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From the Commodore

This March 1996 issue is a special Bulletin issue. Inside you will find a poster with a short slogan from each national secretary in his own language. The intent, of course, is to promote our boat and therefore you can receive supplementary poster copies from the SCIRA office. This advertising needs to circulate as much as possible to reach sailors that actually do not sail Snipes, as we strongly desire to enlarge the number of our associates.

Available on the market today are many dinghies, with aggressive advertising; to survive, or better, to improve our position, we too have to promote our main strengths. Promotion should be directed to new but also to past Snipe sailors, as many people cannot imagine how our boat is today. New bottom shape, self bailing cockpit, aluminum bending masts and smaller aluminum centerboards have changed tremendously the Snipe making it more fascinating, faster and better to steer.

This poster, the 30000 raffle and, I hope soon, a video will help us to make the Snipe better known.

I ask the cooperation of all of you to make more popular our boat and organization. We need your help!! Be proud to be a Snipe sailor!

I take this opportunity to express all my gratitude to the promotion committee for the excellent ideas and hard work they are doing.

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The Rule Books are here! All National Secretaries will be mailed prior requested copies by the end of March. For all US sailors, when you pay your 1996 dues, you will receive a Rule Book. If you have already paid your dues, you will be mailed a Rule Book by the end of March.

INTERNATIONAL POSTERS

The new international poster, included in this Bulletin, is the new promotional poster for the Class. National Secretaries will be mailed prior requested copies shortly. If any sailors would like additional copies to put up at your Club, Sailing Center or local University, contact the SCIRA Office! They're free!

SCIRA ACCEPTS VISA/MC

Meeting the demands of the 90's, the SCIRA Office now has the capability to accept your dues or merchandise payments by Visa/MC! Call, fax or e-mail your number to the SCIRA office complete with name and expiration date. It's that easy!

NEW FLEETS

#116, New Orleans has rejoined the Snipe Class in the US. Watt Duffy has gathered local sailors and re-juvenated the fleet in the south! And in California, Fleet #656, Santa Barbara, has been resurected by Kevin Dumain and 4 other boats, giving District 6 four fleets now!

SCIRA MOURNS LOSS

SCIRA 's 1949 Commodore Harold Griffith passed away February 13th at the age of 92. "Griff" was Chairman of the 1946 Snipe World Championships at Lake Chautauqua when it first became International with entries from Brazil, Newfoundland, Portugal and Switzerland. Chautauqua Lake Snipe Fleet donated the Harold Griffith Trophy which is awarded annually to the skipper with the best total points scored for combined Crosby and Heinzerling Series races at the US National Championships. Griff and Past Commodore, 1960, Red Garfield, co-owned Snipe 8570 which they sailed many years. Griff and Garfield won the Wells Trophy in 1954.

NEWS FROM NOVA SCOTIA

from the Small Wooden Boat Association of Nova Scotia newsletter: "The class was well represented here in Nova Scotia up till about 20 years ago, but interest waned until 1995 when the fleet at Petpeswick Yacht Club was revived, with 8 boats of various vintages racing throughout the season. Two Snipes of planked construction are presently being built at the I.W. Akerley Campus on Tuesday evenings; there are seven participants in the programme and the Instructor is Eamonn Doorly of the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic. It is becoming evident that interest in the Snipe is spreading throughout the province, and the schedule of races has been published at the Petpeswick Yacht Club; all are welcome, particularly if you bring a Snipe!

UK Sailors Help the RNLI Save Lives

Press Release

"The Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) is appealing to the yachting industry, class associations and individuals to send them used stamps, both UK and foreign, to raise funds for equipment.

The International Snipe Class set the ball rolling at the London International Boat Show with 10kgs of stamps for the RNLI's scheme.

Richard Lambert, a UK member of the International Snipe Class said, "The RNLI is entirely voluntary and does a heroic job saving lives at sea. I hope others will join the International Snipes and start collecting used stamps for the RNLI.""

In the UK, safety at sea is entrusted to a dedicated band of volunteers funded by a charity (the RNLI) rather than by a division of the Coast Guard, as most countries have. So as sailors, we are always desperate to make sure the system works as well as it can and fundraising for the RNLI is perpetual. The UK Snipe sailors encourage everyone to save their used stamps, which the RNLI can turn over to firms that package and sell the stamps to collectors.

