay close to, skippered by John Jennings with crew Kim Ross, had another commanding lead.

Lucas and Augie started the regatta with a bullet in Race #1, while Jennings and Ross were struggling to find some speed in the moderate conditions. Meanwhile, Snipe newcomer and Brown University AllAmerican Mike Zani and crew, Bradford Gibbs, were having few problems, and sailed to a second. Ethan and Trudi Bixby were third. Meanwhile, Jennings and Ross could do no better than seventh.

It was a different story in races two and three. Jennings and Ross were fast...and smart! They took two bullets, and on one occasion they passed Lucas and Augie downwind.

The surprise in race two was the performance of new District Four Governor, Don Hackbarth and crew, Vicki Nyshay. Many D-4 veterans remember the time when being behind Don was a signal to start

thinking about dropping out . That is no longer true, and it's concrete evidence of two factors, the first being the benefit of the hard work that Atlanta Yacht Club Fleet 330's members have put into getting their "novice" sailors up to speed, and, more importantly, Don's dogged perseverance. On rare occasions in the past, Don would find himself near the front, only to drop back rapidly. In DOW race #2, he rounded the weather mark in first and was able to hold on for a fourth. This may not seem like a big thing to many Snipers, but for Don this was a real accomplishment.

Saturday night's dinner-party at the St. Pete Yacht Club was a big success. Just ask Terry McSweeney and John Hill, who were winners of new sails donated by Fisher and North. The evening broke up early as RC Chairman Dick Funsch had set an early start for Sunday morning.

The regatta was decided in the final fifty yards of the final race. Jennings and Ross would win the finale, meaning that Lucas and Augie, who had worked and worked to get into fifth place, needed a fourth to win. The boat that they had to pass was Hal Gilreath, with crew, Tom Payne. With 200 yards to go, Lucas crossed about three boatlengths behind, continued on for a bit and then tacked. He dropped down a bit, footing for more speed, and in a few minutes he was past, into fourth place, and into the record books as the winner of his first (probably of many!) major Snipe regatta.

Something new was added this year: a "B" fleet, and it seemed to be successful as seven teams signed up. It was another son/father victory, as St. Pete's Matt Gauthier, with dad, Ray, crewing, took a narrow one-point win over Bryant Carpenter and Nick Carper.

It was another successful Dead of Winter for Fleet 801. The weather was great, especially when you consider years past, and the hard work paid off with 42 boats on the line. After the trophies were awarded, SCIRA Executive Director Tom Payne surprised retiring Fleet Captain Bill Welch with an official SCIRA flag in appreciation for all that he and wife, Sherry, have done to promote Snipes in the St. Pete area, and in recognition of their leadership role in making the Dead of Winter Regatta one of the major events on the U.S. Snipe calendar.

DEAD OF WINTER REGATTA January 5 & 6, 1991 St. Petersburg Yacht Club

"A" Fleet-Top fifteen of thirty-five

Finish	Skipper/Crew	Fleet	Places	Points
1	Lucas/Augie Diaz	Miami	1-2-2-4	8.75
2	John Jennings/Kim Ross	St. Pete	7-1-1-1	9.25
3	Mike Zani/Bradford Gibbs	Brown Univ.	2-5-5-2	14.00
4	Ethan/Trudi Bixby	St. Pete	3-3-9-6	21.00
5	Hal Gilreath/Tom Payne	Annapolis	8-7-7-5	27.00
6	Mike/Libby Toppa	St. Pete	4-6-6-14	30.00
7	Bill Buckles/Tommy Gonzalez	Cleveland	10-14-4-7	35.00
8	Jim Karalekas/Greg Enos	Miami	6-9-11-9	35.00
9	Mike Funsch/Phil Casesa	St. Pete	9-10-13-3	35.00
10	Mike Pinckney/Dave Archer	Charleston	5-8-18-8	39.00
11	Ian Brown/Nigel Cochran	Canada	14-13-3-10	40.00
12	Keith/Betsy Crum	Clearwater	12-12-12-12	48.00
13	Will Glen/Guillo Clinton	FSU	22-11-8-13	54.00
14	Ray Schmit/Teresa Alexander	Narragansett Bay	13-20-10-25	68.00
15	Ken/Kay Voss	Miami	16-19-17-17	69.00
	"B" Fle	et-Seven boats		
1	Matt/Ray Gauthier	St. Pete	27-31-29-35	122.00
2	Bryant Carpenter/Nick Carper	Atlanta	34-32-25-32	123.00
3	Bill/Tennessee Watson	Annapolis	35-38-35-38	146.00
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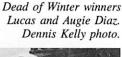
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Happy trophy winners at the 1991 Dead of Winter Regatta. Dennis Kelly photo.

