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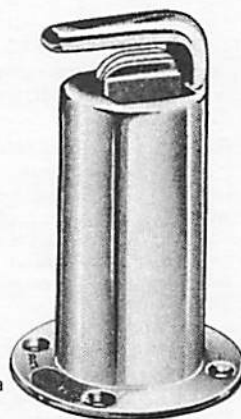
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THE COVER

Mark rounding at the Midwinters on Tampa Bay. Winner Van Wesley is inside at the mark. Photo by Jan Lewis, Sailors' Gazette.

Snipe Sailors Are Delinquent!

If you received a dues notice we haven't received your 1976 dues and you are delinquent. Dues notices were sent on April 15 to all 1975 members who had not yet paid their '76 dues.

Final notices will be sent on May 15. Send in your dues now for your 1976 decal - you aren't legal without it.

Aleksander Lukez

Delayed word has reached the office that Aleksander Lukez, SCIRA Secretary for Eastern Europe, and Jugoslavia's National Secretary since 1965, died at his home in Koper last fall. We appreciate his years of dedicated service. A replacement will be hard to find.

Status by Countries

The following is a list of countries that had paid dues for 1975. The figures indicate the number of dues-paying boats. Those nations not included had not remitted their dues by press time.

The list shows a slight increase from last year. However, several of the larger countries have not reported in so we do not know the full story. It would appear that Snipe is holding its own, even considering that 1975 was not a good year from an economic standpoint.

Austria	4	France	100
Bahamas	20	India	3
Belgium	40	Norway	41
Chile	38	Paraguay	9
Colombia	35	Puerto Rico	5
Cuba	40	Uruguay	34
Denmark	58	U.S.	1612
Ecuador	3		
England	114	Total	2156

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THE SCORE

Thirty-five new numbers were issued for the month with Sweden leading the list with 15. The U. S. got 14, Belgium 5 and England 1. No new fleets were chartered but Town River Fleet 651 in Quincy, Mass. has been re-activated.

Numbered SNIPES — 22443

Chartered Fleets — 751

Letter to the Editor

Deane Lavender has been appointed Manager of Facilities at Association Island. His objective is to provide high level hospitality and regatta racing, as well as improve the facilities. Some improvements are to be made in the lagoon, widening and dredging the harbor, and construction of three 125 foot rigging docks.

Rates for housing on the island were in the April BULLETIN. Campsites, cabins and trailer hookups are available. Contact me as Regatta Chairman, or contact the Island directly for a brochure or card.

Babysitting can be arranged. There are washers and dryers (coin operated) on the island. Recreation includes tennis, volleyball, basketball and football areas, etc. There is also fishing, and children's play equipment. First aid will be available. The weather may be chilly at night, so be sure to come prepared.

There will probably be some tours available at nearby Sackets Harbor, Watertown, and even into Canada. The Thousand Islands has a Bicentennial guide at \$2.50, which may be obtained from: Guide B. Soper, 6727 Duffy Rd., Watertown, NY 13601.

For entertainment we've planned a band on Saturday night for the Juniors. On Monday evening we hope to have a sailing seminar and films, and on Wednesday we will have a square dance. Hopefully, a keg of beer will be available to refresh sailors on their return to shore.

Larry Johnson is the Director for Regatta Services and Race Committee Chairman. Larry, a veteran Snipe sailor, was chairman of the Snipe Nationals at Annapolis.

For information on schedule, location of events and rates see the March and April BULLETINS. The June BULLETIN will contain the entry blank, which MUST be signed by the Fleet Captain and sent to SCIRA by July 23.

Follow the qualifying rules in the SCIRA Rule Book, have your 1976 decal, your class certificate and the moment of inertia test completed before you arrive. Sail measuring and incidental measuring can then be done quickly, and more time can be spent getting acquainted and sailing in the National Championships!

Keep your eye on the BULLETIN for further developments. We're looking forward to seeing you at Association Island July 30-August 6.

Sincerely yours,
Graham Hoffman
Regatta Chairman

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Association Island Racing Conditions

Wind every day is not an absolute certainty — two scheduled race days in 1974, and four in 1975, were lost due to no wind or too much wind — but the probability of usable wind is so high that the area can be counted as one of the world's "wind machines". There is a small current, caused by Lake Ontario's water either being pushed toward the east by wind or barometric pressure, or being allowed to shift back by absence of pressure, or diminution of the wind forces. Generally, the current runs northeast or the opposite — southwest. There is no salt in the water. The water temperatures are high enough for personal comfort. Motor-boat traffic is almost non-existent. On the average, days are sunny.