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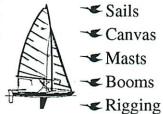
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Teamwork Wins Races!

by Nancy Gilreath

The following was reprinted from the District 4 Four'ard Newsletter

This is an article about crewing, but you won't find any discussion of what lines to pull or where to sit in the boat. Instead, this is an article about an element of crewing that, in my opinion, is equally important as the physical aspect. The skipper-crew relationship is a delicate one. As in any relationship, each party must learn to accommodate the idiosyncrasies of the other in order to work together effectively. Unfortunately, in the world of Snipe sailing, it is the crew who does most of the accommodating.

Some of the first things a crew must assess when sailing with a skipper are:

- What are my jobs on the boat (i.e. who controls the cunningham, outhaul and jib halyard)
- What kind of information does the skipper want to hear. To be a good crew, you need to spend as much time on item 2 as on item 1.

Types of Skippers

Skippers come in all types. In my experience, they can be divided into three groups insofar as the information they want to hear from the crew.

The Strong Stlent Type

These skippers can be great sailors, but often they have done most of their sailing in a Laser or a Finn. The ideal crew for them is like the ideal piece of equipment - it works, it's quiet, and you don't need to worry much about it. When you sail with this type, you are expected to be the well oiled machine - silent and efficient. When you open your mouth to warn of an impending collision, you are likely to be met with an irritated stare. "I know, I see it," they'll insist in an exasperated manner as they sharply veer off 90 degrees missing disaster by inches. Your best bet with these skippers is to be economical with your words. They do not want tactical advice, and any excess chatter is likely to disturb them. You may feel as thought you are not contributing, but by accommodating them in this way, you are helping them sail at their best.

White Noise

These are the skipper who, when they come home, reach for the remote before the light switch. They can not bear silence; it makes them nervous. These skippers expect their crew to keep up a constant flow of

information. They want the location and angle of every boat, puff and wave on the course. Threw in some comments about relative boat speed and a few reassurances about the decisions they are making and they are in heaven. Whatever you do, don't stop talking! When you do, they'll complain "What's happening, why aren't you telling me anything?! I've gone so far as to say "Nothing is happening. No one is moving. No puffs, no boats. Nothing." Sometimes you'll be tempted to find out if these skippers actually listen to what you say. If you instead fill them in on last night's party will they notice? The answer, surprisingly, is yes. Keep up the talk, but limit it to relevant information on the course. One of the most important lessons I have learned is that you don't need to interpret the information to provide it. Even if you have no idea what is going on, you are still a useful conduit, because you may see things that a skipper does

Eyes in the Back of Your Head

Most skippers fall into this category. Sailing with one of these skippers requires you to be a mind reader and to have eyes in the back of your head. They want some information, and expect you automatically to know what they want and when. These are the skippers who want you to keep your eyes glued to the jib telltales during a close reach and at the same time you are expected to call the puffs over their shoulders. The same skippers who says, "Why aren't you telling me about the puffs," will 30 seconds later say, "I see the puffs, look at the jib!" You can not win with these skippers. This is a situation that calls for crew restraint. The easiest thing to do would be to let go of the jib completely and circulate papers to have your skipper committed. Instead, I've found that these situations are best addressed on shore or while practicing. For example, when the crew is trimming the jib by hand on a close reach, it is critical that the crew focuses on the telltales, because the jib is driving the boat. Thus, you should have discussed in advance that the skipper will have primary responsibility for looking around in these situations. Similarly, in mark rounding situations, the skipper is likely to be screaming at you to douse the pole, lower the centerboard, put on the outhaul and cunningham, hike and tighten the jib halyard simultaneously. If you have already discussed the order in which those tasks should be accomplished, you will maintain a cool head and not be confused by your skipper's ranting.

Being the Sane One

We all get frustrated while sailing. No one gives the skipper exclusive rights to get mad and to scream, pound the deck and stomp around. Unfortunately, this activity is rarely productive. It often takes Herculean efforts on the part of the crew to restore focus. You walk a fine line between being a Pollyanna ("Don't worry, we'll catch them," you say as the centerboard drops from your turtled boat) and exacerbating the problem ("Was that ever a bonehead move on your part.") As a crew you do not have the luxury of expressing your frustrations. In most situations, if you can restore your skipper's focus, you can come back from mistakes. If you have a bad mark rounding try to focus your skippers attention forward - i.e. by calling the next puff - so that he stops dwelling on what has already occurred.