COMMETTE AND SUDDATH SPOOK HALLOWEEN REGATTA

On October 27th and 28th the 1990 Halloween Regatta was held on Lake Alatoona at Atlanta Yacht Club. This year the Friday night chili party was quite a success with some groups partying until past midnight. The children's party, organized by Craig and Sannie Jones was enjoyed by all of the Ninja turtles and other trick-or-treaters!

Juniors from AYC and PYC gathered Saturday morning for a race run by John Muhlhausen and Don Hackbarth. The competition was fierce and the winner was AYC's Scott McCormack with crew, Jennifer Tumlin.

The first race of the afternoon was sailed in conditions that tested the light wind skills of all the sailors. Tarasa Davis and crew, Laurie Remter from AYC, did us all proud by winning the first race in their fleet, while Hoover's Greg Fisher, with four-year-old daughter Martha crewing took top honors in the other fleet.

After the race everyone went to the docks to visit and wait for more wind. Finally it did fill in for a while, and another race was started. It turned out to be a good test of everyone's drifting skills as Peter Commette and Connie Suddath and Steve Burke and Tracy Taylor to the wins in the two fleets.

Meanwhile, in the Goblin Fleet, it was Ken and Lyn Haney from AYC who showed their skill and knowledge of Lake Alatoona by winning the first race and skillfully drifting to a second in the second. Bill and Tennessee Watson, now living in Birmingham, Alabama, after moving from Annapolis, showed us their light-air skills by taking a win in the second Goblin race.

The slow going meant that the regatta was running an hour behind schedule but everyone managed to get cleaned up to enjoy the hors d'oeuvres organized by Marianne Hackbarth and provided by AYC memHalloween "Goblin Fleet" winners: Ken, Lyn (and future Spook skipper) Haney, Tennessee and Bill Watson, and Jim and Jay Howell. R. Plunkett photo.





Halloween "Spook Fleet" winners. Too numerous to name! Russell Plunkett photo.

HALLOWEEN REGATTA Atlanta Yacht Club Top thirty of fifty-six boats

bers. The next order of business was a barbecue dinner and then it was time to party to the live band, Natural Fax, and time for the costumes! Among those spotted were Abraham Lincoln, Barbara and George Bush, the Statue of Liberty, the black-eyed pea, skeletons, kudzu monsters, a pair of onions, the Flintstones complete with Bam-Bam, witches, and all manner of ghouls, ghosts, and goblins. (Eds. note: and one particularly ugly woman!)

Sunday morning's race was beautiful, with winds blowing 10 and gusting to 12...what a welcome change from Saturday! This made for some great sailing, with Peter Commette and Connie Suddath taking top honors in the Spooks and Bill and Tennessee Watson winning the Goblins. Ten trophies were awarded in Spooks, three to Goblins, and three to the Juniors. The top placing Junior was Chad Headlee from Lake Lanier and the top Master was AYC's Woody Norwood.

Along with the usual trophies are the special awards organized by Don Hackbarth. Some examples are the strip award, loudest skipper, long distance, party, largest fleet, take back that race, port tack and battered crew awards, just to name a few. Hot buttered rum and cider, made by Jill Stang and Susan Pettigrew, were served in souvenir mugs after the Sunday races and during the trophy presentation.

So you see, the Halloween Regatta is about racing Snipes, but we also party a lot and visit with our old friends and make new ones, too. So in closing, all of us at AYC say: "Ya'll come back next year!"

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2	Shawn Burke/Jillian Pritchard	Lake Lanier	2-4-7	13.00
3	Tarasa Davis/Laurie Remter	Atlanta	1-8-6	14.75
4	Woody Norwood/Carolyn Marks	Atlanta	5-2-8	15.00
5	Hal Gilreath/Nancy Green	Annapolis	7-6-5	18.00
6	Mike Pinckney/Polk Wagner	Charleston	14-3-3	20.00
7	Steve Burke/Tracy Taylor	Lake Lanier	16-1-4	20.75
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9	Buzz Heausler/David Clements	Clearwater	13-9-1	22.75
10	Pete Duvoisin/Jeff	Privateer	9-4-10	23.00
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30	Don/Jay Pettigrew	Atlanta	20-7-19	46.00
		IN FLEET		
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