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## U.S. GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

SCIRA - US - General meeting August 20, 1975. Green Lake, WI.

Presiding were Commodore Stuart Griffing and National Secretary Ralph Swanson. Commodore Griffing thanked the local fleet and district for the organization of the regatta and recognized the several past SCIRA Commodores present including: Wells, Williams, Gilreath, Schenk, Levinson, and Swanson.
U.S. National Secretary Swanson announced actions taken and recommendations made by the U.S. Board at their meeting including:

Since the rules changes recommended have been approved by the SCIRA Board the new shape centerboard may be used in the U.S. after August 25, 1975. 3 races will be recommended as a minimum for National and International championships. 1 race minimum will be recommended for sanctioned regattas. If over 100 enter the U.S. Nationals they may be divided into 6 fleets. The Moment-Of-Inertia test will be included for next year's National Championship. The Junior age in the US will be anyone
not yet 19 in the calendar year. Recommendations for a stronger Junior program included the scheduling of Junior regattas with all sanctioned regattas where practical.

The 1976 U.S. Nationals plans were presented by Graham Hoffman, District VI Governor. Arrangements have been made to hold the regatta at Association Island with the same schedule as this year: Junior weighing on Friday July 30 with Junior racing on Saturday and Sunday. The Crosby series will start on Monday. The last day of racing will be Friday August 6.

The U.S. Board has received two bids to hold the 1977 World Championship: Miami, Florida and Cleveland, Ohio. Both will be requested to present detailed bids for consideration.

The meeting was thrown open for any discussion at this point. One suggestion of minimum crew weight was presented. Several responses from the floor indicated the feeling that this would penalize husband and wife teams as well as junior teams. Secretary Swanson commented that while this has been tried in some
classes it has not been considered as a rule which would benefit the Snipe Class.

At this point the meeting was adjourned as some of the boats secured to temporary moorings in the harbor were dragging in the storm.


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## THE COVER

Dirk Kneulman and Jim Teague lead the first race of the 1975 Canadian National Championship at Oakville. Photo by: Oakville Journal Record.

## THOUGHTS WHILE SAILING

This should have been in the last issue but we ran short of space. Anyhow, better late than never.

I would certainly like to pay tribute to the work done by the Green Lake Fleet in their conduct of the U.S. Nationals this year. Co-Chairman Andy Zeratsky and Ken Kinas demonstrated that efficient organization and devoted help can go a long way to make one of the best nationals in our history. No doubt some snafus did occur but since they were not obvious, the regatta was practically perfect as far as the contestants were concerned. (Except, perhaps, for their finishes.)

The regatta was held away from the yacht club, at a camp ground. There were some water front facilities but not anywhere like adequate. The solution was to put in temporary docks and install two hoists. Since there was no way to have enough docks, they put out mooring buoys. They then recruited a bunch of youngsters in small outboard motorboats and provided a system of water taxis. It worked out extremely well and you never had to wait more than a couple of minutes to get ashore. The nice thing about all this was that most of the material could be removed and re-used. All of this was paid for by preparing a very nice program booklet and selling advertising.

This is only an example but it does demonstrate that ingenuity and hard work will suffice when you do not have a lot of money. Our hats off to all those fine people in Green Lake.

## SCIRA/US BOARD MEETING

## SCIRA/US BOARD MEETING - August 17, 1975

PRESENT: Commodore Stuart Griffing, US National Secretary Ralph Swanson, Chairman of the Rules Committee Ted Wells, Rear Commodore Dan Williams, Chief Measurer Chuck Loomis, Gonzalo Diaz, Leif Zars, Earl Troeger, and Arch Higman as proxy for Jack Steele, members-at-large, District Governors: Ned Daly, D I; Paul Festersen, D II; Bob Hill, D III; and Ken Simons, D IV; and Buzz Lamb, Executive Sec. Graham Hoffman, Governor of District V arrived while the meeting was in progress.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Commodore Stuart Griffing who announced that an emergency item would be first on the agenda. Because of the 129 boats present for this regatta there is a proposal for division into 6 fleets for the Crosby series rather than 4 fleets. Vote 9.0 in favor.

