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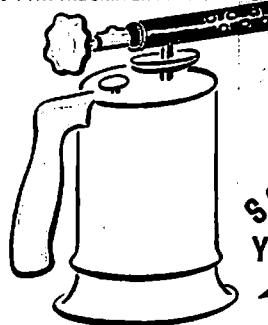


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L to R, standing: Henry Davis, George Croasdale, Bruce Hurst, Scott De Arman, Ted Wells, Keith Zars. Kneeling: Jack Wagoner, Terry Croasdale, Mike Axton, Rachel De Arman, Lance Braht, Toby Ricks.

There's plenty of action as the fleet approaches a mark at the Midwestern Championship Regatta, held on Santa Fe Lake, Wichita.

Davis Takes Midwestern Title at Wichita

The Wichita Sailing Club hosted the 32nd Midwestern Championship Snipe Regatta at Santa Fe Lake near Wichita, Kansas, June 26 and 27. Thirty-four Snipes registered to compete for trophies in three races held Saturday and Sunday, with sailors from Oklahoma, Missouri, Nebraska and Texas.

Santa Fe Lake is noted for its gusty winds and the two Saturday races were exciting sailing. The sky was overcast and winds were high, causing seven boats to capsize in the first race and four in the second race. Keith Zars, from San Antonio, sailing close to the front, capsized in the first race and, with his mast in the mud, was unable to finish. Keith and his crew, Toby Ricks, were back in the second race to finish fourth and won Sunday morning to finish the Regatta with a sixth place.

Henry Davis and crew, Jack Wagoner, finished first in the two Saturday races, both times with a big lead, second in the Sunday morning race and took the first place trophy back to Omaha. George Croasdale and crew, Terry Croasdale, from Kansas City, finished the Regatta with a second place, and Bruce Hurst, with Mike Axton crewing, took third.

The Wichita Sailing Club chose this Regatta-time, after the Saturday evening smorgasbord dinner at the lake, to honor Ted Wells and his wife, Marge, who have been members of the Wichita Club for 38 years. Ted started this Midwestern Championship Snipe Regatta 32 years ago and has been the Chairman of the Regatta many of those years. A slide program was

presented in the evening, reviewing Ted's very active and full life, and an honorary life membership in the Wichita Club was

given to Wells. Ted and his crew, Lance Braht, also finished the Regatta with a fifth place.

32nd MIDWESTERN CHAMPIONSHIP (Top 12 of 34 Entries)

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Town	Races	Points	Finish
21700	Henry Davis/Jack Wagoner	Omaha	1-1-2	3	1
20500	George Croasdale/Terry Croasdale	Kansas City	3-2-6	20.4	2
17151	Bruce Hurst/Mike Axton	Tulsa	4-5-3	23.7	3
19176	Scott DeArman/Rachel DeArman	Tulsa	2-3-10	24.7	4
18025	Ted Wells/Lance Braht	Wichita	5-9-5	35	5
19449	Keith Zars/Tony Ricks	San Antonio	nf-4-1	42	6
19585	Ken Rix/Gary Pierce	Wichita	10-7-7	42	7
20623	Preston Brammer/Harold Brammer	Wichita	6-6-18	47.4	8
21762	Bob Fugit/Steve Kersey	Wichita	8-10-13	49	9
19925	Kurt Loveless/Keith Loveless	Kansas City	7-8-17	50	10
19832	Harry Livingston/Dick Kersey	Wichita	11-11-12	52	11
19330	Bob Peugh/June Peugh	Wichita	9-16-14	57	12

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THOUGHTS WHILE SAILING

The Western Hemisphere Championship produced several protests against the race committee, and of course, there was conversation and opinions pro and con. Having had the pleasure (?) of being on the protest committee, I was impressed by some of the reactions of those concerned.

One thing that strikes me as being unfortunate, is the animosity that sometimes builds up between members of the race committee and the competitors. Evidently, this is quite prevalent, since some state that the race committee and the competitors are adversaries. This is definitely not true, or at least, should not be.

The sole purpose of a race committee should be to conduct a race that is fair for all competitors, and in accordance with the race instructions. They can't win any trophies, but they can surely lose reputation by running a sloppy race. They are under pressure to get a required number of races completed, and occasionally this gets them into trouble. The wind does not always cooperate, and race committees frequently cannot resist the temptation to go ahead and run it anyhow. The more important the championship, the more stringent the criteria. However, even local races are important to most people and should be run accordingly. If the wind goes completely awry the race committee should consider canceling and restarting. Accumulating a large number of races won't mean anything if they are not quality races.

On the other side of the coin, the competitors should treat the race committee with respect. Most are competent skippers in their own right and want to run the best race possible. It does take a lot of luck and conditions are seldom perfect, so remember that the race committee is not really your adversary — they are trying to get you the best race possible. If, as does happen, you are prejudiced by an action or omission of the race committee, rule 68.5(a) gives you the right to protest. Many of the protests under this rule are not valid and accordingly, not upheld. But many are valid and these should be sustained.

Which brings to mind — protest committees. They always lose! I know of no situation when someone was not

unhappy with a decision. In one instance, however, a competitor whose protest was denied came around the next day and thanked me for hearing his protest. I was so astonished, I could hardly reply. But I surely appreciated his thanks.

World Championship 1977 Set for Denmark

Dates have been set for next year's World Championship in Denmark for August 22-29. The host will be Skovshoved Sailing Club and races will be held in the sound just north of Copenhagen. The winds will be good and the weather will be delightful so make your plans to attend. If you don't make it as a competitor you will certainly be welcome as a Snipe sailor and spectator. For more information write to your national secretary.

NOTE TO U.S. A group is being formed to take advantage of favorable airline rates. The group will probably leave on August 18 and return on September 1. If you are at all interested, write Buzz Lamb and you will be put on the mailing list as information becomes available.

