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## **Testing For Moment Of Inertia**

The Bulletin's technical editor investigates pitching period

Long ago, before Moment-of-Inertia (MI) was invented, there still must have been some smart dude layin' back who figured out that a cannonball at the masthead might not always be a good idea. He probably was first in with the fish or outran the most revenue cutters.

Now everybody knows about MI, but perhaps without a grasp of its effect on boat speed, let alone how to "check it out." Fast boats are light in the ends, and the SCIRA test system has been a step towards a more nearly one-design MI through its attempt to standardize construction and MI (performance) minimums. While the test is not absolute, it has helped.

Shortly after getting fed up with lurching around in a chop, we redecked No. 11900 with ¼" okume. To check the effect on MI and since it was before SCIRA's rig was in use, we put together a simple gadget to measure pitching period in time units. We were not interested in absolutes, just relative times.

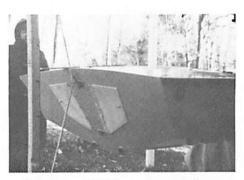
We checked six different types of boats at that time, including the then best, a new Chubasco. The test technique was simple, easy to use, and sensitive to 5 lbs. or less added to the ends. The test was also very sensitive to boat balance; that is, the balance had to be precise, or results would be skewed. Results were repeatable.

Last summer, I finally had time to put a new bottom on 11900. She'd been soaking up badly for over a year, and had gone from minimum with ballast to 425 lbs. and up. Underway, at times, we thought of her as a live bait tank — a very pretty one, but not too quick.

Once the new bottom was done, we were anxious to find out how we stood on MI. The old rig we'd used with Fleet 7 was gone, but I'd saved the springs. So we put a new rig together, and checked a few boats. Our first check showed that 11900 was back to where she'd been when first redecked, within 5% (in time units) of a new Chubasco in 1972.

Since we knew that the McLaughlins were built very close to the MI minimum, I asked the owner of one of these beautiful boats if we could use her as a standard. He agreed.

So, here's what we know so far — the new boats built to the SCIRA minimum MI are slightly quicker in pitching than the Chubascos of the late 19000 early 20000 period (1972-73). A "home-built" plywood boat with the usual framework



and built to SCIRA specs probably cannot be made quick enough to meet the MI minimum.

Unless the SCIRA specs are changed, the only competitive wood boats would be WEST boats, which are not really the product of a "home-built" technique. The tooling up for the first boat brings costs close to the current FRP boats (that's what Bob Blomquist found).

What with resin tied so closely to the petroleum prices, and with the squeeze coming on the economy, it hardly seems to be the time for SNIPE to turn its back on its origins as an inexpensive, homebuilt, "one boat for all."

Larry White Technical Editor



Center and above: Larry's MI rig.

### Top Sailors Share Their Strategies At Winners' Roasts

How about a Chapin dish? Or a Lenharts of palm salad? Diaz might be the menu at a Snipe Winners' Roast.

The USYRU suggests a "winners' roast" for your regatta like the one at the 1979 Laser Nationals at Barnegat Bay, where Dave Perry and Ed Baird gathered all the sailors together after supper, and invited the day's race winners to come up one at a time and tell the crowd how they did it.

After each winner spoke, they opened the floor to questions. Each winner held the floor for 15 or 20 minutes, and the questions ranged from highly technical areas of boat preparation, sail trim, and boat handling to the most basic questions. Everyone was comfortable asking whatever questions they had on their minds.

On the second night a larger crowd gathered, and after the winners were through, the program continued with comments from both the race committee and the jury. This added participation led to debate on crowded starting lines, general recalls, etc.; a sensitive and complex area, which directly affects the fairness

and the outcome of the regatta.

This idea is great at any level, particularly at the National level. "I used to come to these regattas for the parties and the great reunion atmosphere," said one racer, "but tonight I learned so much stuff, I'm headed right for bed so I don't forget anything before tomorrow's race" Another top competitor added: "At first I was skeptical of telling my 'secrets' during the championship, but then I realized that the better everyone got, the better the competition would get, and the more fun I'd have trying to beat everyone."

The program has successfully broken down the barrier that may exist between the top few sailors and the rest of the gang — a barrier that we have never noticed in the Snipe Class. Making the winners accessible to the rest of the sailors greatly improves the competition and the camaraderie.

The winners' roast provides a forum for sharing the ideas and suggestions on how to improve every aspect of the event — and everyone goes home a winner.

Bring on the mint jelly – we are ready!