The wind offers enough variety to be interesting, both in direction and velocity. The most likely direction is from somewhere between south and west, and often is around 240 degrees. In 1974, direction was within the southeast quadrant 70% of the time.

As to speed, plan on anything from 0 to 30, but highest probability is between 5 and 15 knots — about 67% of the readings fall within that range.

What shifts to expect? Stu Walker's article in YACHT RACING (July 1975) on the winds at Association Island offers observations of one of sailing's most careful wind-watchers. In the morning, chances are that the wind will shift clockwise if it is from the south and light. If it is reasonably strong, and from 240 or 245 already, it will shift back and forth around that mean.

To sum it up — chances of wind are good. Do not count on either light or heavy air; i.e. be ready for either, or medium air. Check the current direction before starting, by studying the flow at a mark. Check the compass before the start and during the weather legs to get a feel for shift behavior.

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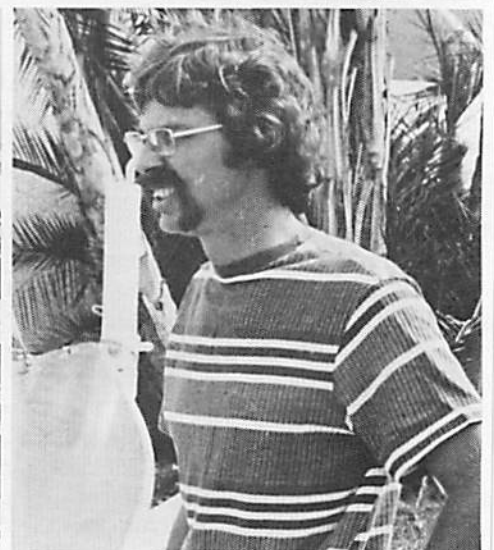
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Clockwise, from far left: Van Wesley checks off scores of his competition during lunch break; "take five," between races, with boats nudging sandy beach; top sailors at a top regatta — Earl Elms, Jerry Thompson and Tom Nute; Jeff Lenhart, Pan Am Games Gold Medal winner and '75 Nationals champ; Gonzalo Diaz is seemingly lost among beached Snipes on a desert island. . . but it's only a hull in the racing at the Tampa SCIRA Midwinters.



SCIRA Midwinters

The scene at Bay Harbor Inn, Tampa, as photographed by Paul Polgar of Fleet 46

Van Wesley Romps in Snipe Midwinters

Van Wesley of Chattanooga, TN, defeated an international field of Snipe sailors at the Snipe Midwinter Championship, Feb. 28-Mar. 2 at Bay Harbor Inn, Tampa.

Wesley edged Paulo Paradedda of Brazil for the title, with Harry Levinson of Indianapolis third and Jeff Lenhart of Newport Beach, Gold Medal winner in the 1975 Pan American Games and '75 Nationals champ, taking fourth overall.

The regatta was characterized by dramatic fluctuation in placings by top sailors. Frequently, a 20th place would be followed by a 3rd, with Wesley being the only sailor to escape roller-coaster finishes. Wesley's worst race was a 14th, which was discarded in this best-five-of-six series.

The practice race on Saturday afternoon furnished the 49-boat fleet with a taste of the light airs that would prevail throughout the regatta. Tom Nute of San Diego won it in a westerly breeze of 5-8 knots.

Winds under 10 knots continued for Sunday's two official races. Lou Dixon of

Springfield, Ill., emerged with a 2-3 scorecard and a big lead on the fleet. Most sailors, though, were either grim or happy — there was no inbetween; Lenhart had a 1-9, Earl Elms a 19-1, and Harry Levinson a 20-2.

The fleet sneaked through a morning race on Monday, and then waited until 4 p.m. for a matinee race as the westerly sea breeze up to 12 knots filled in over the Old Tampa Bay course. At the end of four races, Wesley was in firm command and Dixon had dropped to fifth.

Wind was no where for the 10 a.m. start on Tuesday. Then gradually as the sailors stripped from wet suits to bathing suits under a hot sun, the breeze set in — southerly at first with a shift to the west. Wesley slumped to a 14th in the opener, then followed with a fourth to take the title by nearly eight points ahead of Paradedda who was amazingly consistent after his 29th place in the initial race.

The regatta was sponsored by Clearwater Fleet 46 with cooperation from the Bay Harbor Inn staff. Maj. Phil Blair served as regatta chairman.