Bids Encouraged for 1979 World Championship

The U. S. is again contemplating submitting a bid to hold the World Championship in 1979. Any fleet in the U. S. which feels that it would like to conduct this regatta should begin to make inquiries as all bids must be submitted by June 1, 1977. The SCIRA/US Board will make its final choice at its meeting in July 1977 and the U.S. Bid will be submitted to the Board of Governors at its meeting in Copenhagen during the 1978 World Championship. For further information write U.S. National Secretary Ralph Swanson, 44 Swan Road, Winchester, MA 01890 (Phone (617) 729-2423) or contact Buzz Lamb.

THE COVER

Brilliant Brazilian out in front just after the start. Western Hemisphere champion Marco Paradedda showed almost flawless form in winning his third try for the John Hayward Trophy. Photo by Buzz Lamb.

14th Western Hemisphere Championship Won Handily By Marco Paradededa

Lenhart, Altmayer follow in ten-nation fleet at Nova Scotia.

The fourteenth Western Hemisphere Championship was won handily by Marco Aurelio Paradededa and crew Luis Pejemove from Brazil. Their finishes of 1-1-2-2-3-DQ-2 for a total of 14.7 points was reminiscent of Jeff Lenhart's dominance at the previous Hemisphere championship when Marco Aurelio finished in fourth place. U. S. sailor Jeff Lenhart and crew Dave Ullman finished in a good solid second place, followed by Gasto Altmayer with Mario Texeira from Brazil. Fourth and fifth places were both taken by the Argentinians, Wilson Pereira and Danny Ujvary, and Julio Labandeira with Daniel Decaro as crew.

Marco arrived too late for the practice race and furthermore, the airlines had lost his sails. He had to borrow a suit of sails from his teammate. None of this seemed to bother him as he got into the boat and went out to win the first race. He had been sailing quite a bit this year since he sailed in the Olympics in 470. Marco is Brazil's national champion for the third year in a row. He has a second and a sixth in the two previous Western Hemispheres and a sixth in last year's Worlds.

The championship was held in North Sydney, Nova Scotia, Canada. The racing was held in the harbor, only a short distance from the club. Winds were good although a bit shifty at times, mostly in the middle range, but some were light and some heavy to provide a challenge. They were always heavy enough to eliminate the necessity of a make-up race — somewhat of a rarity in recent years.

Northern Yacht Club was host for the championship and did a wonderful job. They ran the Maritime Championship and the Canadian Nationals immediately prior to the Western Hemispheres and so had a chance to polish up their procedures. No doubt it was a strain on all those doing the many tasks necessary to put on a regatta, but it did not show. The members of the club were a delightful group, always kidding, but everpresent to give a friendly greeting and a helping hand when needed.

Twenty contestants from ten nations participated in the racing. This was the second highest number in the history of the championship. The boats were identical, all new and from the same builder. Several took on water in the inner hull and on occasion this produced disastrous results — if the boat capsized with a lot of water in the inner hull it was virtually impossible to right it.

The racing began on Monday morning in winds of 12-15 knots. Lenhart took an early lead with Paradededa close behind followed by Norm Towle of the U. S. This order was maintained for the first triangle. On the second windward leg Paradededa passed Lenhart and Horacio Garcia of Uruguay took over the third position. The run and final beat produced no changes. Pedro Garra of Uruguay finished fifth.

After the lunch break, the second race was started in 18-20 knots of wind. The leeward end was favored at the start, as well as the port side of the course, for the beat. Wilson Pereira of Argentina, Towle, John Dunkley from the Bahamas, and the

two Brazilians capitalized on this and rounded the windward mark in that order. The two planing reaches were just made for Bahamian Pierre Siegenthaler. He rounded the first mark in 14th place, passed 11 boats, and was in 3rd position at the downwind mark. Towle had taken over the lead from Pereira. Gastao Altmayer from Brazil and Julio Labandeira of Argentina managed to slip by Lenhart.

At the second windward mark Altmayer had the lead followed by Towle, Labandeira and Pereira. The wind started to drop on the downwind leg and was quite light at the finish. Paradededa, who had been in 6th place, showed his style on the last leg, and won the race. Labandeira moved to second, followed by Altmayer, Pereira and Towle. Lenhart dropped to 8th, for his worse race of the series.

The second day's racing started with 15 knots of wind. This time the starboard side was favored, and Ray Pittman from Bermuda, held on that side from the
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Pride of Brazil! The winner Marco on left and his crew Luis, right, are congratulated by teammate Gastao Altmayer who finished third. (Buzz Lamb photo)

WESTERN HEMISPHERE...

start, rounding in the lead followed by Paradedá, Lenhart, and Jim Belford from Canada.

Siegenthaler again showed his superb reaching talent, going from 12th place to 3rd at the downwind mark; Lenhart was in the lead, with Belford second. Siegenthaler's performance caused one contestant to remark that it was so dazzling he practically quit racing to watch him.

The wind had picked up to 20 knots for the second beat. At the mark, Lenhart was still leading, and Altmayer was in second. Belford had dropped to 4th, and Paradedá was 5th.

The wind continued to build to 23-24 knots for the final beat. Lenhart was not to be denied, and won the race. Paradedá had moved up to second, and Siegenthaler hanging on to 3rd. Towle took 4th, moving up from 15th at the 1st mark.

During the lunch break the wind went to over 30 knots, delaying the start until late in the afternoon. With a very cool 15 knot wind, the competitors favored the port side of the course. This proved correct, as the wind clocked during the beat. Pereira led at the mark, followed by Paradedá, Towle and Altmayer. The wind continued to drop to about 10-12 knots, but the first four positions did not change during the rest of the race. Siegenthaler finished 5th, and Lenhart took 6th.

Wednesday's race was in 12-15 knot winds. Again the port side was favored for the first leg. Pereira got a good start at the pin, and rounded first, followed by Lenhart and Paradedá. At the 2nd windward mark Paradedá had taken over the lead, followed by Pereira and Lenhart. On the last leg, Pereira, the eventual winner, held to the right side of the course, and Lenhart to the left. Paradedá apparently couldn't decide which one to cover, so went up the middle, and lost both of them, dropping to third.