Motion was made and seconded that the deed of gift for the Crosby series be changed by adding: "If there are approximately 100 boats they will be divided into 6 fleets." Motion carried.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: Motion made, seconded, and passed that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as published in the Snipe BULLETIN.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Executive

## THE SCORE

Only 16 numbers were issued this past month but 2 new fleets were chartered. France got 10 numbers, Paraguay got 5 and the U.S. 1. Paraguay has a new fleet at Yacht Club Ypacarai near Asuncion. The other fleet is at Club Nautico - La Concha in Spain. The best of luck to both of these new fleets.

Secretary Lamb presented statements of receipts and disbursements which show a favorable financial position. The dues increase, the requirement for decals, and the sail royalty payments have all helped. Continuing inflation is expected but the financial picture should remain acceptable.

## OLD BUSINESS:

JUNIOR SAILING: Leif Zars reported an interest in raising the age limit for the US Junior Nationals. Ralph Swanson made the point that young people are considered adult at age 18 . He feels that the younger skippers will be at a further disadvantage by older, stronger and more experienced competition. Gonzalo Diaz felt that to advance the age limit one year is to the family advantage since it includes young people in their last summer before college. Dan Williams moved and Ted Wells seconded that "The deed of gift be changed to include those not yet 19 by December 31 in the year in which they are competing." Motion carried.

Leif requested that more emphasis be devoted to developing junior participation in sanctioned regattas with the possibility of holding at least one junior race for every Sanctioned Regatta. He is particularly interested in Districts holding separate Junior District Championships where possible. The decision was that District Governors will be encouraged to hold separate Junior Championships.

RULES CHANGES: The SCIRA Board has approved the rules changes but will not require the new board for older boats at the Nationals levels or below. The rules changes will be submitted to the IYRU in September for approval at their meeting in November, usually a routine procedure in self-administering classes such as Snipe.

THE MOMENT-OF-INERTIA RULE: Dan Williams of the rules study committee explained the committees conclusion that to include an allowance for " 33 pounds of ballast anywhere" required that a moment of inertia rule also be included. A moment of inertia certificate will be required for boats and a place will be provided on the new measurement data sheet for the inclusion of moment of inertia.

Chuck Loomis, Dan Williams and Ted Wells discussed requiring the moment of inertia test as part of the measuring procedure at next year's Nationals, Dan hopes to be able to put together the spring mechanisms for the testing devices for not over $\$ 10.00$. The Class Measurers can measure the moment of inertia and
give a boat its certificate. Dan Williams, Ralph Swanson, and Ted Wells are to formulate a statement of policy regarding moment of inertia requirements for future Nationals, This will be voted on by the U.S. Board and published in the BULLETIN.

The method of measuring for the jib roach has been changed and is now from the head gromet of the sail to the midpoint of the foot with 8 pounds pull. The measurement is $12^{\prime} 2^{\prime \prime}$ maximum.

The motion was made, seconded, and passed to allow the use of the 11 " new shape board in the US after August 25, 1975.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP BIDS: Bill Buckles of Cleveland Yacht Club presented a proposal to hold the World Championship there in 1977. Later in the meeting Gonzalo Diaz presented a tentative proposal for Miami to hold the championship. There has also been a tentative bid from Denmark. After discussion the US Board decided that its representatives at the meeting in Uruguay should be for the Championship for the US in either 1977 or 1979. If a definite bid is received by the SCIRA Board for the championships for Denmark, the US will wait until 1979. Both Bill Buckles and Gonzalo Diaz were requested to present detailed bids for consideration by October 1, so that there will be a concrete proposal ready for the SCIRA Board meeting in Uruguay.

BROCHURE: Paul Festersen reported no progress to date but he hopes to develop an attractive and inexpensive brochure in the next few months.

BUILDING PLANS: Stu Griffing showed his revision of the building plans. The first printing since revision has been sold out.

PUBLICITY: Buzz Lamb reported that John Weber is still doing publicity and has been successful with various yachting publications at very little cost to the class.

ORGANIZATION STUDY: Ralph Swanson reported that very litle has been done in this direction since members of his committee have not been able to meet. He will make a report to the SCIRA Board in Uruguay.

## NEW BUSINESS:

MINIMUM NUMBER OF RACES: Commodore Griffing proposed that in cases where the deed of gift does not specify a minimum number of races, such minimums should be established. For sanctioned regattas one race shall constitute a minimum number, and for National or International regattas three races shall be a minimum.