SCIRA MID-WINTER CHAMPIONSHIP (Top 25 of 49 Entries)

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Home Town	Places	Points	Finish
21021	Van Wesley/Steve Cooper	Chattanooga	7-5-1-3-14-4	36.7	1
21597	Paulo Paradedda/Marcio Rebeiro	Alegre, Brazil	29-4-4-7-3-5	44.2	2
12192	Harry Levinson/Alinda Levinson	Indianapolis	20-2-29-5-4-1	47	3
20560	Jeff Lenhart/Don Krebs	Newport Beach	1-9-32-2-12-7	49	4
18926	Lou Dixon	Springfield	2-3-28-15-16-3	57.4	5
21109	Greg Gust/Steve Barb	Ft. Wayne	34-14-2-9-11-2	58	6
21512	Peter Branning/Barbara Chesney	Miami	4-7-16-6-7-10	61.7	7
16699	Fritz Gram/	Dismal Valley	11-23-18-11-1-8	72	8
22380	Bill Buckles/Mike Schrieber	Cleveland	10-10-10-8-34-9	77	9
21884	Means Davis/Peggy Davis	Atlanta	3-25-23-19-2-13	81.7	10
22212	Tom Nute/Randy Smith	San Diego	2-6-6-20-10-11	82.4	11
19091	Pete Duvoisin/Jane Duvoisin	Chattanooga	16-15-8-24-32-6	88.4	12
19267	Don Hite/Terry Timm	Detroit	13-11-36-17-8-26	105	13
19795	Don Cochran/Eric Minkel	Clearwater	14-27-5-26-5-28	105	14
17387	Jerry Thompson/Ron Moore	Lodi, Ohio	12-20-14-21-9-34	106	15
20002	Bruce Colyer/Gail Colyer	Ft. Lauderdale	27-17-17-1-23-29	108	16
20690	Jim Belford/P. Belford	Oakville	17-12-24-4-26-33	111	17
22328	Earl Elms/Carl Hultgren	San Diego	19-1-31-22-39-17	113	18
19057	Phillip Nelson/Ed Nelson	Tampa	21-8-27-27-17-14	117	19
19437	Dick Tillman/Lauri Tillman	Orlando	18-21-19-10-20-31	118	20
21703	Peter Baillie/Celia Chassels	Oakville	5-22-35-25-18-21	120	21
6995	Francis Seavy/Rick Catlett	Clearwater	31-13-7-18-41-27	126	22
19177	Fred Thurston/Gail Ellis	Annapolis	8-28-12-32-19-30	127	23
21105	Rusty Baillie/Larry Steinman	Oakville	23-37-34-12-6-24	128.7	24
18424	Danny Miles/Ron Haynes	Jacksonville	15-33-15-29-35-12	134	25

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The Brossard brothers, Jean Marie and Yves, of Claouey Fleet 293, took top honors for the high point championship of France for 1975. Second place went to Louis Paul Lamarque, also from the Claouey fleet. Both took part in all ten of the regattas which make up the championship.

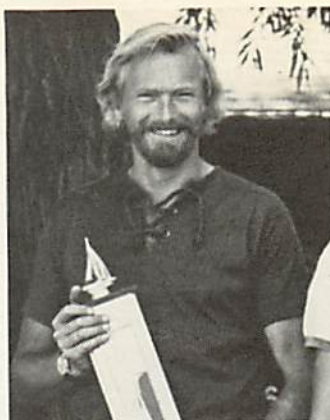
In the crew trophy division women took 3 of the top 4 places. Although the top spot went to Yves Brossard, second place was won by Antoinette Romain of Le Havre, crew for her husband Philippe, in 9 championship regattas.

Seventy-one skippers qualified for the championship. The top 7 skippers and crews are listed below.

Jean Marie Brossard	Claouey	1
Louis Paul Lamarque	Claouey	2
Philippe Romain	Le Havre	3
Michel Celerier	Beaulieu	4
Gilles Durand	Andernos	5
Bernard Mariage	Beauleu	6
Jean Claude Crossard	Claouey	7

CREWS

Yves Brossard	Claouey	1
Antoinette Romain	Le Havre	2
Annie Morin	Claouey	3
Muriel Celerier	Beaulieu	4
Martine Durand	Andernos	5
Gerard Brossard	Claouey	6
Claude Miriage	Beaulieu	7



Don Hite won Dist. III title for sixth time in seven years.

Hite Wins District III Regatta Competition

Don Hite of Lake Angelus, Mich., again outdistanced all other District III sailors in winning the combined regatta finishes for 1975. This is the 6th time in the last 7 years that Don has won this competition. Consistently high finishes seem to be his answer since of the 9 regattas he entered he won 3, had 2-2nds, 3-3rds and 1-4th.