There was no race in the afternoon, as all were guests of the Royal Cape Breton Yacht Club, for a delightful party. The scoring at that point put Paradedá in a commanding lead with Lenhart in second. Third place was still up for grabs with 4 or 5 competitors in contention.

The sixth race was the lightest of the series with winds 6-8 knots, increasing slightly during the race. Paradedá was



Second place winners Jeff Lenhart and Dave Ullman. (Lamb photo)

over the line early and led the whole race but was disqualified. Lenhart took the first followed by Labandeira and Siegenthaler. In the confusion of trying to recall Paradedá, Altmayer returned to the line although he was not over. He demonstrated some great sailing catching up from last to finish 10th. He filed a protest which was sustained, and he was awarded points for the average of his previous races.

At this point Lenhart could have won the championship if he could either control Paradedá and drive him down to at least 15th place or win with Marco in

4th. However, in the 12-15 knot wind, Paradedá got around the 1st mark in the lead with Lenhart in 9th place.

The wind had shifted 30-40 degrees and the race committee changed the windward mark, but the port tack was still favored. Apparently, none of the leaders figured it out, and lost much ground. Paradedá's tremendous lead disappeared, and he rounded the 2nd windward mark in 4th. Altmayer went from 5th to 1st. Pittman was the only one who really capitalized on the shift, moving from last place at the downwind mark to 6th at the windward mark.

Altmayer took the finish and assured himself of the overall third. Paradedá worked back up to second, and Lenhart finished sixth.

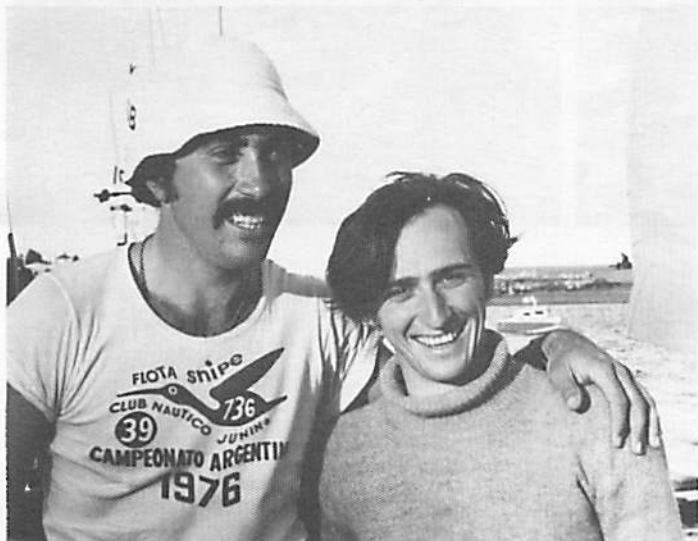
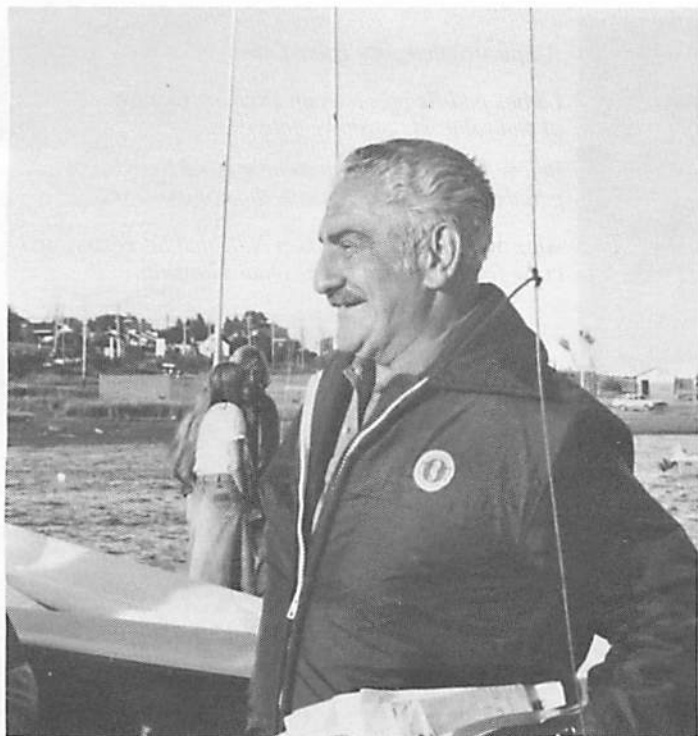
The races were all well run under the capable hands of Steve Astephen who was also regatta chairman. Only three protests were filed with none against competitors. As Flavio Caiuby said, "This means you have good sailors." As it turned out, whether any of the protests were upheld or not made no difference in the final order of finishes.

The Northern Yacht Club did an excellent job of entertaining. The flag raising and opening ceremony was particularly impressive replete with Sylvia McGuire, Miss Canada, and her escort of Royal Canadian Mounted Police. The local cadet band, complete with bagpipes, provided music and each delegation was presented with a bottle of champagne. Several dinners were interspersed throughout the week, and the festivities were ended with a trophy banquet. Everyone had a delightful time throughout the week - three cheers for the Canadians.