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Jerry Thompson (Paul Polgar photo)



Horacio Garcia Pastori (Buzz Lamb photo)

Soares, Hoffman retire

### Pastori, Thompson Join SCIRA's Board Of Governors

Horacio Garcia Pastori and Jerry Thompson have been elected to 3 year terms as members-at-large of the SCIRA Board of Governors, taking office on January 1, 1980.

Horacio, a Montevideo businessman, has represented Uruguay in numerous international championships. He finished 4th in the 1975 World Championship at Punta del Este, where he also served as general chairman for the event. Horacio was elected for two years as Secretary General for the Western Hemisphere, and served as SCIRA representative at the 1978 Western Hemisphere Championship.

Jerry has been involved with Snipes for 26 years. Buying his first boat in 1954, he has since owned 12 Snipes, and has participated in nineteen U.S. National Championships. Jerry was U.S. Junior National Champion in 1965, and won the District III and North American Championships in 1975. He has represented the Class in the Championship of Champions and has won many California and Midwest trophies. He was chairman for the U.S. Nationals at Alamitos Bay in 1968, and Alamitos Bay Y.C. Commodore in 1971.

To quote Jerry "It is an honor to be elected to the board of SCIRA... During my long association with the Snipe Class, I have seen its many strengths reaffirmed — its dedication to traditions within the class, its commitment to Corinthian sailing, and its sincere encouragement of young sailors and those new to the class. It has provided me an opportunity to enjoy super competition and to develop long-lasting friendships."

SCIRA welcomes these two new mem-

bers-at-large to their new responsibilities. They replace outgoing members Wayne Soares of Bermuda, and Graham Hoffman of the U.S., whose retirement from the board will give them more time on the race course!

### THE COVER

White clouds and Snipe sails! Sylvia Griffith's welcome springtime shot was taken at the Georgia State Championship (and International Race Week), Valdosta, Georgia. Matt and Karen Gregory were the winners in the 36 boat fleet.

#### THE SCORE

There was no score in the last issue since no numbers were issued. However, this month we made up for lost time with 119 numbers going throughout the world. Argentina got the most with 31, followed by Spain with 30. Brazil and Italy got 20 each, the U.S.A. 14, Colombia 3 and 1 to England.

Fleet Charter 761 was issued to the new fleet in Kemi, Finland. This is for sure, the northernmost Snipe fleet in the world; it is 65°45′ North, only about 50 miles from the Arctic Circle. No doubt the season is short but probably few races are postponed because of darkness. We welcome these hardy individuals and wish them luck.

Numbered SNIPES — 24272 Chartered Fleets — 761

### Winter Circuit Winners Announced

Unofficial results of the Winter Circuit have been received in the office, and full details should be available in time for the next issue. Clearwater, Midwinters had a record participation - almost 70 boats all on one line!

ZIMMERMAN TROPHY - Over-all winner - Craig Martin, Mission Bay, CA CLEARWATER MIDWINTER TRO-PHY - Dave Chapin, Springfield, IL

MIAMI DON Q TROPHY - Mark Reynolds, Mission Bay, CA

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### **Bids Invited For North American Championship**

As of April 1, no date has been set for the North American Championship, although one serious bid is under consideration. Clubs and fleets are invited to submit bids immediately to U.S. National Secretary Ralph Swanson, 44 Swan Rd, Winchester, MA 01890, for consideration by North American National Secretaries.

Preference will be given to areas with open water sailing, but time of year is not to be a determining factor, except in regard to achieving the best winds and sailing conditions.

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## **Denmark To Celebrate** International Snipe Month

Denmark invites Snipe sailors from all over the world to take part in their International Snipe month in August. The month begins with Greve Days regatta at Greve Sailing Club August 2-3. The Nordic Championship will be held at Shovshoved S.C. August 7-10.

The EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP, is of course the main event, and is restricted to European sailors. Its dates are August 16-23 at Espergaerde S.C. The month ends with the Greve Snipe Cup back at Greve S.C. August 30-31.

The motto is: Start planning a wonderful holiday here in Denmark with your family, and of course your Snipe!

> Henning Kampmann, National Secretary Hedebovei 5, DK - 2670. Greve Strand, Denmark

### Final Dues Notices To Be Mailed

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1980 is getting off to a great start with new fleets forming in the far edges of our vast sailing empire — that is the far edges from the center of the universe — Hixson, Tennessee.