Harry Levinson of Indianapolis

Matti Nieminen Tops Finnish Ranking List

Young Matti Nieminen wrapped up a good year by outfoxing "Snipe Fox" Seppo Raatikainen, winner for the last 3 years, to top the 1975 Finnish Snipe Ranking list. Third place was taken by Super Joker, Peter Bjurstrom with his

entered 3 regattas and compiled a 1-2-4. Terry Timm of Ann Arbor, Mich., sailed in 7 regattas and finished with a record a 1-1st, 2-2nds, 1-3rd, 2-4ths and 1-8th.

Although the sailors were entered in different regattas on many occasions, and did not sail the same number of regattas, by using this system each can be compared with the other.

The final scores are weighted to reflect the size of the regatta and the number of "hot shots" entered.

The Final Standings list close to 300 sailors that entered 17 District III Sanctioned Snipe Regattas in 1975.

The Top 10 finishers:

1. Don Hite, L. Angelus, Mich.
2. Harry Levinson, Indianapolis, Ind.
3. Terry Timm, Ann Arbor, Mich.
4. Bob Rowland, Cowan L., Ohio
5. Dan Wesselhoft, Peoria, Ill.
6. Jim Richter, Indianapolis, Ind.
7. John Johns, Ann Arbor, Mich.
8. Jerry Thompson, L. Angelus, Mich.
9. Dave Chapin, Springfield, Ill.
10. Bill Buckles, Cleveland, Ohio

Frank Pontious
Governor, District III


brother Haken crewing. Claus Carpelan and Matti Kunnari rounded out the top 5.

The ranking list is the equivalent of a national point score, with scores counted from eight sanctioned regattas. Close competition has increased participation in these regattas from Snipes all over Finland. Seven fleets were represented in the top ten places.


FINLAND'S 1975 RANKING LIST

Boat	Skipper	Fleet	Points	Position
20293	Matti Nieminen	TPS	107.75	1
20682	Seppo Raatikainen	KPS	90.05	2
21671	Peter Bjurstrom	N	89.25	3
20620	Claus Carpelan	HPS	71.75	4
19675	Matti Kunnari	KPS	65.35	5
19681	Ilkka Lieve	M	60.55	6
19813	Eki Aikala	HSK	59.05	7
19691	Caju Osterlund	HUS	49.30	8
19682	Lauri Brummer	M	46.30	9
21034	Olli Kirjavainen	KPS	46.25	10

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A Challenge Cup won successively by the Yugoslav, NARDELLI; the Spaniard, DELGADO; and the Italian, BREZICH; will again be the prize on the 19th, 20th and 21st of February 1977.

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SNIPES AU CARNAVAL - Mediterranean Championship (Top 20 of 48 Entries)

Position	Skipper/Crew	Fleet	Country	County Abbreviation
1	Brezich/Morin	Trieste	I	I Italy
2	Zaoli/Zaoli	San Remo	I	B Belgium
3	Schoenmakers/Christiaens	Anvers	B	E Spain
4	Tua/Tua	Imperia	I	Y Yugoslavia
5	Vieta/Anglada	Blanes	E	F France
6	Zbogar/Grezelj	Izola	Y	D Denmark
7	Gaja/Gaja	Milano	I	
8	Gazet/Ambert	Villefranche	F	
9	Durand/Durand	Andernos	F	
10	Belles/Ceballos	Barcelona	E	
11	Evers/Preben	Horsens	D	
12	Arodio/Franzetti	Verbano	I	
13	Orlando/Orlando	San Remo	I	
14	Celerier/Celerier	Beaulieu	F	
15	B. Dahl/Nissen	Horsens	D	
16	Munadzari/Elkovic	Opatija	Y	
17	Litkey/Litkey	Hofstade	B	
18	J.M. Brossard/Y. Brossard	Clauouy	F	
19	Mariage/Avignon	Beaulieu	F	
20	Etchebert/Benessis	Clauouy	F	