WESTERN HEMISPHERE CHAMPIONSHIP

Skipper/Crew	Country	Races	Points	Finish
Marco Paradedá/Luis Pejemove	Brazil	1-1-2-2-3-dq-2	14.7	1
Jeff Lenhart/Dave Ullman	U.S.	2-8-1-6-2-1-6	29.4	2
Gastao Altmayer/Mario Texeira	Brazil	7-3-5-4-5-PA*-1	43	3
Wilson Pereira/Danny Ujvary	Argentina	14-4-nf-1-1-12-3	51.7	4
Julio Labandeira/Daniel Decaro	Argentina	6-2-7-nf-9-2-5	55.7	5
Norman Towle/David Lence	U.S.	4-5-4-3-7-8-8	58.7	6
Pierre Siegenthaler/D. Martinborough	Bahamas	10-9-3-5-6-3-12	64.1	7
Horacio Garcia/Felix Leborne	Uruguay	3-10-14-16-8-7-4	76.7	8
Pedro Garra/Ricardo Mignone	Uruguay	5-14-12-nf-11-5-7	88	9
Wayne Soares/Michael Sinclair	Bermuda	8-16-9-8-13-4-13	89	10
Fred Thurston/Steve Callison	U.S.	nf-7-11-9-4-17-15	97	11
Andres Elgueta/Fernando Elgueta	Chile	9-15-15-7-12-9-20	103	12
John Dunkley/Jimmy Lowe	Bahamas	19-6-6-14-10-18-14	103.4	13
Yoshihiro Nishimura/Shinichi Asano	Japan	12-13-17-18-16-6-10	109	14
Ray Pittman/B. Weight	Bermuda	15-17-10-11-15-15-9	111	15
Jim Belford/Phyllis Belford	Canada	17-12-8-12-14-16-17	115	16
Dirk Kneulman/John Haire	Canada	16-11-13-13-17-11-16	116	17
Jaime Fernandez/Antonio Gonzalez	Chile	13-18-16-10-20-13-18	124	18
Michiteru Nakayama/Minoru Ohta	Japan	11-19-18-15-18-14-19	131	19
Lorenzo Depascale/Alex Winstanley	Ecuador	18-nf-19-17-19-19-11	139	20

* Points awarded 9.3



Clockwise, from bottom photo: Fast planing reach; Julio Labandeira gives well-deserved congratulations to his crew Daniel Decaro for their fifth place finish; Steve Astephen, chairman of the regatta; Norm Towle's favorite start at the pin end; Fourth place winners, Argentina's Danny Ujvary and Wilson Pereira. (Lamb photos)

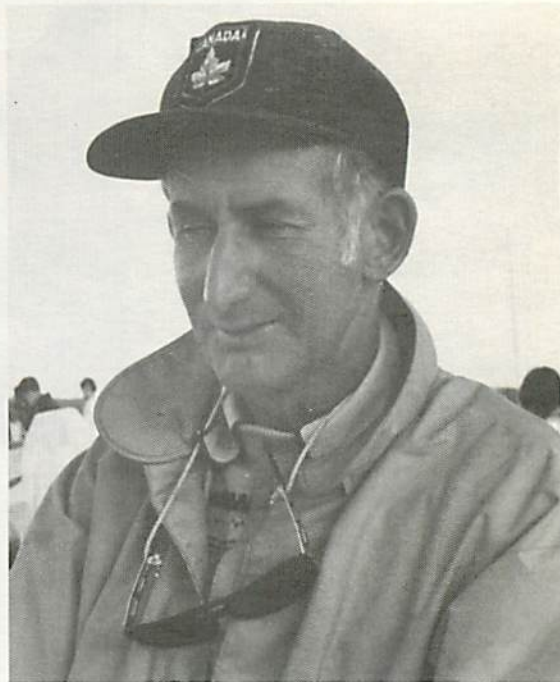


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Ladies paddle race was an exciting feature of the (almost) onshore activities.

Below, left: Bagpipe marching band lines up in parade formation to salute the competitors.

Alex Winstanley, Canadian National Secretary, and crew for Ecuador for the championship.



Jim and Phyllis Belford. Phyllis, only woman in the championship, has crewed for Jim in the last two worlds.

A meeting of the brain trust, Alex Winstanley, Canadian National Secretary, Vice Commodore Dan Williams, SCIRA Representative, and Rear Commodore Bruce Colyer who directed the mark setting boat.

Far left: John Dunkley of the Bahamas.

Lou Dixon Decodes Oakville's 'Top Secret' Regatta

Oakville Fleet 321 was host to 28 Snipers from New York, Michigan, Illinois, and Ontario, July 24-25, for the XVIIIth Ontario Snipe Championship.

Saturday's races were held in moderate to strong offshore winds which caused several capsizes and retirements. The offshore breezes at Oakville are tricky but Fritz Gramm, Jerry Thompson, and Terry Timm all read the wind correctly and won the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd races respectively.

The party Saturday night was a great success with lots of a concoction known as "The Sniper" on hand at "The Street Car of Desire." The Sniper is a treacherous fluid made from a "Top Secret" whiskey mixed with small amounts of water and other ingredients. Fortunately there was plenty of food on hand to modify the effects.

The fourth race was held Sunday morning in light air. After two general

recalls and a postponement a race got off. Those who went left caught the breeze as it filled in from the southeast while those who went right expecting a southwesterly went deep into the tank. Bob West of Lake Chautauqua won this race hotly pursued by Lou Dixon of Springfield, Illinois.

Dixon won the regatta overall despite not winning a race. He sailed strongly and consistently, his worst race being a 7th. Lou, and the other trophy winners, received carved half models of Snipes made by Roger Redwine of the Oakville Fleet.

Sincere thanks were expressed to Don Hains for a fine job as Race Committee and to all those who pitched in to run crash boats, lead boats, etc. Everyone is invited back next year for the 19th Ontario's.

Christopher Hains
Oakville Fleet 321

ONTARIO CHAMPIONSHIP (Top 5 of 28 Entries)

Skipper	Town	Races	Points	Finish
Lou Dixon	Springfield, Illinois	3-7-3-2	27.4	1
Jim Belford	Oakville, Ontario	2-3-2-15	32.7	2
Don Hite	Lake Angelus, Michigan	4-2-7-5	34.0	3
Terry Timm	Ann Arbor, Michigan	5-5-1-10	36.0	4
Jerry Thompson	Lake Angelus, Michigan	6-1-6-11	40.4	5

Bustamante Wins Florida Junior Crown

The Coconut Grove Sailing Club hosted the 20th Florida State Snipe Junior Championship on June 26 and 27. Commodore Bob McTague presented trophies to the first three skippers and crews.