Sailing Etiquette

Hopefully, you and your skipper will still be on speaking terms once ashore. This requires respect on both sides. Face it, everyone makes mistakes. For every time that you launch the pole into the forestay the skipper drops the tiller or T-bones a boat while dipping. You need to work through these things as a team. How many times have you finished a bad tack where you end up on your butt on the wrong side of the boat with your foot wrapped in the jib sheet only the hear, "Do you think you could roll a little next time, please?" As if you thought making tourniquets out of the jib sheets in mid-tack was fast. True sailing etiquette requires much more. For starters, learn the lesson of "WE." You and the skipper are a team, and what happens on the water should stay there. The two of you should share both the glory and the mistakes as a united front. I am grateful for the skippers who announce to the outside world, "We had a bad race," when I know my knot in the pole launcher line was responsible. I try to remember to be an equal partner in the skippers mistakes too. It's not always easy, but your sailing relationship will flourish if you work as a team.

No matter the level of sailing skill, the skipper-crew relationship is one that deserves more attention. Neither one of you can win a Snipe race alone, and from my observation, teamwork wins races.

Nancy is a well-seasoned crew, having sailed Snipes since 1987. She sailed collegiately for Brown University, was Henry Filter's regular crew for 3 years and has recently qualified for the Western Hemisphere Championships crewing for Steve Burke.

Pensacola 96 Site of the Snipe National Championship Regattas

The e Pensacola Yacht Club and District 4 are hosts for this year's National Championship Regattas scheduled for July 12 through July 19. Located on beautiful blue green waters of



Pensacola Bay, PYC is a magnificent southern style mansion surrounded by hundred year old live oaks dripping with Spanish moss. The club offers a restaurant, patio snack bar, lounge, tennis court, plenty of camping space for tents and motor homes, and an olympic size pool. Located within a 20 minute drive from the club is Pensacola's 150 mile Gulf Island National seashore. These world famous beaches were recently judged among the most beautiful in the United States. Other local attractions include the National Museum of Naval Aviation, the Pensacola Zoo, a Wildlife Sanctuary, theaters, museums and a quaint downtown shopping area.

Pensacola Bay is a large protected area that will comfortably permit separate race courses for the Heinzerling and Wells Series. Both courses will be located approximately 1.5 miles from the club. Water depth in the sailing area ranges from 20-38 feet with an average water temperature in July of 80 degrees. No wet suits this year, gang. Current will not be a factor as the tide averages 6-18 inches above MLW. How about a steady 10-15 knots wind daily from the SE starting at 1pm?

Pensacola was settled by the French in the 1500's and has been completely restored to its original splendor. We have secured a block of rooms in a small motel in the Palafox Historic District three miles from PYC and within walking distance to the Seville Quarter, Pensacola's center of night life and Trader Jons.

For those of you who attended the 1979 Nationals in Pensacola, Trader Jons is still going strong and has a new supply of 1996 rookies.

In addition to some of the most enjoyable sailing conditions you will experience this year, we have scheduled a full variety of social activities to please the most discriminating tastes. We'll begin with a District 4 Welcome Party, followed by a poolside Margarita party with our style of District Olympics, croquet on the yacht club lawn, a casino night where the big winners can bid for some really neat stuff during a lively auction, bar hopping at the Seville Quarters, and ending with the Awards Banquet at PYC. Daily kegs of beer and other cool refreshments will be located in the boat storage area



after the races.

And for the kids...we are planning a daily sailing camp taught by PYC's US Sailing certified Level 1 instructors in Sunfish and childcare service for the little ones during race hours. Even if the entire family is not into sailing, there is much to do in Pensacola. We even arranged to have the Blue Angels provide an air show at the beach that week. So come on down and we'll show ya what some good southern hospitality is all about, you hear.

More details next month regarding schedules, accommodations (there may be some local housing available), costs, and people to contact.

> John Muhlhausen District 4 Governor Regatta Chairman

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District 6

March 16-17	Small Boat Regatta	Coronado, CA
March 22-24	Olympic Classes Regatta	Alamitos Bay, CA
April 27-28	Herb Shear Memorial	Mission Bay, CA
May 4-5	Cinco de Mayo	Santa Barbara, CA
May 25-26	Memorial Day	Alamitos Bay, CA
June 8-9	District 6 Championships	Mission Bay, CA
June 23-24	Sail Bear Regatta	Big Bear, CA
July 6-7	Fourth of July	Alamitos Bay, CA
August 10-11	24 hour Regatta-GFU	Mission Bay, CA
August 24-25	Higman Regatta	Alamitos Bay, CA
August 31-Sept. 1	Labor Day Regatta	Alamitos Bay, CA
September 19-22	Pacific Coast Championships	Mission Bay, CA
October 5-6	Lake Cachuma	Santa Barbara, CA
October 19-20	Small Boat Regatta	Coronado, CA
October 26-27	Carolyn Nute Memorial	Mission Bay, CA