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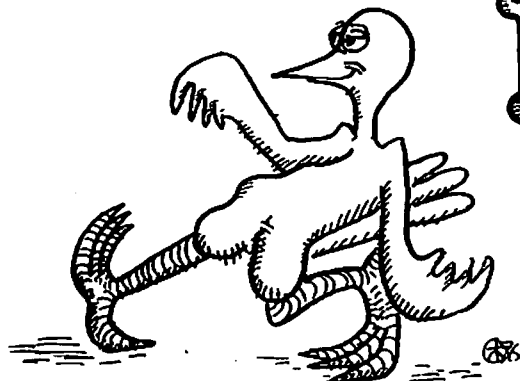
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2. US Diaz	21544, Cyclone, US, f.	Proctor alpha K	Murphy & Nye US
3. L Bjurstrom	21671, Halen, L, w.	Needlespar K	Bjurstrom L
4. U Pastori	20335, Bruder, BL, f.	Bruder BL	North US
5. US Lenhart	20560, Skipper, new D, f.	Skipper Cobra D	Ullman US
6. BL Paradedda	12115, Skipper, new D, f.	Bruder BL	Ostergren BL
7. A Sisti	12733, Linenburger, BL, w.	Bruder BL	Wilson A
8. D Brodsted	10300, Skipper, old D, f.	Skipper Cobra D	Green D
9. S Krafft	12375, Eichenlaub, US, w.	Skipper Cobra D	North US
10. U Murguia	21677, Camet, A, f.	Bruder BL	North US

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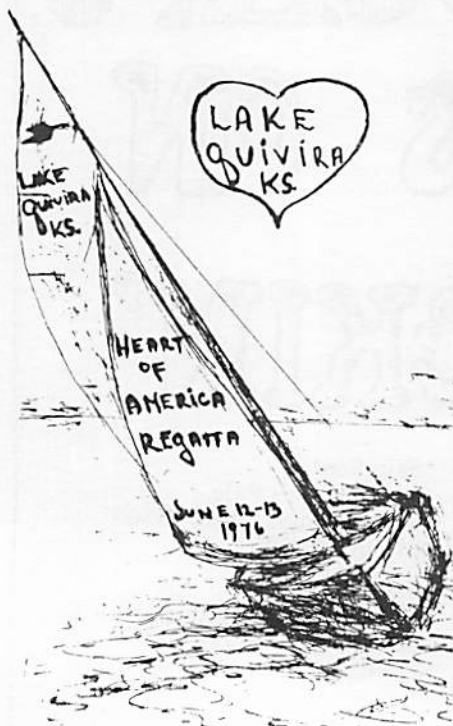
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Prepare a press release for a week before the regatta and one for the opening day. Remember the obvious: WHO, WHAT, WHERE, and WHEN. Is the national champion coming? The commodore? Last year's winner? Ted Wells? Offer celebrity interviews, but be sure to make arrangements with both the press and the star, if you have one. How many are coming? and from where? Papers like numbers, and locals are more apt to be impressed with far away places.

Have a motor boat available for the press. Have a SAILOR in charge of the boat. (If getting a picture involves getting in the way of the start, you had better forget it.)

REGIONAL, NATIONAL, and INTERNATIONAL MAGAZINES:

Here, you have a different problem, since you will be the reporter. All have some of the same requirements: WHO, WHAT, WHERE, and WHEN are still the basics. The first paragraph of your report should give the name of the regatta and where it was held, along with the date and the number of boats competing. Who won? Why did he win? Was he the favorite? Who else was there? What were the wind and water conditions?

Pictures: Good ones are really worth more than a thousand words. A clear back and white photograph of either the action or the people is your best bet. Everybody likes to see his picture in a magazine, and the "knee-cap gallery", ten top place winners in A and B fleets with skippers standing in back and crews kneeling in front makes 40 people happy — if it is printed. But, after being printed about a million times, such scenes tend to lose their freshness, and national magazines just don't print them. Contrast those pictures with the one Paul Polgar took of Mid-Winter Champion Van Wesley studying the score board with stubby pencil in hand. That picture is a winner because it tells the story better than words would.

There are some differences in reporting for each type of magazine:

REGIONAL:

These magazines cover their own region i.e. southeast, midwest, Southern California, etc. They are always eager for stories within their area, and may be able to send a reporter to cover the event. They will almost always print regatta results, and may be able to use fuller coverage than the national magazines.

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NATIONAL:
Sometimes national coverage magazines don't have much space and prefer the larger and more prestigious events to the small local ones. Their requirements are for accuracy, and brevity. Please send the results, by race, for the top ten. After that, they may not want the 40 or 50 others who also sailed.

Study the reports printed in the publication which is to receive your copy. YACHTING and YACHT RACING are the ones which usually are most interested in One-design racing activities. Both publications list the appropriate addresses to which reports should be sent.

INTERNATIONAL:
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MOVING MARKS

There was considerable discussion involving a situation in one of the races in the World Championships at Punta del Este. Since it covered a situation which could well arise again, it is worth explaining.

The wind backed 90° prior to the start of the final beat, and the windward mark was moved accordingly. Following the "Rules for conducting Major Championship regattas", a boat fired the necessary two guns, flew code flag "C" and hailed the lead boats advising them of the move. Which brings up a good point — what should the boats do?