Charlie Bustamante is the new Florida State Snipe Junior Champion and Commodore McTague also gave him and his crew George Guerra the Perpetual Trophy which has been previously won

by Kenneth Lippincott (in 1957), Dan Brown, Bruce Cochran, Fred Breman, Jr., Tom Bremen, Dave Albury, Augie Diaz, Eric Stibitz and Mark Williams.

Winds were ideal Biscayne Bay 10 to 15 knots for the 5 races series. Courses were Olympic modified (60 degrees). You can see from the finishes that competition was fierce among the first five boats. Charlie Bustamante won 3 out of 5 races, but the races he won he could not lead all the way and had to earn the first in a last weather leg battle. Charlie and Andy Nolan broke a shroud during the fourth race but still came in second but was unable to complete the fifth race.

FLORIDA STATE SNIPE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Races	Points	Finish
10111	Charlie Bustamante/George Guerra	2-1-4-1-1	11	1
21713	Mark Williams/Mark Harrington	1-2-2-5-3	21.7	2
22142	Harry Aguero/Mark Cook	5-3-1-3-4	29.4	3
21502	Charlie Nolan/Andy Nolan	3-4-3-2-dnf	34.1	4
21705	Mike Brown/Adam Goldweber	4-5-5-4-2	39	5
20816	Andy Bustamante/Ralph Portuondo	6-6-6-6-5	56.8	6

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Sunflower Regatta Features A Fleet, B Fleet and Junior Race

The Sunflower Hospitality Regatta held at Lake Shawnee, Topeka, Kansas, July 17-18, drew 48 boats from Oklahoma, Missouri, Nebraska and Kansas, on a weekend that offered cool, rainy weather on Saturday and bright sunshine on Sunday. Winds varied from five to fifteen knots, blowing from the north one day and from the south the next.

A feature of the weekend was a highly promoted Juniors' race in which sixteen skippers, ranging from ages six to sixteen, participated. The race, rained out Saturday morning, was held after the two regular races when the sky had cleared and the wind blew steadily between four and six knots. The juniors' enthusiasm far surpassed that of the adults, especially when each participant was presented with a T-Shirt, designed and silkscreened by Robb James. Junior races seem to be a very hot item among the youngsters, and we can heartily recommend them for other clubs. The three silver cups went to (1st) Rachel DeArman, (2nd) Keith Loveless and (3rd) John Skoog with brothers crewing in each case. Rachel then crewed for her brother, Scott, in the A-Fleet to help him take a fourth place.

Saturday evening's "after-the-race" steak fry was a tongue-pleaser, and later on for an eye-pleaser, there was a slide show of the recent Tall Ships spectacle at Newport News, followed by an extremely well-received photographic tribute to "Mr. Snipe", Ted Wells, produced by Gary Pierce of Wichita. It had been shown at the Wichita regatta last month and was brought to Topeka by request for a second showing.

Guthrie Carroll, Lake Lotawana, who raced in B-Fleet and who won his very first race on Saturday, actually enjoyed being thrown into the lake by fellow skippers. Sunday morning, the same thing happened to Lake Shawnee's fleet captain, Les Mood, after he took a numero uno in the fourth race.

Twenty-eight beautifully hand-carved captain and crew trophies were made by Topeka Sniper, Herb Langland. The top three B-Fleet trophies went to skippers from Lake Weatherby, Wichita, and Lake Lotawana fleets, while Tulsa and Omaha took the top three spots in the A-Fleet.

The winners' circle of the Sunflower Regatta has been dominated by Tulsa men. This year's winner, Bruce Hurst, captured last year's top trophy with his wife, Irene, as crew, and this year with

Mike Axton as crew. Henry Davis, Omaha, top SCIRA point man, took second place, followed closely by Paul and Sig Festerson, also of Omaha.

Rex Tucker, one of Lake Shawnee's local hot shots, was the regatta chairman (with the help of his wife, Jeanne) and also acted as race chairman. What is really remarkable is that six weeks ago, Rex suffered a heart attack resulting in heart surgery, and came back to run this fine regatta. Besides that, he even loaned his excellent crew, who is also his lovely daughter, Leslie, to second place winner, Henry Davis, for the weekend. Now that is hospitality!

Herschel Stroud
Lake Shawnee Fleet No. 597
Topeka, Kansas



Bruce Hurst and crew Mike Axton of Tulsa, A Fleet winners for the second year. (Stroud photo)

SUNFLOWER HOSPITALITY REGATTA

"A" Fleet

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Home	Races	Finish
17151	Bruce Hurst/Mike Axton	Tulsa	5-1-2-2	1
21700	Henry Davis/Leslie Tucker	Omaha	2-12-4-1	2
20875	Paul Festerson/Sigrid	Omaha	4-9-1-4	3
19176	Scott DeArman/Rachel	Tulsa	3-5-5-3	4
19283	Mike Choquette/Josh Reynolds	Tulsa	18-2-3-6	5
20630	Jack Wagener/Adrienne Anderson	Lincoln	1-11-6-10	6
18650	Wolf Goethert/Joy	Omaha	6-4-12-5	7
21501	Doug Day/Alane	Lotawana	8-3-15-13	8
15951	Martin Bebb/Ineta	Tulsa	12-6-7-15	9
20266	John Murphy/Fran	Lotawana	11-13-13-7	10
16228	Chris Walker/Sheryl	Topeka	16-8-11-18	11
18939	Scott Hughes/Rick O'Brien	Omaha	7-17-16-17	12