Ralph Swanson made the motion to refer this to the SCIRA Board, seconded, and Passed. It was stated that regattas whose deeds of gift specify a higher number of races shall not be altered by this motion.

REPORTING IN AT STARTS: Commodore Griffing proposed that checking in at starts be required in the rules for conducting national and international championship regattas and included in the rules as No. 11 (f). Ralph Swanson so moved, Ted Wells seconded and the motion was passed and was referred to the SCIRA Board.

REPLACING LOST TROPHIES: The Duffy Trophy for the US Junior National champion was last awarded to Jerry Stewart who took it to the San Diego Yacht Club for display. The Yacht Club couldn't find it and it has not been presented since 1972. Efforts will be made to locate the trophy. If it can't be located it will be replaced.

The Slauson Crew Trophy is also missing and was last presented to Tom Johnson, crew for Jeff Lenhart at Annapolis. Efforts will also be made to locate this trophy or to replace it.

## REGATTA SCHEDULING:

U.S. NATIONALS 1976: Graham Hoffman, Governor of District V, reported plans in progress for the Nationals at Association Island in 1976. The short schedule will be used. District V will do what it can to keep the cost per boat down. Keuka Lake will be kept as a back-up location if the regatta can't be held at Association Island. Proposed dates are July 31-August 6, 1976.

PAN-AM GAMES: Will be in Mexico October 12-26. There are 12 entries. 8 boats are being loaned by US Snipe Sailors: Brownie Horner, Gene Tragus, Leif Zars, Stu Griffing and Buzz Lamb.

1976 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Will be held in the Bahamas probably in May.

1976 WESTERN HEMISPHERE REGATTA: Will be held in North Sydney, NC, Canada, in late August.

ONE DESIGN COUNCIL: Buzz Lamb is a member of USYRU's One-Design Council which is working to have one-design classes represented more fully in the USYRU organization and planning.

CLASS MEASURERS: Chief Measurer Chuck Loomis asked for clarification of his responsibility in replacing class measurers if he feels there is a need for such action. The Board reaffirmed that he has both the right and responsibility to see that measurers are fulfilling their function and to replace a measurer for cause.

# Russ Cook Defeats District V Fleet 

Keuka Lake's Russ Cook, with daughter Terri as crew, swept the three top District V regattas in '75 to clearly dominate contenders for the Retzhaupt high point award.

## DISTRICT V CHAMPIONSHIP

| Boat | Skipper/Crew | Club | Places | Points | Finish |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| 19491 | Russ Cook/Terri Cook | Keuka | $1-1-3$ | 5.7 | 1 |
| 1669 | Fritz Graham/Paula Webster | Cuba Lake | $4-3-2$ | 16.7 | 2 |
| 21933 | Dave Bouckhuyt/Glenn Kunkel | CLYC | $3-2-5$ | 18.7 | 3 |
| 20311 | Chuck Fox/Helen Fox | Newport | $2-8-6$ | 28.7 | 4 |
| 19270 | Doug Weeks/Bill Weeks | Keuka | $5-5-8$ | 34 | 5 |
| 19793 | Tersh Bugbee/Randy Schroeder | Cuba Lake | $13-4-4$ | 35 | 6 |
| 19450 | Graham Hoffman/Glen Hoffman | Keuka | $6-6-9$ | 38.4 | 7 |
| 19284 | James Gale/Chris Gale | Newport | $18-10-1$ | 40 | 8 |
| 20222 | Maureen Hays/Rob Hays | Cuba Lake | $14-7-7$ | 46 | 9 |
| 11389 | Howard Fletcher/Cindy Munger | Olcott | $7-9-13$ | 47 | 10 |
| 19721 | Vic Larson/Chuck Whitmeyer | CLYC | $15-11-11$ | 55 | 11 |
| 21548 | George Hock/Larry Stephens | Onondaga | $10-18-10$ | 56 | 12 |
| 17713 | Jack Pierotti/Mary Miller | Cuba Lake | $11-12-16$ | 56 | 13 |
| 21463 | Todd Perrigo/Judy Hays | Cuba Lake | $8-13-n f$ | 58 | 14 |
| 19119 | Sam Ulbing/Lee Ulbing | Newport | $9-14-n s$ | 60 | 15 |
| 8570 | Harold Griffith/Steve Messinger | CLYC | $16-19-12$ | 65 | 16 |
| 18944 | Sage Cutler/Skip Wilday | Cuba Lake | $19-15-15$ | 67 | 17 |
| 16333 | Royce Mallory/Red Garfield | CLYC | $21-17-14$ | 70 | 18 |
| 21555 | Leo Murphy/Alabelle Smith | Cuba Lake | $12-n f-n f$ | 70 | 19 |
| 20185 | Lana Rittman/Tom Tice | Newport | $17-16-n s$ | 74 | 20 |
| 19697 | Marcia Fox/Janet Fox | Newport | $20-20-n s$ | 81 | 21 |
| 8571 | Charlie Ulrich/Janie Ulrich | CLYC | $22-n s-n s$ | 82 | 22 |
| 10900 | Tom Larson/Neil Gustafson | CLYC | $23-n s-n s$ | 87 | 23 |