All but one boat circled the leeward mark before heading on the next leg. One boat merely came close, then headed for the finish. He was protested but the protest was denied. My personal opinion is that as soon as "C" was signaled — tail end Charlie could have headed for the finish from right where he was, without going any closer to the leeward mark.

The rules say "a yacht shall sail the course so as to round or pass each mark on the required side in correct sequence, and so that a string representing her wake from the time she starts until she finishes would, when drawn taut, lie on the required side of each mark".

The string bit complicates the case when boats circled the mark but they didn't violate any rules — they left the mark on the required side, but there is nothing to have prevented a boat from going straight from the old windward mark to the new one, if the skipper had had the courage and foresight to do so (starting before "C" was signaled if he wanted to).

Since windshifts of this type can occur again, and since the

course would be very bad without a beat to the finish, there should be a way of salvaging the race without a hassle — and there is. The solution is to fire one gun and fly code flag "R" at any time after passing the former windward mark, and before firing two guns and flying "C". Flying "R" says "sail the designated course in the reverse direction", which in this case translates into — leave the next mark to starboard instead of port, then go to the new windward mark.

Back when we sailed nothing but triangular or windward leeward courses, and before we had code flag "C", use of "R" could sometimes salvage an otherwise sad race after a wind shift. Since the racing rules imply that you can fly "R" at any time. I don't think any specific mention of it is necessary in the sailing instructions, although it would possibly avoid some surprises if it were mentioned.

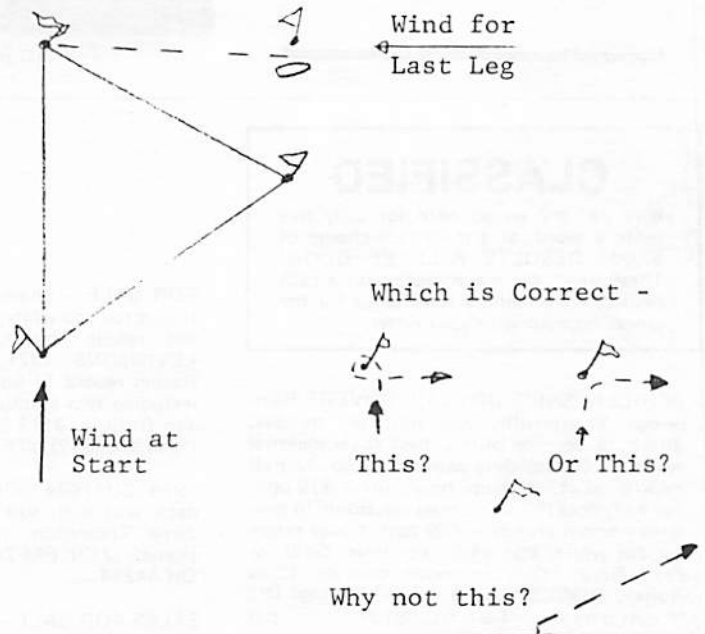
In case of sanctioned regattas or point score races not being sailed under the Rules for Championship Regattas, the use of code flag "C" should be covered in the sailing instructions.


TUNING TIP

My spy system reports that some boats on the Southern Circuit were sailing with their rigging quite tight — the mast top to transom measurement being from 21'6" to 21'10". My informant unfortunately does not say whether this made the boats go fast.