Kemi, Finland, 50 miles south of the Arctic Circle has been granted the latest fleet charter. London, Ontario, Canada has a new fleet; Seoul, Korea's Fleet is forming with 20 members; and Keith Harvey in Scotland is still looking for a mate for his lonely Snipe. In the U.S., both coasts, the Great Lakes and the little lakes have prospects for new or reactivated Snipe fleets. Contacts are as follows:

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SEOUL, KOREA: S.G. Yoo, Sec. General, Korean Y.A., Room 701, Kwang-Nam Bldg, #6, Mukyo-Dong, Chung-Ku, Seoul, Korea.

LONDON, ONTARIO: P. Gordon Richards, 129 Baffin Rd, London, Ontario N5V 1G1, Canada.

SCOTLAND: Keith S. Harvey, 9 Brackendene, Craigends, Houston, Renfrewshire PA6 7DE, Scotland.

IN THE U.S.:

Tacoma, WA: "A few Snipe sailors in

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Weymouth, MA: "I will also attempt to build a local fleet. . ." John McShane, 17 Nanset Rd., Weymouth, MA 02191.

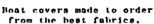
North Cape, Monroe, MI: "Terry Timm and I...have just recently discovered possibly the best sailing in North America was only an hour drive from our homes... on the western end of Lake Erie at Monroe, MI, ... They already have the facilities... and would like very much to revive one design sailing. Terry and I just happened along!" John Johns, 2455 S. Industrial Hwy., Ann Arbor, MI 48104.

Swayzee, IN: "I wish to join SCIRA... I will not be a member of any local fleet — but may start one on the Mississinewa Resevoir." (big lake in north central Indiana). Dave Congdon, Box 16, Swayzee, IN 46952.

Lake Mahopac, Putnam County/Westchester County, NY: "Those directly on Long Island Sound would probably not of be likely candidates, but landlocked sailors, or those near the Hudson River might be." Gabriel P. Katona, 400 East 85th St, NY 10028.

Central Illinois: "We have a new lake in our area! . . . excellent sailing lake. We in Decatur (fleet 144) intend to race with the 740 Fleet (Bloomington-Normal) occasionally. To promote activities in the Snipe Class in Central Illinois I have arranged to borrow a new Chapin prepared McLaughlin Snipe to exhibit in the boat show in Bloomington . . . April 11-13." Bill Coberly, 445 N. 35th, Decatur, IL 62521.

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"My life as a Snipe sailor started in 1950, when I became acquainted with the former Honorary Secretary of SCIRA, Per Skjonberg. In 1953 I was elected cashier of the Oslo Snipe Club, and have been a member of its board, executive secretary, vice chairman, and chairman. For 8 years, I was National secretary for Norway and dealt with public relations for Snipe yachting.

As chairman of the Royal Norwegian Yacht Club's Dinghy committee, I took part in establishing the Norwegian Sailing Association, and was chairman for the election committee for the Olympic games for 6 years. During the Kiel Olympics in 1972, I was one of the leaders for the racing team. I served as SCIRA secretary for North Europe for 2 years . . .

"As an active Sniper I have gained a few gold and silver medals in the Nordic games, and have had 2 silver medals and 3



Brynjulf Romslo

bronze medals in the Norwegian championships, and represented Norway in two European Championships.

"We would be very pleased if some American Snipers would take part in the regatta which is to be held in the Oslo Fjord during the Oslo Snipe Cup on August 30-31st this year."





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## Some Helpful Ideas For Your Race Committee

The USYRU, as part of its service to one design sailing has offered this advice on conducting races:

#### **Race Committee Boats**

The Mobile Race Management Team uses the four-boat system,

Regardless of the system you use, however, there are some general suggestions that hold true. You should give serious thought to the type of boat you use for a committee boat. When boats are too large, the superstructure makes windreading difficult (readings must be taken from the bow), communication becomes difficult between people on board, bigger boats invite using more people than are necessary for the race committee job, big boats cannot do anything quickly (raising anchors, for example), and big boats leave big wakes and interfere with the sailors.

Flags, shapes, and numeral course signs should be as large as practical. A 3' x 3' is the minimum size; 4' x 4' is better. Before and during the starting sequence, all flags not being used for a signalling purpose (club burgee, ensign, owner's private signal, etc.) should be removed so as not to confuse the sailors. What the sailor sees can inform or reassure him, or it can distract him.