District 7

Memorial Day Regatta	Eugene, OR
Clear Lake Regatta	Clear Lake, CA
Huntington Lake	Huntington, CA
Al Morris Memorial	Yale Lake, WA
Nor Cal Regatta	Richmond, CA
	Clear Lake Regatta Huntington Lake Al Morris Memorial

1996 US Regatta Schedule

as of 3/1/96 call District Governor for those not listed

District 1

May 11-12	Jr. World Qualifier	Surf City, NJ
May 18-19	Blue/Gray Regatta	Island Heights, NJ
June 1-2	Colonial Cup	Annapolis, MD
June 15-16	Whittemore/St. John	Quassapaug, CT
June 22-23	District 1 Championships	Winchester, MA
June 29-30	Larchmont Regatta	Larchmont, NY
July 20-21	Cambridge Regatta	Cambridge, MD
August 3-4	Ocean Comotion	Ocean City, MD
August 10-11	Oxford	Oxford, MD
August 10-11	Downbays	L.B. Island, NY
August 10-11	New England Champs	Cottage Park, MA
August 17-18	Manhasset Bay Race Week	Manhasset Bay, N
August 24-25	Board of Governors	Quassapaug, CT
September 7-8	New Jersey State Champs	Surf City, NJ
September 14-15	Mystic Lake Open	Medford, MA
September 21-22	Sea Cliff	Sea Cliff, NY
September 27-28	North Easterns	Larchmont, NY
October 5-6	Frigid Digit	Annapolis, MD

District 2

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May 25-26	Southwestern Championships	Dallas, TX
June 1-2	District 2 Championships	Oklahoma City, OK
June 15-16	Firewater Regatta	Lincoln, NE
July 6-7	Missouri Valley, INSA Champs	Omaha, NE
July 13-14	Norm Tanner Memorial Regatta	Bow Mar, CO
August 17-18	KC, MO Championship	Jocoma, MO
August 24-25	Rocky Mtn. Championship	Denver, CO
September 21-22	Joe Ramel Trophy	Lotawana, MO

District 3

District		
May 18-19	Governor's Cup	Springfield, IL
June 1-2	Riff-Raff	Cincinnatti, OH
June 8-9	Snipe Hunt	Indianapolis, IN
June 15-16	Wolverine Regatta	Ann Arbor, MI
June 22-23	Michigan State Champs	Grand Rapids, MI
July 6-7	District 3 Championships	Cleveland, OH
August 3-4	Gull Lake Open	Gull Lake, MI
August 10-11	Crescent Open	Crescent SYC, MI
September 7-8	Indiana Open	Indianapolis, IN
September 14-15	Columbus Open	Columbus, OH
September 21-22	Silver Cup	Carlyle Lake, IL

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District 4		
March 2-3	Georgia State Championships	Valdosta, GA
April 13-14	Alabama State Championship	Birmingham, AL
May 11-12	Southerns	Chattanooga, TN
May 18-19	Southeasterns	Lake Lanier, GA
June 15-16	District 4 Championships	Atlanta, GA
August 3-4	Race for Space	Melbourne, FL
September 14-15	Bird Bath/Cracker Barrell	Muscle Shoals, AL
September 21-22	Battle of Atlanta	Atlanta, GA
October 5-6	First Shot over Charleston	Charleston, SC
October 26-27	Halloween Regatta	Atlanta, GA
November 30-Dec.1	Florida State Championships	St. Pete, FL
December 28-29	Dead of Winter	St. Pete, FL

District 5

June 8-9	Bolde Mothers Intergalactic	Cuba, NY
June 29-30	District 5 Championships	Chautauqua, NY
July 27-28	Briody Regatta	Newport, NY

International Regattas

World Snipe Day May 4

1996 North American Championships

Nassau, Bahamas March 30-April 1

1996 South American Jr. & Sr. Championships

Montevideo, Uruguay March 30-April 7

1996 World Masters Championships

Oslo, Norway June 30-July 6

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1996 European Championships

Kolding, Denmark August 10-17

1996 Womens World Championships

Mar Menor, Spain September 8-11

1996 Junior World Championships

Mar Menor, Spain September 12-15

1996 Pacific Coast Championships

US qualifier for 1997 Worlds San Diego, CA September 19-22

1996 Western Hemisphere Championships

Larchmont, New York September 29-October 4

U.S. Regattas

District Championships

District 1: June 22-23 District 2: June 1-2 District 3: July 6-7 District 4: June 15-16 District 5: June 29-30 District 6: June 8-9 District 7: June 15-16