"B" Fleet

22319	Norm Runyon/Marcia	Weatherby	1-2-3-2	1
22539	Gary Pierce/Jane	Wichita	7-4-1-5	2
11450	Guthrie Carroll/Ann	Lotawana	6-1-6-4	3
20623	Harold Brammer/Mary	Wichita	3-10-4-3	4
20550	Michael Williamson/Alice	Wichita	2-9-2-9	5
13672	Les Mood/Lynda	Topeka	4-8-11-1	6
21604	John Skoog/Eric	Omaha	5-7-5-6	7
21095	Jack Vermillion/Scott Sherman	Topeka	8-5-7-7	8



Sunflower Regatta, A-Fleet winners (left to right, crews in front): Bruce Hurst/Mike Axton, Henry Davis/Leslie Tucker, Paul & Sig Festerson, Scott & Rachel DeArman, Mike Choquette/Josh Reynolds, Jack Wagener/Adrienne Anderson, Wolf & Joy Goethert, Doug & Alane Day. (Stroud photo)



Rachel and Scott DeArman of Tulsa, brother-sister team who took fourth in A-Fleet with Scott as skipper, and first in the Juniors' race with Rachel as skipper. (Stroud photo)



Sunflower regatta, B-Fleet winners, (left to right, crews in front): Norm & Marcia Runyon, Gary & Jane Pierce, Guthrie & Ann Carroll, Harold & Mary Brammer, Michael & Alice Williamson, Les & Lynda Mood. (Stroud photo)

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Lenhart Captures Sixth Annual Champagne Regatta

San Diego's Jeff Lenhart, enroute home from the U. S. Nationals, took first place in the Sixth Annual Lake Keuka Snipe Fleet Champagne Regatta, August 7 and 8, 1976. Lenhart's lead was virtually unbeatable after he scored two firsts, a second and a fifth in the first four races.

Although registration was held below expectation by adverse weather conditions, 65 boats signed up — 50 in the A Fleet and 15 in the B Fleet. Many boats arrived on Friday afternoon and evening only to pull out Saturday morning in the rain that greeted the sailors on opening day. Many of these boats, as well as those actually sailing, had been at the U. S. Nationals at Association Island during the week previous.

Two races were sailed on Saturday, August 7. Although the winds held fairly steady, intermittent rains discouraged many of the registrants, who chose to tour nearby wine cellars rather than race. On Sunday, though still overcast, the wind shifted to the south and the rain held off. Three races were sailed in lighter but still considerable winds.

Terry Timm from Barton Boat Club and Don Hite from Lake Angelus, two veterans of the regatta circuit and previous entrants in the Keuka Champagne event, tied for second in point scores in the A Fleet. Because Timm beat Hite in three races out of five (in the last race Timm was second and Hite third), Timm took the second place silver and Hite third. Dirk Kneulman from the Canadian shores of Lake Ontario finished fourth less than one point out of second place.

KEUKA CHAMPAGNE REGATTA

"A" Fleet

Boat	Skipper	Club	Races	Points	Finish
20560	Lenhart, Jeff	San Diego	1-5-1-2-11	30	1
20707	Timm, Terry	Barton B.C.	18-4-3-7-2	53.7	2
19267	Hite, Don	Lake Angelus	4-7-7-8-3	53.7	3
21716	Kneulman, Dirk	Oakville	2-2-9-12-9	54	4
20111	Lamb, Buzz	Privateer	15-6-13-6-14	83.4	5
16333	Weeks, Doug	Keuka	3-25-11-15-7	88.7	6
19491	Cook, Russ	Keuka	21-13-10-16-5	94	7
22514	Nute, Tom	Mission Bay	19-12-8-21-8	98	8
17387	Thompson, Jerry	Alamitos Bay	9-3-dsq-4-15	99.7	9
20562	Hand, Dick	Portage Lakes	29-23-5-10-6	102.7	10
20690	Belford, Jim	Oakville	25-1-14-5-ns	110	
19432	Chapin, Dave	Island Bay	ns-nf-2-3-4	113.7	12
21703	Baillie, Rusty	Oakville	5-23-6-11-ns	116.7	13
21021	Wesley, Van	Privateer	ns-ns-23-1-1	127	14
19177	Callison, Steve	Severn	nf-8-4-9-ns	128	15

"B" Fleet

Boat	Skipper	Club	Races	Points	Finish
22284	Pierotti, Jack	Cuba Lake	1-1-1-2-1	3	1
21800	Hunter, Bill	Oakville	ns-ns-2-1-2	44	2
19257	Tabor, Chuck	Cottage Park	2-ns-3-3-9	48.4	3
19698	Hamilton, Bill	Keuka	5-2-6-7-10	53.7	4
21793	Nordine, James	Keuka	6-4-8-6-5	55.4	5
2155	Williams, Jeff	Cuba Lake	nf-ns-4-4-3	57.7	6

SCIRA Secretary Buzz Lamb completed a consistent series for fifth place in the A Fleet. This plus the strong showing on the second day by two visitors who were discouraged by the weather on the first day kept the host sailors from finishing no better than sixth.

Dave Chapin from Island Bay did not complete either race on account of Saturday's rains but picked up a second, third and fourth in that order on Sunday. Privateer's Van Wesley, after sitting out Saturday's races and finishing down in the pack in the first race on Sunday, found the right formula in the final two races for a pair of firsts.

The hottest series of all was sailed by Jack Pierotti of Cuba Lake who took top honors in the B Fleet with four firsts and

a second. He might have had more competition if Oakville's Bill Hunter had sailed on Saturday. When Hunter finally got out on Sunday he kept Pierotti from making a clean sweep and finished second in the other two races.

Regatta Chairman Russ Cook presented skipper and crew trophies to the first five places in each fleet and the Finger Lakes Wine Museum Trophy to A Fleet winner Jeff Lenhart. He also paid tribute to Berta and Ralph Swanson for their help with the Race Committee where Berta had acted as chairman with Ralph providing support and scorekeeping expertise.

In spite of adverse weather Keuka's Sixth Annual Champagne Regatta was pronounced a success, particularly by those who enjoy competition at its best.



Trophy winners from the "A" Fleet.