For signals covered by Racing Rule 4.7 or signals ashore, use a 10 or 12 gauge "pump" shotgun with black-powder blanks. Any cheap gun will do, but clean it every night. A pump gun is easy, fast for two or three rapid signals (such as a general recall) and is loud enough for any small-boat course. For anything else, particularly a course change, use a whistle. It is cheap, loud, shrill, and fool-proof.

Every boat you use in race committee work should have a checklist of equipment taped to the boat and this should be reviewed before leaving the dock.

#### **Monitoring Wind Direction**

The race committee should start monitoring wind direction at least 45

minutes before the start: Separate your race committee boats across and up and down the course area until 25 minutes before the start. Record wind reading from all boats at five-minute intervals and include others when they are taken. Read the wind continuously from the starting line boats during the warning signal period and adjust the line as needed. After the start, be on guard for serious windshifts during the first windward leg and abandon and resail if necessary. Throughout the race, read the wind at five-minute intervals and report any unusual shifts. Read wind with care (and in time) as the fleet approaches each possible course change time. Read the wind approximately five minutes before setting the finish line; set it "square" to the wind direction.

In general, watch the wind at least one minute and average at least three readings before reporting a reading; all race committee members should have and wear hand-held compasses and be certain to keep them away from metal (including jewelry worn on wrists, etc.); read wind using feelings on the face (remove hats, glasses, etc. first); all boats should offer wind information even when not asked.

#### **Limiting General Recalls**

The best way to reduce the number of general recalls is to keep "control" of the racing fleet. Control means having the fleet "on your side" — maintaining a friendly relationship.

The three best ways to get control are:

- Be prepared to start each race exactly on time, and do so unless there are good reasons to postpone. This shows you are organized.
- 2. Set absolutely "square" starting lines.
- 3. Set the windward leg exactly parallel with the wind.

The worst way to try to get control is to write it into the sailing instructions by "lecturing" or stipulating excessively stiff penalties (such as for premature starters). It doesn't work and can offend the sailors.

When a general recall must be signalled, decide if it was caused by the sailors' over-eagerness, a poor line or a temporary wind shift. You must watch the boats sail off the line after the start to know what the cause was.

Remember, there may be recalls early in the series because the sailors are nervous—be patient!

#### **Anchoring Marks**

Anchoring marks is fast and easy if:

- 1. The anchor line is 14" 3-strand nylon, making it easy on the hands.
- The line is one piece, without any knots, hooks, thimbles, etc. (easy on the hands).
- 3. All lines are approximately the same length, which is 20% to 40% greater than the deepest water. (You don't have to worry about which line to use in a particular location.)
- 4. The lines are tied with bowlines to the marks and anchors. (A proper bowline will never come untied, but any hook will eventually fail — the spring will break, etc.)
- 5. Anchor lines are kept attached to the mark and anchor and the loose part stored uncoiled in 3-5 gallon plastic buckets (the line will never get tangled). The line closest to the anchor is on top so you can throw the anchor over and the line will feed freely. The mark goes into the water last.
- The anchor is suited to the bottom, and 4" of chain used when appropriate.
- The counter-weights are in two or three separate units, for ease of handling.

#### Using A Current Stick

Current can affect the correct angle of the starting line. Use a current stick to measure strength and direction. Take an old sail batten about three feet long (or a yardstick) and paint one end red, over 8-12 inches.

Experiment with different amounts of weight, attached to the other end of the stick. The best way to attach the weights (old nuts and bolts work well) is with small-diameter shock cord. The object is to make the stick float vertically with only 4-6 inches above the water. (Note: salt conditions in different waters require different weights.)

To measure current, drop the stick at a fixed point, such as an anchored mark or boat. Estimate the distance it travels in one minute. One hundred feet in one minute equals one knot of current (approximately).

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## **Davis Takes Home Eighth Trophy** From Ramel Memorial Regatta

Old Joe, the Midwest wind God frequently described by Ted Wells, produced winds to suit all tastes at Lake Lotawana for the sailing of the ninth annual Joe Ramel Memorial September 22 and 23.

For the first race the winds varied from 0 to 5 mph and came from all directions as 10 of the 19 "A" fleet boats found themselves in first place at one time or other. John and Jovce Maultsby, from Lake Quivira, Kansas, kept their boat moving in the light air to edge Lou and Sonja Joline at the finish with Davis back in eighth. It was the first sanctioned race win for Maultsby who has been moving up fast in Midwest competition.