1996 US Junior and Senior National Championships

Pensacola, Florida Jr.-July 12-14 Sr.-July 15-19

1996 US Masters Championships

Tulsa, Oklahoma September 23-27

Trophy Winner

Hub E. Isaacs Santiago Lange/Mariano Parada
World Champions Argentina
Junior European Karl Otto Book/Groedem
Championship Norway

South American Alexandre Paradeda/Flavio Fernandes
Championship Brazil

Mills North American Willie Graves/Kari Warren, USA

Reichner International Henry Davis, INSA, USA
High Point Trophy

Pan American Games Nelido Manzo/Octavio Lorenzo

Champions Cuba

SCIRA National Champions

Argentina	Senior	Javier/Nicolas Ocariz
	Junior	Javier/Nicolas Ocariz
	Master	Pancho Agusti/Eduardo Sanchez
Bahamas	Senior	Robert Dunkley/Lori Roberts
Belgium	Senior	H. VanDormael/Caroline Miller
Brazil	Senior	Alexandre Paradeda/Flavio Fernandes
	Junior	Andre Fonseca/Walter Herzmann
	Master	Walter Resende/Maneul Vicua Martins
Canada	Senior	Chris Hains/Ryan Hains
Chile	Senior	Felipe Echenique/Daniel Irarrazabal
	Junior	Daniel Woywood/Martin Haverbeck
Finland	Senior	Rikard Bjurstrom/Hakan Bjurstrom
Italy	Senior	Giuliano Dematte/Felippo Del Felice
-	Junior	Enrico Solerio/Alessio Testi
	Master	Giorgio Brezich/Giampaolo Bisso
	Women	Barbara Pontonutti/Ondina Zago
Japan	Senior	Fukagawa/Morinaga
	Junior	Matsumoto/Fujiwara
	Master	Yamamoto/Murosawa
	Women	Saiki/Tsumori
Norway	Senior	Kristoffer Spone/Janett Krefting
	Junior	Karl Otto Book/Jostein Grodeim
Spain	Senior	Ricardo Rubio/Miguel Sanchez
	Junior	Pablo DeVillar/Javier Rico
	Women	Marisa Sanchez/Marina Sanchez
	Master	Diego Bosque/Guillermo Beltri
United Kingdom	Senior	Peter Wolstenholme/Alan Williams
United States	Senior	Doug Hart/Steve Stewart
	Junior	Sebastian/Miriam Casalaina
	Master	Jerry Thompson/Dee Schilling

Other International Trophies

Bacardi Hal Gilreath/Allan Carscaddon
Gamblin Memorial Birger Jansen/Carine Juliussen
Concorde Robert Dunkley/Lori Roberts
CORK, Ontrario Open
Gold Cup Peter Vilby/Jens Ranlov
Nordic Championship European Cup Peter Wolstenholme/Alan Williams

1996 Brazilian National Championships

Temptress to Tempest

The Brazilian Nationals started out true to form in the tropical splendor of St. Catarina Island. A paradise of sun, blue green waters, coconut palms, sandy beaches and NE breezes to beckon sailors

January 22 dawned clear and sunny with the wind at 9 knots from the NorthEast. The fleet consisted of 42 boats. The second start was good with only 2 boats PMS. Then from the NE, dark clouds appeared over the mountains. The water became a metallic emerald green against dark mountains and under threatening clouds. Suddenly the fleet was hit by wind changes of 60 degrees and treacherous wind gusts. Many boats capsized, masts bent and sailors in danger. The race was called before the final leg. Late in the day, the marks were re-set but the regatta was canceled for lack of wind.

On January 23, the day began with winds at 7-9 knots in very hot, humid air but by the start, the wind increased to 12-13 knots. Many of the first 10 boats in this race were young sailors moving up from the Optimist Class and doing well. Hector Longarela/Ricardo Mazza took first, Bruno B. DeAmorin/Fabio Matuna 2nd and andre Otto Fonseca/Pablo Furlan 3rd.