| Boat | Skipper/Crew | Club | Places | Finish |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: |
| 20222 | Rob Hayes/Mary Hughes | Cuba Lake | $1-1-1$ |  |
| 19793 | George Anderson/Ken Kress | Chautauqua | $2-2-2$ | 1 |
| 21463 | Judy Hayes/Todd Phillips | Cuba Lake | $9-3-3$ | 2 |
| 19284 | James Gale/Chris Gale | Newport | $4-9-4$ | 3 |
| 18944 | Skip Wilday/Sage Cutler | Cuba Lake | $3-7-8$ | 4 |
| 8570 | Russ Deimer/Hanna Shaw | Chautauqua | $10-4-5$ | 5 |
| 11389 | Cindy Munger/Al Kroeger | Olcott | $5-8-6$ | 6 |
| 21933 | Glenn Kunkel/Martha Bouckhuyt | Chautauqua | $7-6-9$ | 7 |
| 19697 | Marcia Fox/Paula Webster | Newport | $6-10-10$ | 8 |
| 19450 | Brian Minion/Mark Paritti | Chautauqua | $11-11-7$ | 9 |
| 8571 | Jeff Creighton/Neil Gustafson | Chautauqua | $12-12-\mathrm{NF}$ | 11 |

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19491
21458
16699
21463
21716
20690
21105
20185
19396
16333
19793
19284
16800
19450
1189

| Club | Places | Points | Finish |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Keuka | $4-7-1-1-10$ | 37 | 1 |
| Onondaga | $2-2-2-10-13$ | 44 | 2 |
| Chautauqua | $10-4-10-3-1$ | 45.7 | 3 |
| Chautauqua | $1-19-8-5-4$ | 57 | 4 |
| Oakville | Dsq-1-5-4-2 | 59 | 5 |
| Oakville | $9-3-9-2-8$ | 62.7 | 6 |
| Oakville | $12-10-3-6-9$ | 65.4 | 7 |
| Newport | $5-8-13-12-3$ | 66.7 | 8 |
| Barrie | $12-6-4-13-5$ | 66.7 | 9 |
| Cuba | $6-9-12-9-11$ | 76.7 | 10 |
| Cuba | $3-11-19-11-12$ | 82.7 | 11 |
| Newport | $8-15-7-7-21$ | 88 | 12 |
| Newport | $22-5-15-19-7$ | 97 | 13 |
| Keuka | $17-16-6-15-19$ | 102.7 | 14 |
| Cuba | $21-12-11-22-14$ | 110 | 15 |



District V champ Russ Cook poses with daughter Terri, 10 years old, who crewed for him in major District V races, and sons Steven, 6, and Jay, 2.

District V Governor Graham Hoffman of Keuka Lake Y. C., left, presents the Junior District V and the Bud Hook District V junior championship awards to skipper Rob Hays of Buffalo and his crew, Mary Hughes of Olean.

third and fourth races, caught George on the fifth to become the regatta winner.

Dirk Kneulman, Oakville, Ontario, Canada, lost a starboard-port situation protest in the first race, however still gained an overall fifth.

Refreshments Friday during measurements, and Saturday between races, a "sour hour" prior to the buffet supper, all added to the fellowship enjoyed by the 32 entrants.