By the start of race two the winds had increased to 10 knots, but remained shifty, much to the liking of the Jolines who jumped to a nice lead. Davis started back in the pack but, with that knack of following a kludge of Snipes into a mark and popping out first, he was soon in second. On the final beat, exhibiting good boat speed and flawless tacking, Davis passed the lead boat and went on to win by a comfortable margin.

The winds increased to 15 knots for the third race Sunday morning. Davis led from the start to win handily with Doug Goppert second and Chuck Falkenberg third. Joline needed a third, but could only manage 6th, so the trophy went home with Davis for the 8th time in nine starts

In the B fleet Ray Goppert staved out of trouble to edge Carl Chinnery for the win, while Lisa Joline outdrifted the competition to win the junior race. Social activities were highlighted by the free dinner party at the home of Nancy and Dick Goppert.

Lou Joline Lake Lotawana Fleet 49

#### JOE RAMEL MEMORIAL REGATTA (Top 10 of 19 entries) CLI

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Club	Places	Points	Finish
24100	Henry Davis/Leslie Tucker	Omaha	8-1-1	14	1
20402	Lou Joline/Sonja	Lotawana	2-2-6	18	2
21803	John Maultsby/Joyce	Quivira	1-15-5	31.7	3
19891	Tom Castle/Steve Tautz	Bowmar (CO)	4-5-7	31.7	4
22522	Dick Goppert/Cindy	Lotawana	13-14-8	35	5
20659	Ray Schmit/Robbie Coughlin	Downers Grove	3-7-13	37.7	6
18333	Chuck Falkenberg/Judy	Lotawana	12-10-3	39.7	7
17151	Bruce Hurst/Irene	Tulsa	5-9-8	39.7	8
22327	Doug Goppert/Rita	Lotawana	9-17-2	41	9
20623	Preston Brammer/Harold	Wichita	10-6-9	43	10

#### RELEFT (Top 5 of 11 entries)

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Club	Places	Points I	Finish
21806	Ray Goppert/Claire Shappington	Lotawana	1-3-2	8.7	1
19333	Carl Chinnery/Lisa Foulke	Lotawana	4-1-3	13.7	2
17227	Marian Peterson/Pat Van Derck	Lotawana	10-2-1	19	3
21097	Tim Edwards/Diana Stanley	Topeka	2-6-5	25.7	4
21095	Jack Vermillion/Tom Towle	Topeka	3-5-7	29.4	5

#### JUNIOR FLEET (Top 4 of 7 entries)

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Club	Places	Points 1	Finish
20402	Lisa Joline/Lou	Lotawana	1	0	1
19440	David Pierce/Reuben Saunders	Topeka	$\hat{2}$	3	2
23755	Clark McNeese/Jack Boove	Weatherby	3	5.7	3
21095	Tim Towle/Jack Vermillion	Topeka	4	8	4

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9	DeLaval/DeLaval	Vannes	140	21	Bezzina/Justen	Beaulieu	210	
10	Celerier/Celerier	Beaulieu	140	22	Celerier/Mazzini	Beaulieu	215	
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A Fleet Winners, standing, l to r: Henry Davis, Lou Joline, John Maultsby, Tom Castle, Dick Goppert, Ray Schmit, Chuck Falkenberg, Bruce Hurst. Kneeling: Leslie Tucker, Sonja Joline, Joyce Maultsby, Steve Tautz, Nancy Goppert, Robbie Coughlin, Judy Falkenberg, Irene Hurst.



Esther Ramelwhalen, Henry Davis, Leslie Tucker



B Fleet winners, standing, left to right: Tim Edwards, Marian Peterson, Carl Chinnery, Ray Goppert. Kneeling, Diana Stanley, Pan Van Derck, Lisa Foulke, Claire Shappington.



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Both Saturday and Sunday had bright sunshine, spectacular fall colors, mild temperatures and winds gusting to 40+ mph. On Saturday, James Hill showed the old folks how and captured a first in the Incident (A Fleet) with some excellent boat handling, especially on the beats. In second was Bob Rowland, followed by another junior, John Irvin in third.

In the Accident (B Fleet), well, it was a long afternoon, but nine boats eventually made it to the finish line with Rob Hill taking an easy first followed by two more juniors — Ann Meredith in second and Erik Witt in third. By the time the debris had cleared, the Race Committee decided we had enough capsize drills for the day (over 16 boats including several A Fleeters) and they decided to begin the adjustment early and try for two races Sunday morning.