Race 2 at the start had 10-12 knot winds and by the final leg, 15 knots with rougher seas, stronger currents and gusts to 18 knots. At the start of this race, most boats went to the right with good wind, but a few boats headed left, caught a strong current change giving them the greater advantage and the wins. Mauricio Santa Cruz/ Eduardo Costa Neves finished 1st, Sergio Araujo/Anderson C. Oliveira 2nd and Alexandre Paradeda/Flavio S. Fernandes 3rd.



knots on the final leg. Fernando Kessler/Edward Rocha finished 1st, Hilton Piccolo/Bruno Gaver 2nd and Santa Cruz/Neves 3rd

January 27th, Saturday - Final race with 2 races scheduled. After the typical nightly event of severe thunderstorms and torrential rain the final race day boasted normal St. Catarina conditions, sun, wind at 14 knots out of the SouthWest, at last! 42 boats ready, willing and able awaited the start. At the second start all boats were away but under a sky that suddenly looked threatening. The committee said the race would continue. At 3:08 pm, a ferocious storm overtook the regatta making the previous storm on Tuesday look like a gentle spring rain by comparison. It came raging down on the fleet in a matter of minutes. Suddenly there was zero visibility, raging violent seas and winds at 52-55 knots. Tremendous waves with sea water and rain

blowing sideways. All boats were instantly lost from view in dense fog except one Snipe dimly seen as the wind raised it up in the air and tossed it over. Boats pitched and tossed in every direction. Sailors fought to take down their mains but the storm can in too hard and fast Many could not save their masts as the entire fleet capsized. No one could see anything but water over, under and around them. Many were tossed into the sea while others were able

to climb onto their hulls and hang on until the storm passed. The full force of the storm hit in a matter of seconds with a velocity that made the tiny Snipes toss around like corks in the water, impossible to control. Both young sailors and very experienced ones fought to stay above water as they were blown about in every direction. Masts and sails crashing in a wind many times stronger than any man. At least 15 masts were broken or bent with thousands of dollars lost for masts alone. What had started as a race to the finish became a fight of man against the elements, no longer a race but a fight for survival against 55 knots winds and waves that could kill. A storm to be feared.

This 6th race at the normally tranquil St. Catarina Brazilian Nationals will be one for the record books. Each sailor will have stories to tell for years to come. Stories like one crew with his foot caught, trapped under

inside of the boat only to be unheard above the roar of the storm. Or another skipper and crew thrown from their capsizing Snipe, flipped in the air and not seen again until the storm eased. After 25-30 minutes, the storm began to lessen and the fog clear. There were capsized Snipes in every direction. Some with sailors clinging to hulls, others crewless, and waves scattered with sailors swimming to recapture their boats or awaiting rescue by power boats and emergency boats. The miracle of this day being that although there were some minor injuries and bruises and exhausted sailors, all arrived safely ashore. There was immense damage to the fleet but the training and skill of the sailors kept them safe. In a storm such as this, most knew to attempt to take down their sails if possible

the boat as he yelled and pounded on the

but few had time to do so and let the boats capsize as that was out of their control. Then to climb onto the hull to ride out the storm and then try to right the boat again after the storm passed.

There will be tales to tell at future regattas when Snipers gather as Snipers will do, to compare stories and talk of past adventures. This will be an experience to share, when beautiful, tropical St. Catarina became a raging demon.

The Brazilian Nationals were to consist of 8 races with the best of 7, but the regatta had only 5 races with no throw outs.

Nancy Coutts



January 25th, Race day 3. An overcast day with more chop and heavy, humid air. Wind at 10-12 knots. Ricards Rezende/Walter Diaz turned the second mark in 1st position with Carlos Wanderley 2nd and Santa Cruz 3rd. Rezende retained 1st to the finish with Santa Cruz 2nd and Paradeda 3rd. By race 4, conditions had changed yet again with heavier chop and winds at 15 knots and a strong current to make a good race. Paulo Santos/ Ricardo Santos 1st, George Nehm/Fernando Rives 2nd and Alexandre Paradeda/Flavio S. Fernandes erd. Ivan Pimental/Leonardo Prioli, in their very yellow Snipe finished a respectable 4th. Pimental sailed an excellent regatta finishing 5th overall.

On January 26th after a night of severe storms, there was zero wind, overcast skies and high humidity. At 3:00 pm, a course was set but it was nearly 5pm when race 5 began in 6-9 knot winds. The race lasted almost to the 21/2 hour time limit with wind finally reaching 14

Results

Seniors top 15 of 42	
1. Alexandre Paradeda/Flavio So Fernandes	25
2. Fernando Kessler/Eduardo Rocha	31.75
3. Mauricio Santa Cruz/Eduardo Costa Neves	32.75
4. Bruno De Amorim/Fabio Matune	37
Ivan Pimentel/Leonardo Prioli	39

6. George Nehm/Fernando Alves 39 7. Ricardo Rezende/Walter Dias 42.75 8. Sergio Araujo/Anderson Oliveira 46 9. Ricardo Paradeda/Fernando Krahe 49 10.Frederico de Vasconcellos/Felipe 50 11. Hilton Piccolo/Bruno Gauer 51 12. Hector Longarela/Ricardo Mazza 52.75