Fred Seedhouse Captain, Newport Fleet No. 103
'75 Retzhaupt Trophy Won by Russ Cook

Russ with crew-daughter Terri won the

RETZHAUPT TROPHY

| Skipper | Points | Finish |
| :--- | ---: | :---: |
| Russ Cook | 57.4 | 1 |
| Fritz Gram | 92.4 | 2 |
| Dave Bouckhuyt | 122.8 | 3 |
| Lucius Bugbee | 142.4 | 4 |
| George Hock | 145 | 5 |
| Lana Rittman | 172.7 | 6 |
| Chuck Fox | 195.7 | 7 |
| Jim Gale | 199 | 8 |
| Graham Hoffman | 205.1 | 9 |
| Howie Fletcher | 226 | 10 |
| Sam Ulbing | 252 | 11 |
| Leo Murphy | 330 | 12 |

1975 Retzhaupt Trophy with a clean sweep of the Lake Ontario Championship (Briody Memorial) on Irondequoit Bay, the New York State Open on Onondaga Lake and the District V Championship on Chautauqua Lake. The Trophy is for the overall high point championship of District V.

Winning all three regattas in one year was accomplished only once before, in 1971, by the team of Bob Vreeland and Mike Hanna, who won under similar gererally light air conditions. Competing in all three regattas is required to qualify. Chuck Fox, Sec-Treas.


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## SNIPE WEEK IN OAKVILLE

Nineteen Canadian boats sailed in the Canadian Nationals on August 11-14.Three races were held Monday with Dirk Kneulman and Jim Teague winning the first race. A new member of the Oakville fleet, Dennis McCutcheon and his wife Jayne sailed their new boat to a first in the second race. Class hopping Laser and 470 sailors Ian Brown and Greg Tawaststjern won the third race. There was only one race Tuesday in which Jim Belford got his break-through to a first. No races were held Wednesday due to constantly shifting winds and calms. The final two races were gotten off Thursday afternoon. A new member of the Oakville fleet Bill Hunter and his wife Nancy won the first race and should have won the second, but went to the wrong mark and when the fleet leaders corrected their course found himself out of the lead. Bill, never the less, finished second, the winner being Jack Pearce of Barrie. Overall the top five were Jim and Phyllis Belford, Ian Brown and Greg Tawaststjerna, Bill and Nancy Hunter, Dirk Kneulman and Jim Teague all from Oakville, and upholding the Maritimes and preventing a clean sweep by Oakville, Alex Winstanley and Dennis Astephen of Northern Yacht Club, North Sydney, N. S.

The racing throughout the series was very close. The time between first and last seldom being more than four or five minutes, and places were being won and lost by only seconds. The Rothmans service to Sailing van was on hand and their men, marks, boats and radios were of invaluable assistance to race committee chairman Don Hains who did a terrific job. The Rothmans' boys and their equipment were sorely missed when they had to leave before the final race Thursday. Throughout the week the racing was excellent with a wide variety of wind and sea conditions present. The winners in both series certainly deserved their prizes which were full and half models of Snipes made by a member of our fleet Roger Redwin. All Snipers are invited back for more racing and "Snipe Special" at next years Ontario's. The Canadian Nationals will be at the Northern Yacht Club, North Sydney, Nova Scotia, which will also be the site for the 1976 Western Hemisphere


Canadian National winners, left to right, front: Nancy Hunter, Ian Brown, Gret Tawastjerna, Jim Teague; back: Bill Hunter, Jim Belford, Phyllis Belford, Dennis Astephen, Alex Winstanley. (Oakville Record photo)

CANADIAN NATIONALS (Top 5 of 19, Best 5 of 5 Races)

| Boat | Skipper/Crew | Town | Places | Points | Finish |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: |
| 20690 | Jim Belford/Phyllis Belford | Oakville | $3-2-1-2-3$ | 17.4 | 1 |
| 20689 | Ian Brown/Greg Tawaststjerna | Oakville | $2-1-2-3-4$ | 19.7 | 2 |
| 21800 | Bill Hunter/Nancy Hunter | Oakville | $5-3-7-1-2$ | 31.7 | 3 |
| 21716 | Dirk Kneulman/Jim Teague | Oakville | $1-4-7-4-4$ | 37.0 | 4 |
| 21480 | Alex Winstanley/Dennis Astephen | Northern | $3-4-5-6-5$ | 45.4 | 5 |