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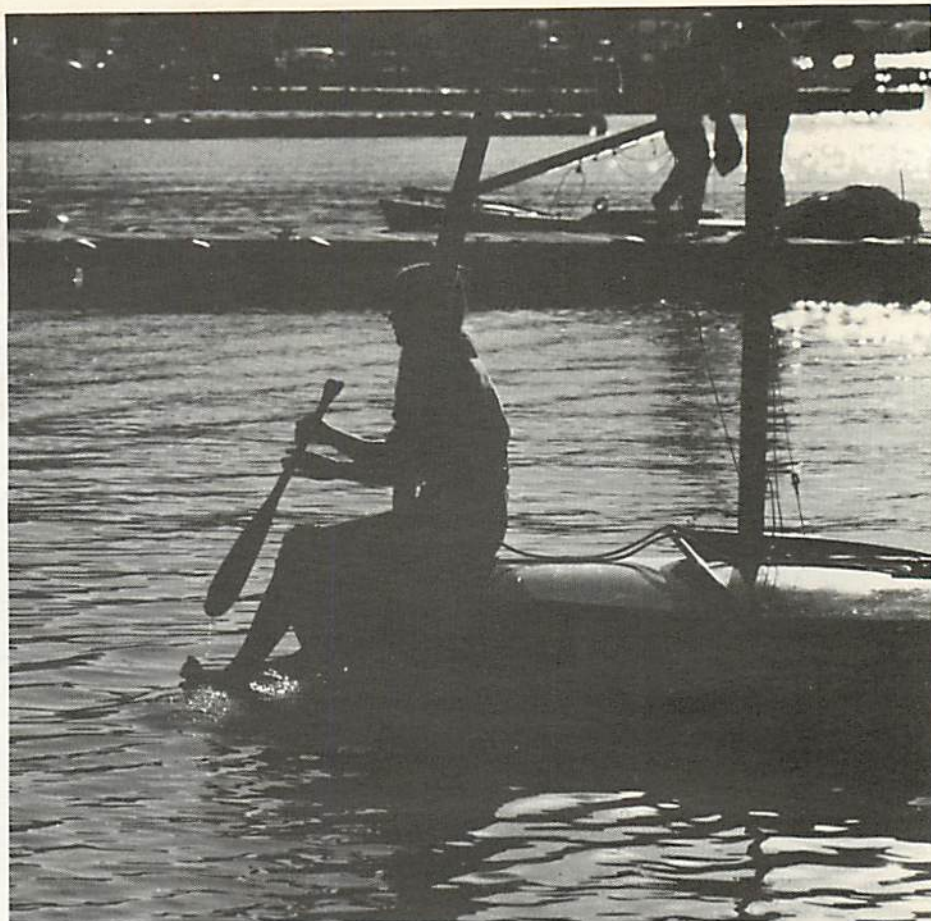
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AUGUST 21-22, WISCONSIN-MINNESOTA OPEN, LaCrosse Fleet 571, A. C. V. Elston, 2005 Cass St, LaCrosse, WI 54601.

AUGUST 28-29, BOARD OF GOVERNORS' REGATTA, Lake Quassapaug Fleet 231, David Rogers, Hill Road, Naugatuck, CT 06770.

AUGUST 28-29, WOLVERINE REGATTA, Barton B. C. Fleet 520, Doug Behrendt, 2121 Woodside, Ann Arbor, MI 48104.

AUGUST 30, SEPTEMBER 5, EUROPEAN AND AFRICAN CHAMPIONSHIP, Le Havre, France, Luis Paul Lemarque, Boite Postale No 4, 33026 Bordeaux, France.

SEPTEMBER 11-12, LONG ISLAND SOUND OPEN, Sea Cliff Fleet 4, Mr. Dana Schnipper, 59 Park Way, Sea Cliff, NY 11579.

SEPTEMBER 11-12, INDIANA OPEN, Indianapolis Fleet 409, Harry N. Levinson, 6605 Sunny Lane, Indianapolis, IN 46220.

SEPTEMBER 16-18 *** LA MANGA DEL MAR MENOR TROFEO DOS MARES, Spain, Santiago Mendez Farina, Juan Vigon 23, Madrid 3, Spain.

SEPTEMBER 18-19, LAST CHANCE REGATTA, Crystal Lake Fleet 267, Dick Jones, 576 Krenz Ave., Cary, IL 60013.

SEPTEMBER 18-19, MASS BAY OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP, Mass. Bay Fleet 244, Ginny Turner, 121 Circuit Rd, Winthrop, MA 02152.

SEPTEMBER 18-19, JOE RAMEL MEMORIAL, Missouri Yacht Club Fleet 49, Guthrie Carroll, R.R. 1, R-67, Lake Lotawana, MO 64063.