13.Paulo Santos/Ricardo Santos 14. Walter Rezende Filho/Alberto Santana 15.Gustavo deArruda Farah/Andre Aquino

Juniors	
1. Frederico de Vasconcellos/Felipe	50
2. Andre Otto Fonseca/Pablo Furlan	74
3. Felipe Linhares/Alessandro Witoslawsky	86
Mathias Ostergren/FAbio Kley Santos	116
5. Fabricio Streppel/Rubens Ribeiro	145.4
Victor Vocgs/Bernardo Ramos	150
7. Sidney Bloch/Luis Renato Strauss	159
Henrique de Lorenzi/Cristani Kessler	164
Kadu Bergenthal/Eduardo Barth	207

Masters	
1. Carlos Wanderley/Carlos E. Sodre	105
2. Bibi Juetz/Cesar Faria	120
3. Peter Harazim/Alberto Henrique Silva	172
4. Fernando Jakes Teubner/Marcelo Tadeu	215

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Criterium Ballantine's 1995

Las Palmas de Gran Canaria

This is the first time we send a regatta report to the Snipe Bulletin, so obviously, very few of you know that here in the Canary Islands there is a fleet with a golden past (Spanish Nationals and a World's (1965) were celebrated here in the past) and that after some long years of crisis, is resurging. It is true that many of us are just beginners with only a year or two in the Class, but it is true too that our will is strong and that thanks to the help of the experienced sailors, the Clubs and Federations, the Class has a promising future here.

Do you know where the Canary Islands are? Remember that Columbus properly started his trip to the unknown from here. We are a part of Spain in the Atlantic Ocean in front of the Sahara desert coasts. It can be said that we are the beaches of Europa. In one of these Islands, in Gran Canaria, the most populated of the seven Islands, took place the 1995 Criterium Ballantine's, last 25 and 26 of November. It was organized by The Real Club Nautico de Gran Canaria in waters of Las Palmas bay. We were not the only participating Class and we shared the course that weekend with the catamarans.

Saturday the 25th, 16 Snipes were intending to participate in the regatta, but unfortunately, weather conditions didn't help us. Winter here used to be moderate and the lack of rain is a traditional problem, but that day we had rain and thunderstorms we had not had for a couple of years. For us, it was a very cold winter day. Three Olympic triangles were scheduled for the day, but only was possible to race two and of the 16 Snipes only 11 were brave enough to try to sail with the wind blowing between 20-25 knots northeasterly. The most inexperienced decided not to sail in that high wind.

Martin Tejera/Jose Marrero dominated both races with two bullets, with Oliver Bravo/Aristides García and Miguel Beneyto/Javier Bernal following them closely, with a 2nd place for each in the first and second races respectively. On that steep chopped sea, with heavy ocean swells, some of us struggled to keep the boat flat, not to capsize and finish the two courses, which not all could do.

The next day dawned rainy once again, but it stopped about 10 am and the wind decreased to 15-18 knots. At 11:30, the 3rd race started with Miguel Beneyto/Javier Bernal taking advantage of their better speed on the reaches, winning the race with Martin Tejera/Jose Marrero in second position. In the fourth race, Maritn Tejera/Jose Marrero did not allow any opposition and got another bullet, with Miguel Beneyto/Javier Bernal losing almost all chances of victory arriving fourth, following Fernando Hernandez/Carlos Nuñez and

Fernando Medina/Hector Acevedo. In the last race, Maritn Tejera/Jose Marrero just marked Miguel Beneyto/ Javier Bernal, arriving in second place after they, who were first, won the regatta.

Weather conditions were too demanding for a majority of sailors, who hardly managed to avoid capsizes and finished the courses (for example, my crew, Jaime Enriquez and I, finished seventh, and were happy about it!) which increased the overwhelming superiority of experienced and in perfect physical conditions teams like Martin Tejera/Jose Marrero and Miguel Beneyto/ Javier Bernal, but at the end, all were happy to have participated and celebrated the occasion after the prize giving ceremony, strengthening the friendship among Class members.

Matías Gómez Las Palmas de Gran Canaria Fleet

Results

top 6 of 16

Skipper/Crew	Country	Sail #	Places	Total
1. Martin Tejera/Jose Marrero	ESP	28096	1-1-2-1-2	3
2. Miguel Beneyto/Javier Bernal	ESP	28106	3-2-1-4-1	8.7
3. Fernando Hernandez/Carlos Nunez	ESP	28097	4-DNC-3-2-3	22.40
4. Fernando Medina/Hector Acevedo	ESP	19391	6-3-4-3-5	29.40
5. Garcia Jove/Duran Mayoral	ESP	11	9-dnc-5-6-4	44.70
6. Antonio Ugarte/Luis Baeza	ESP	26988	8-dnc-8-5-7	51

Chilean Nationals

Notes from Chile

First of all, let me tell you that we have worked very hard, and it paid off; the Snipe category is at a promising level in Chile.