Jeff receives champagne from Russ.

Balky Breezes for Bicentennial Bash

The 26th Annual Missouri Valley Championship Regatta and Bicentennial Bash was held July 3, 4 and 5 at Lakeshore Country Club at Lake Manawa, Iowa. Twenty-eight boats, representing six fleets, competed for the Missouri Valley Championship, while 25 boats sailed for the Iowa-Nebraska Championship.

Lou Dixon, with his brother Tim as crew, from the Island Bay Yacht Club in Springfield, Illinois, held on to edge Henry Davis and win the Missouri Valley Championship, receiving the Nonpareil trophy.

Six races were scheduled; however, the July breezes failed during the second race on Sunday, when the 90-minute time limit ran out with Paul Festersen about 35 yards from the finish line. The third race for that day was cancelled in the hope that two races could be held with



A-Fleet skippers and crews, left to right: Louis and Sonja Joline, Henry Davis and Ann Jackson, Lou and Tim Dixon, Jack Wagener and Adrienne Anderson, Paul and Sigrid Festersen, Wolf and Joy Goethart, Bob Jones, Dick and Cindy Goppert.

good wind on the third day. Monday came without breeze, and the Regatta ended after only three races.

In the spirit of the Bicentennial, the host Iowa-Nebraska Sailing Association countered the lack of wind with an old-fashioned picnic on the 4th at the lakeshore home of past SCIRA commodore Floyd Hughes. Good food, beer, entertainment, games and fireworks added to the fun and spirit of the Regatta's activities.

George A. Rood
Iowa-Nebraska Sailing Ass'n
Snipe Fleet 309

26th ANNUAL MISSOURI VALLEY CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA

"A" Fleet (Top 15 of 28 Entries)

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Fleet	Races	Points	Finish
18926	Dixon/Dixon	IBYC	1-3-1	5.7	1
21700	Davis/Jackson	INSA	2-1-6	14.7	2
20630	Wagener/Anderson	Lincoln	3-5-3	21.4	3
20404	Jones/Davis	INSA	4-4-5	26	4
20875	Festersen/Festersen	INSA	9-2-7	31	5
20402	Joline/Joline	MYC	14-8-4	42	6
18650	Goethart/Goethart	INSA	6-7-12	42.7	7
21806	Dick Goppert/Goppert	MYC	16-15-2	46	8
20500	Croasdale/Rood	WLS	8-6-17	48.7	9
22324	P. Davis/Simon	INSA	15-11-10	54	10
16948	Horn/Penney	Lincoln	7-12-24	61	11
16228	Walker/Walker	Shawnee	10-18-16	62	12
19432	Chapin/Chapin	IBYC	5-dsq-11	64	13
20841	Weitz/Weitz	INSA	12-13-22	65T	14
21501	Day/Day	MYC	22-17-8	65T	15

"B" Fleet (Top 15 of 25 Entries)

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Fleet	Races	Points	Finish
20266	Murphy/Murphy	MYC	2-1-2	6	1
21807	Williams/Williams	INSA	6-2-1	14.7	2
20905	Toohey/Toohey	INSA	8-3-6	31.4	3
15083	Jetton/Dahlke	INSA	12-5-3	33.7	4
18421	Carter/Carter	INSA	5-6-7	34.7	5
11450	Carroll/Carroll	MYC	9-9-4	38	6
12875	Thebaud/Metz	INSA	11-4-12	43	7
19343	Spearing/Spearing	INSA	3-10-16	43.7	8
19351	Ruff/Ruff	INSA	4-12-13	45	9
18403	Cady/Cady	INSA	13-8-8	47	10
18636	Connors/Connors	INSA	10-16-10	54	11
20936	Cegielski/Egnoski	INSA	16-17-5	55	12
21604	Skoog/Toohey	INSA	17-14-9	58	13
21918	Leffler/Nielsen	Lincoln	1-20-dsq	60	14
18947	Gifford/Thomas	INSA	ns-7-11	61T	15

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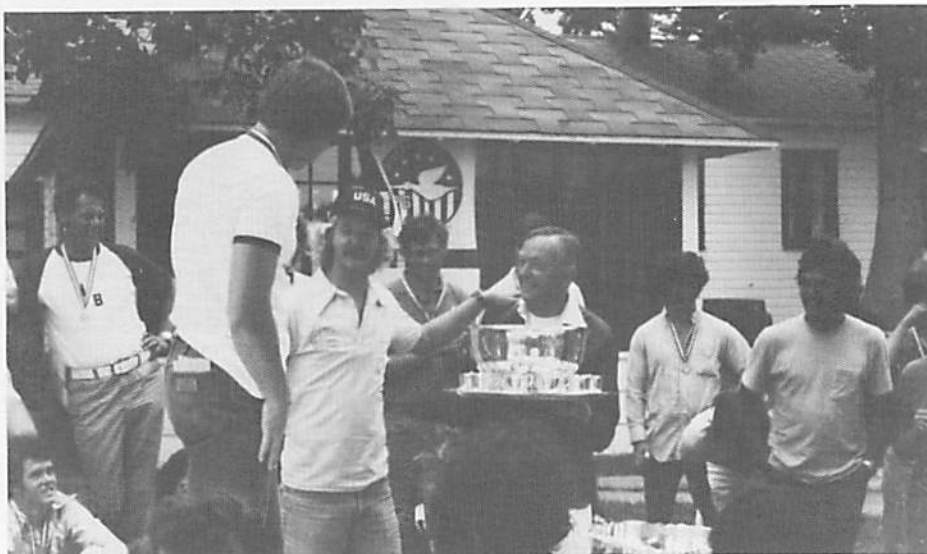
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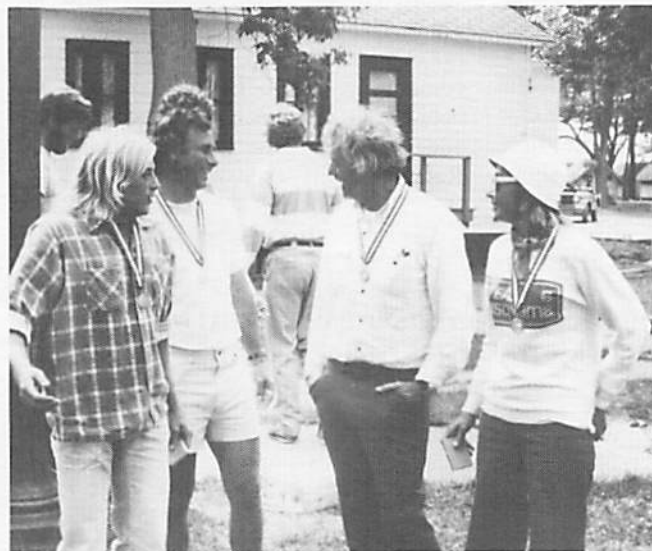
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Jim Taylor receives the Race Committee Trophy from his proud father Steve. (Hoffman & Hamilton photo)