ONTARIO CHAMPIONSHIP (Top 5 of 39)

| Boat | Skipper | Club | Places | Points | Finish |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 17387 | Jerry Thompson | Portage Y.C. | $1-1-5-1$ | 10.0 | 1 |
| 19267 | Don Hite | Lake Angelus Y.C. | $3-8-12-2$ | 31.7 | 2 |
| 20707 | Terry Timm | Barton Pond | $4-3-10-6$ | 41.4 | 3 |
| 19392 | Brownie Horner | Lake Canyon | $5-5-1-17$ | 43.0 | 4 |
| 20690 | Jim Belford | Oakville Y.S. | $8-4-14-4$ | 50.0 | 5 |

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Christopher Hains
Oakville Fleet No. 321

## Jerry Thompson Cops Ontario Title

The Oakville Yacht Squadron was host to the Ontario Championship and the Canadian Nationals, August 9-14. The Ontario's were held first with 39 boats from as far away as Nova Scotia and Texas participated. The first two races were sailed in moderate to heavy winds. In the first race Bill Buckles had a
tremendous lead but blew it when he capsized on the run. Jerry Thompson took over the lead to win the race. Thompson won the second race also. The third race was sailed in light air Sunday morning. Those who were in the first 20 managed to get around the third mark but those in the last 20 got caught in a hole and were parked at the mark for as much as a half hour. Brownie Horner from Texas mastered the light conditions and won this race. The wind picked up a little for the fourth race with Jerry Thompson winning it easily. Overall, the top five on the Ontario's were Jerry Thompson, Don Hite, Terry Timm, Brownie Horner, and Jim Belford.

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A Fleet - left to right, kneeling: Sandy Rowland, Buddy Leonard, David Sherman, Liz Prince, Bill Carr; standing: Bob Rowland, Bud Leonard, Steve Sherman, Tim Prince, Jim Richter.


B Fleet - left to right, kneeling: Bob Hill, Skip Gilbert, Tony Wilson, Joe Spain, Cheryl Purtee; standing: Jamie Hill, Kif. fin Gilbert, Mark Wilson. Ray Schmitt, Earle Pur. tee.

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# Middlefork Opener Something for Everyone! 

Fleet 653, as usual, had something for everyone. May 3 provided the typical light shifting southerlies of about 5 knots. Bob Rowland jumped off to a big lead on the beat and edged Mike Zalzal for an all Ohio win. The second race began in a southeasterly calm much to the delight of the Muncie Super-light weights Steve Sherman and son. They were followed across the finish by the Diamond Lake "light-weight" representative, Bud and Buddy Leonard. John Goldsworthy was third with John Meredith nipping Bob Rowland taking 4th and 5th respectively.

The evening festivities were highlighted by a buffet of shrimp, beef, ham, turkey, and a generous sprinkling of salty stories. Entertainment was provided

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by the Northeastern Swing Choir. Bud Leonard was quoted during the evenings activities as saying, "Now this is what's really great about sailing!" Bud and Buddy went on to win a large silver platter emblematic of their overall second place finish.

Sunday morning's X course was exciting and challenging as the wind from the west was blowing 18 to 20 knots with gusts that alternately had boats planing and bailing. A few skippers and crews got early spring swims. Consistency was the order of the day for the Rowlands and the Princes. The Cowan Lake contingent had two 1sts and two 2 nds respectively.

In "B" Fleet, Mark Wilson of the local club took the first heat handily, followed

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Places
1-5-1-1

## 7-2-12-6

3-1-20-9
17-13-2-2
5-7-10-5 9-3-7-10 12-10-6-3 2-19-11-4 11-8-4-16 19-14-3-7

Points 10 45.7 46.7 48.0 49 49.7 51.4 53 63.7

Finish
1
2
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MIDDLEFORK "B FLEET" (Top 5 of 14 Entries)

Boat
Skipper/Crew
21120 J. Hill/B. Hill
11467 K. Gilbert/S. Gilbert
21118 M. Wilson/T. Wilson
20659 R: Schmidt/J. Spain
17467 E. Purtee/C. Purtee

Club
Acton Lake DNS-1-1-1
Richmond 2-11-6-2 Richmond 1-2-DNF-6 Burnham Park $\quad 5-5-5 \cdot 3$ Richmond

7-3-3-8

Points
21

Finish

by Kiffin Gilbert and Peter Laine making a clean sweep for the Richmond sailors. Then Jamie Hill of Acton Lake arrived. The track meet that had delayed his arrival must have fired him up. He displayed the effects of his winter preparations by 3 consecutive firsts. The "A" fleeters are looking forward to seeing him and his crew, old "what's his name" before the end of the season.