The Saturday night dinner was held at Camp America for the second time and was again considered a complete success. It is a great place to eat, drink and party and the sleeping/camping facilities are excellent.

On Sunday morning, the winds were still gusting to 40+ mph and a few sailors decided to end their sailing early. The Race Committee set a triangular course and two races were sailed. In the A Fleet John Walton/Diane Burton from Detroit River, Michigan, put it all together for two first to capture the first place trophy.

Bob and Sandy Rowland of Cowan secured the second place trophy with a second and a fourth while Mike and Cheryl Zalzal of Cowan took third place with a seventh and a second.

In the Accident, Rob Hill/Tammie Wiltshire, using their local knowledge, had two easy firsts for the first place trophy followed by Erik and Manford Witt of Indianapolis (a fourth and a second) and Don Walk/Marilyn Bobo of Cowan (a second and a third).

The Race Committee did an outstanding job both Saturday and Sunday in setting the courses and conducting the rescue activities.

In the A Fleet, James Hill won the Junior trophy with his fourth place finish. In the B fleet, we were able to apply our rule that the Junior Trophy is awarded to the best finishing skipper who does not



Incident Fleet: Lee Griffith, John Irvine, Bill Coberly, James Hill, Mike Zalzal, Bob Rowland, John Walton. Front: Karla, Dan Irvine, Marge Coberly, Bob Arents, Cheryl Zalzal, Sandy Rowland, Diane Burton.



Accident Fleet: Cheryl Purtee, John Danks, Jim Hater, Anne Meredith, Ray Szczespanski, Don Walk, Erik Witt and Rob Hill. Front: Bob Peterson, Carolyn Hater, Don Meredith, Jim Denny, Marilyn Bobo, Manford Witt and Tammy Wiltshire.

#### OXFORD INCIDENT (Top 8 of 17 entries)

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Fleet	Places	Points I	Finish
23423	John Walton/Diane Burton	Detroit River	6-1-1	11.7	1
23333	Bob Rowland/Sandy	Cowan Lake	2-2-4	14	2
19062	Mike Zalzal/Cheryl	Cowan Lake	4-7-2	24	3
23288	James Hill/Bob Arents	Acton Lake	1-10-5	26	4
18886	Bill Coberly/Marge	Decatur, Il.	12-3-3	29.4	5
21461	John Irvine/Dan	Cowan Lake	3-4-11	30.7	6
20004	Lee Griffith/Karla	Barton, Mi.	5-5-8	34	7
20007	Cindy Braun/Sue Sitler	Cowan Lake	7-8-7	40	8

#### OXFORD ACCIDENT (Top 9 of 19 entries)

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Fleet	Places	Points I	Finish
20197	Rob Hill/Tammie Wiltshire	Acton Lake	1-1-1	0	1
22350	Erik Witt/Manford	Indianapolis	3-4-2	16.7	2
23178	Don Walk/Marilyn Bobo	Cowan Lake	4-2-3	16.7	3
19266	Ray Szczepanski/Jim Denny	Lake Carlyle	6-3-4	25.4	4
18913	Anne Meredith/Don	Richmond	2-5-8	27	5
22562	Jim Hater/Carolyn	Acton Lake	8-7-5	37	6
19432	John Danks/Bob Peterson	Cowan Lake	5-9-7	38	7
20626	Dave Maupin/Dick	Acton Lake	7-10-nf	45	8T
17467	Cheryl Purtee/Steve	Richmond	9-8-nf	45	8T

win any other trophy. Cheryl Purtee of Richmond finished eighth to win.

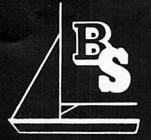
The Oxford Accident is also the final series for the C-MOM Trophy. This trophy is a traveling trophy in District III which is awarded to the best B Fleet skipper for the season. To qualify, a skipper must sail in three of the four possible regattas in the series — Middlefork Open, Cowan Lake's Riff-Raff, Muncie's Hoosier Harvest, and Acton's Accident. The regatta's scores are totaled and low score wins.

This year's winner is Rob Hill. Rob came back to sailing last year after a five-

year absence. He obtained his present boat at Cowan's Riff-Raff and left the rest of the B Fleet in his wake with three firsts in the last three regattas. All of us in the B Fleet wish Rob the best of luck next year — in the A Fleet, of course.

The next Oxford Incident/Accident is scheduled for October 5 and 6, 1980. Camp America will again be used and hopefully the traditional fair winds, colorful scenery and invigorating weather will prevail. Hope to see you all next year.

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