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Buckles asks Zars about next year's regatta in Texas.

The lake in the boat yard.



WISCONSIN-MINNESOTA OPEN
(Top 10 of 18 Entries)

Boat	Skipper	Club	Races	Points	Finish
21700	Henry Davis	Iowa-Neb.	1-1-8	14	1
19447	Dave Wesselhoft	Peoria	2-2-6	17.7	2
21722	Van Elston	LaCrosse	3-7-2	21.7	3
20630	Jack Wagener	Lincoln	5-3-4	23.7	4
20587	Andy Zeratsky	Green Lake	4-6-5	29.7	5
21047	Geoff Chatterton	LaCrosse	13-12-1	37	6
20314	Harald Schmid	LaCrosse	8-4-10	39	7
10201	Ken Kinan	Green Lake	12-10-3	39.7	8
20990	Gunnar Stickler	LaCrosse	7-8-7	40	9
20299	Dave Bettinghaus	Peoria	9-5-9	40	10

Henry Davis Masters Variable Winds at La Crosse

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The second race was sailed immediately after the first in remaining good air. Again Davis led the pack. This

time Henry's occasional crew Jack Wagener moved up on the consistent Wesselhoft to threaten, but had to settle for third.

For the remainder of the afternoon and evening the weary sailors were guests of Gunnar and Duci Stickler at their summer cottage. Much speculation about the next day's weather and all other matters that Snipe sailors ponder. A great party by the family that has been a sailing institution in this area.

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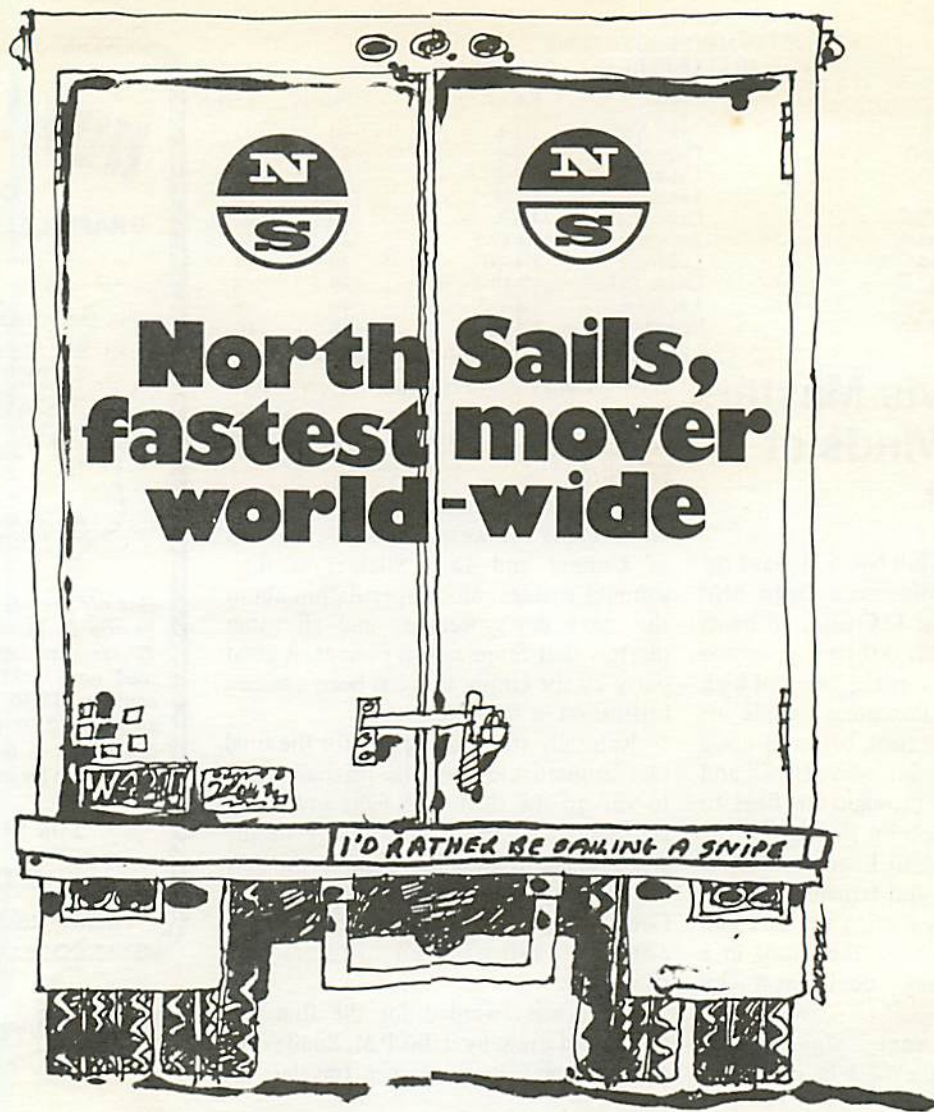
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