Beautiful silver plates were given to the top five skippers and crews in each fleet with the Junior Award going to

Jamie Hill and the Vintage Award to John Hodges' Methusala, No. 2723. During the presentation it was brought out that regattas were not held for just the 10 winners, and appreciation was expressed for the participation of all the skippers and crews. Awards were given to the 24th place finishers in A and the 14th place finisher in B. Planning for next year's Opener are underway. With some new twists being added, no one will want to miss it!

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Saturday's drifter proved to be the deciding margin as Terry Timm and John Johns, both of Barton Boat Club, matched the first and second place finishes of Don Hite in the last two races. A 4 th for Terry and a 5 th for John in the opening race left them in second and third in the regatta, respectively. Frank Pontius of the home fleet was so far


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## MUNCIE REVISITED - Almost

Nine years ago, Buzz Levinson talked me into coming to the Muncie Indiana regatta, the bait being that he would furnish a boat and would crew for me. It is a 1500 mile round trip which is a bit long for a weekend regatta - especially if, as it turned out, it was a one race drifty regatta. However, Buzz is a real expert at sniffing out a breeze if there is any at all and we won the race so it wasn't all bad.

At Green Lake this year, Buzz made the same proposition. This looked like a good chance to see if I could for a change go in the right direction at the right time, so I was all for it. Marge, on completing a 1500 mile trip to Green Lake, was taking a dim view of one free weekend followed by Weatherby, Lotawana and then Muncie regattas on three weekends in a row.

I had to admit that she had a point, so when she came up with a compromise proposal, I bought it. It was to skip Lotawana which would leave only three regattas in five weeks, and rent a motor coach so she could take the dogs along and have a nice cool place to retreat to if the weather was hot and there wasn't any gals around to talk to. Note - this was her idea, not mine. Fortunately.

## RULES FOR RENTING WINNEBAGOS FOR REGATTAS

(1) Don't
(2) If you do, pick it up a day ahead of time. We arrived at the appointed place about 10 miles from home Thursday afternoon at 1 pm with enough stuff for a two week trip, but nobody was there and no coach was in sight. About an hour later the guy from whom I was renting the coach showed up, explaining that he thought I wanted it at 4 o'clock. The coach was in a garage on the other side of town, theoretically ready to go. We went over there, loaded up and started through the checklist of how to make things work. We are now over an hour behind schedule and Marge, who doesn't like to be hurried was ready to chuck the whole thing. She didn't know how right she was.

There is a fancy illuminated panel which shows the status of the water supply and liquid level in the holding tanks. The indication was water supply empty, holding tanks full, so we go a couple of miles to the town sewage plant and remedy this situation.

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The next item is how to start the propane gas fired refrigerator. It doesn't start which is probably why the control was an optional electric instead of gas. The next item is how to start the propane fired heating system. It wouldn't work either (probably never had because the weather had just turned cool but I didn't figure that out at the time.) The solution to the refrigerator and furnace problem was obvious, especially since the water heater wouldn't light - the propane tanks were empty.

By this time we are about two hours behind schedule, but up the line about 10 miles there is a truck stop only a mile or so off the road where we can fill the propane tanks. There was only one mechanic there, he was busy working on some gal's car, so it took about forty-five minutes to find out that the propane tanks were full.

By this time it is too late to get to the KOA place where we had reservations, but we managed to find one at Lawrence, Kansas after trying to find the one at Topeka and missing it. We got a space with an electric connection so the refrigerator would work, Marge could cook with the electric skillet and we could use the percolator, all of which was great but the plug on the coach wouldn't fit the socket, and the adapter which was supposed to be in the coach was missing. We used the gasoline auxiliary power supply to cook dinner and cool the refrigerator slightly.

We had brought a good blanket and a down quilt so after doing dishes in cold water and battling the bed to try to fit a standard contoured sheet on a mattress designed to accommodate a couple of skinny seven foot tall basketball players, we piled everything on top and crawled in.