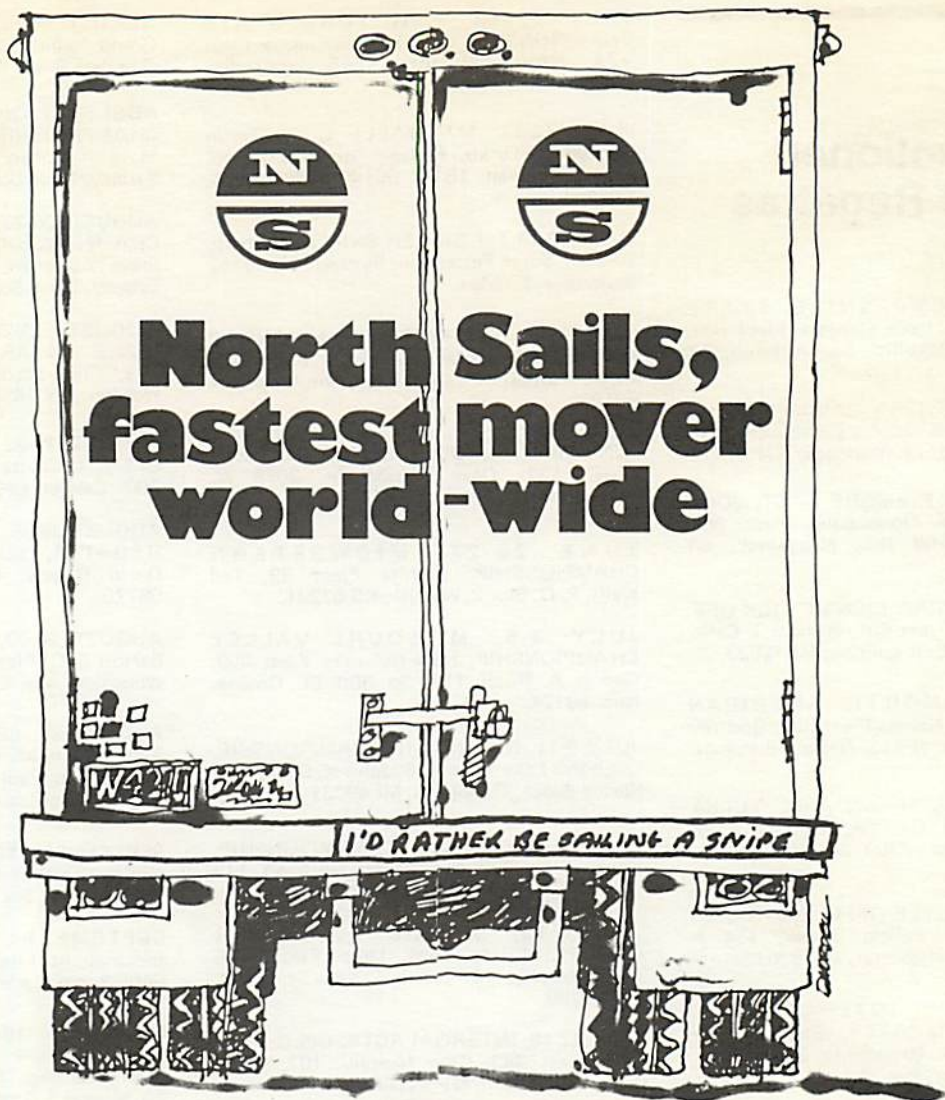
SEPTEMBER 18-19, CRACKER BARREL, Chattahoochee Fleet 452, Ham Clark, P. O. Box 1741, Columbus, GA 31902.

SEPTEMBER 25-26, EVERGREEN REVITALIZER, Evergreen Fleet 740, Larry Colter, 1203 N. Fell St, Bloomington, IL 61701.

OCTOBER 2-3, OHIO OPEN/OXFORD INCIDENT-ACCIDENT, Acton Lake Fleet 515, Richard Saunders, 991 Ligorio, Cincinnati, OH 45218.

OCTOBER 30-31, HALLOWE'EN, Atlanta Fleet 330, James C. Roddey, 5850 Riverwood Dr, NW, Atlanta, GA 30328.

OCTOBER 23-24, FRIGID DIGIT, Annapolis Fleet 532, John P. Gudas, 113 Smith Ave., Annapolis, MD 21401.



1975 Results

SWEDISH SILVER SNIPE.	1st	JUNIOR NATIONALS, DUFFY SERIES. . .	1, 2, & 4
NORWEGIAN CHAMPIONSHIP.	1st	SENIOR NATIONALS, WELLS SERIES. . .	1, 2, & 3
FINNISH NATIONALS.	1st	SENIOR NATIONALS, CROSBY SERIES. .	2nd - 6th
YUGOSLAV OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP.	1st	SENIOR NATIONALS, HEINZERLING SERIES. . .	9 of top 15
GOTHENBURG MAYSNIPE.	1st	CHILEAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP.	1st
WHITSUN REGATTA, HELSINKI.	1st	RACE WEEK DE PALMA.	1st
INT. OPEN FRENCH CHAMPIONSHIP. . .	1, 2, & 3	MASSACHUSETTS BAY OPEN.	1st & 2nd
FRENCH CHAMPIONSHIP.	1, 3, & 4	DISTRICT 1 CHAMPIONSHIPS.	1st & 2nd
NASSAU: BARCARDI.	1st	U K NATIONALS.	1st
NORTHEASTERN CHAMPIONSHIP.	1st & 2nd	SPANISH NATIONALS.	1, 2 & 3
NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP. . .	1st & 3rd		
DISTRICT 3 CHAMPIONSHIPS.	1st & 3rd		

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