On December 8th 9th and 10th, we held our National Championship at Lake Rapel, about 140 kilometers south of Santiago, at Club Punta Verde, the best location in this region.

For the seven races, we were fortunate to have good winds 12-20 knots and waves about ½ meter high. Five Argentinian crews came to participate and we paid all their expenses. We also invited Felipe Echefiique, a Chilean who now resides in Sao Paulo, Brasil. He participated with Chilean Champion (Laser) Daniel Irarrazabal. I defended my 1994 winner category, but I had to compete with a younger participant, since my son has grown up and we had much weight, 165 kg. I was pleased with my third place in that race. My son Daniel was the skipper of another boat and he became junior champion!

We have elected new directors for the coming year. They are:

Marcelo De La Torre, National Secretary Rodrigo Galilea, Director Luis Ossa, Director Victor Lobos, Director Pedro Robles, Director Enclosed you will find the results.

Erich Woywood
Outgoing National Secretary

Results

Skipper/Crew	Country	Sail #	Places	Total
1. Hector Longarella/Hugo Perrin	ARG	10771	2-1-2-1-1-1-2	7
2. Javier Ocariz/Ocariz	ARG	28644	4-4-1-2-2-1	11.5
3. Felipe Echenique/D. Irarrazabal	CHI	26908	3-2-4-3-3-3	17
4. Rodrigo Galilea/ Felipe Galilea	CHI	28833	6-6-5-7-4-4-6	31
5. Francisco/Romero Agusti	ARG	29012	5-8-6-5-5-9-10	38
6. Martin Halec/Fugalla	ARG	24250	13-7-27-4-7-6-4	41
7. Erich Woywood/C. Bianchi	CHI	28834	8-10-3-8-10-8-13	47
8. Alfredo Oyarzun/Lobos	CHI	28832	7-27-9-10-11-5-5	47
9. Victor Lobos/Rojas	CHI	2220	9-11-8-9-8-7-9	50
10. Pedro Robles/Gaete	CHI	28794	12-5-11-27-9-11-8	56
 Raul Del Castillo/Del Castillo 	CHI	28839	11-15-10-6-6-10-27	58
12. Marcelo De La Torre/Montenegro	CHI	28837	14-9-7-13-12-13-12	66
13. Felipe Puga/Puga	CHI	28835	10-13-14-14-13-12-7	69
14. Galo Paredes/Albanez	CHI	838	16-14-18-11-16-17-14	88
15. Daniel Woywood/M. Haverbeck	CHI	28797	15-16-16-12-15-16-15	89

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MARCH 22-24; DON Q RUM KEG SERIES: Coconut Grove SC, Miami, Florida. Gonzalo Diaz, Sr. 5520 SW 72nd Avenue., Miami, FL 33155, 305-667-0492.

MARCH 27-29; BACARDI & GAMBLIN MEMORIAL SERIES: Royal Nassau SC, Nassau, Bahamas. Peter Christie, PO Box N1628, Nassau, Bahamas. Fax: 809-326-5642.

MARCH 30-APRIL 1; NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS: Royal Nassau SC, Nassau, Bahamas. Peter Christie, PO Box N1628, Nassau, Bahamas. Fax: 809-326-5642.

MARCH 30-APRIL 7; SOUTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS: Yacht Club Uruguayo, Montevideo, Uruguay. Luis Alberto Carluccio, Fax: 598-2-986-486

APRIL 4-5-6; EASTER REGATTA: San Remo, Italy. SCIRA Italy, Ezio Braga. Fax: +33-1-620-422

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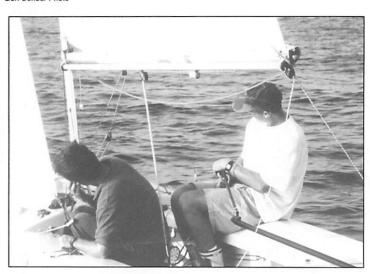
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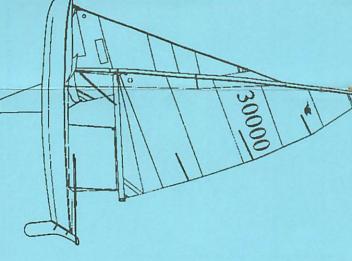


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