About 6 am we woke up congealed, and made ourselves thoroughly unpopular by starting the main truck engine to produce some heat, and the auxiliary to produce some coffee. We turned on the radio and heard that we had just experienced the earliest frost on record, and that the all time low temperature record had been broken by four degrees - it was an even thirty two outside, and not much warmer inside, especially since the closing mechanism on one of the windows over the bed had been broken and replaced by a coat hanger which left the window open about two inches.

Not being the venturesome pioneer type, Marge decided no furnace, no trip, which under the circumstances didn't seem completely unreasonable. I started looking up Winnebago dealers, still thinking that getting to Muncie was a good idea, but by then the sun was up and there was a pea soup fog.

We finally got to a turnpike service station whose mechanics didn't know any more about furnaces that I did; returned to Topeka where the Winnebago dealer was too busy to look at it but thought there was a place a few miles down the road where they might be able to do something about it. At this point we simultaneously arrived at the conculsion that we just weren't meant to get to Muncie and headed back home.

I hope to make a deal with Buzz on the Atlanta regatta - the Bank Administration Institute is very thoughtfully holding a four day meeting in Atlanta the first four days of the week before the Hallowe'en regatta. Maybe I can learn something about banking and sailing both.

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## Finland Dominates World Junior Snipe Championship

Finland, with 1st, 2nd and 4th, dominated the Snipe World Junior Championship held July 7-12 at Kokkola, Finland, 300 miles north of Helsinki and located within the Arctic Circle. Heikki Haimakainen was first with a perfect score, having dropped a second in the 7 race (one drop) series. Peter Holm was second with a total of 37 points. Matts Rehnstrom of Sweden took 3rd place, Kaj Storbacks, Finland, 4th and Joe Petrucci of the U. S. was fifth.

Brazil's teams finished 6th and 8th, Argentina was 7th, Sweden 9th, and Norway 10th. Other nations represented were Spain, Canada and England.

Contestants who could not bring their boats were provided loaners by Finland.

The winds for the first race were about 15 knots and gradually built up to well over 20 for the races on the 1st day, and lighter teams were at a disadvantage. The average daytime temperature was about $65^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ and the water was very choppy as well as cold. Vice Commodore Svend Rantil was SCIRA representative for the series and complimented the committee on the excellence of the lines and the course.

The young sailors particularly enjoyed the novelty of the "midnight sun". It never got dark!

## WORLD JUNIOR SNIPE CHAMPIONSHIP (7 races, 1 drop)

| Boat | Skipper/Crew | Country | Places | Points | Finish |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 5604 | Heikki Haimakainen/Timo Karlsson | Finland | 1-1-2-1-1-1-1 | 0 |  |
| 19790 | Peter Holm/Thomas Slotte | Finland | 2-4-1-4-5-6-4 | 37 | 2 |
| 10295 | Matts Rehnstrom/M. Erikisson | Sweden- | 6-6-3-2-6-2-5 | 45.1 | 3 |
| 21032 | Kaj Storbacka/Erik Hagstrom | Finland | 4-8-5-3-3-5-7 | 52.4 | 4 |
| 21507 | Joe Petrucci/Stuart Gray | U.S.- | 3-5-4-5-11-4-NF | 58.7 | 5 |
| 16215 | Alvaro Figueira/Paulo Duhnert | Brazil | 5-2-NF-11-4-DQ-6 | 69.7 | 6 |
| 20974 | Torkel Borgstrom/Fernando Asad | Argentina | 7-3-DQ-DQ-2-7-NF | 69.7 | 7 |
| 19549 | Eduardu de M. Vas/Ricardo Weber | Brazil | 12-20-6-7-7-DQ-2 | 74.7 | 8 |
| 7475 | Clas Ekstrand/Stellan Holmstrom | Sweden | 9-7-7-8-12-8-3 | 74.7 | 9 |
| 18051 | Per K. Egeberg/Reidar Usterud | Norway - | 11-9-8-6-9-3-12 | 78.4 | 10 |
| 18468 | Joaquin Botella/Juan Carlos Lopes | Spain - | 8-12-9-NS-10-9-NF | 94 | 11 |
| 20560 | Eric Krebs/Scott Harris | U.S. | 10-NF-11-10-13-10 | 95 | 12 |
| 18344 | Harri Palm/Bill Plummer | Canada | DQ-13-10-9-8-11-9 | 96 | 13 |
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