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## Hot Competition Seen At Michigan State Championship

The 1979 Michigan State Snipe Championship was held at Grand Rapids Yacht Club on Reeds Lake June 9 and 10. John McAllister of Lake St. Clair's Crescent Sailing Club won first place honors, Skip Baxter of Grand Rapids took second and Tick Ticknor of Gull Lake was third. Dexter Thede of Gull Lake, after several years absence trying big boat sailing, returned to Snipe competition and commanded a strong fourth place finish. Steve Orr of Crescent Sailing Club earned the fifth place trophy.

The first of three races was won easily by Skip Baxter, who pulled away from the fleet at the start and never relinquished his lead. The real competition in this race was the battle for second place between Dexter Thede, John McAllister, and Diamond Lake's Frank Pontius. They finished 2-3-4 respectively after chasing each other around the entire course, with Buddy Leonard of Diamond Lake close behind.

The second race, a triangular course featuring steady 10-12 mph winds, found Tick Ticknor pulling into the lead and holding on while McAllister, Baxter, and Thede battled it out for 2nd, 3rd, and 4th places. Pontius finished 5th.

The third race on Sunday was characterized by variable 10-15 mph winds with occasional gusts to 20 mph. Baxter again was able to take best advantage of the wind and pulled into the lead shortly after the start. He maintained his lead throughout most of the race, but gave it up on the last leg when McAllister and Ticknor managed to get by him. At the finish line it was McAllister first, Ticknor second, Baxter third, Thede fourth, and Steve Orr fifth.

Sunday's race ended in a most soggy fashion as a genuine cloudburst dumped one inch of rain in a half hour, just as the last half of the fleet was rounding the final mark. The last-minute rain did not dampen the spirits of the participants, however, as strong competition, good sportsmanship, a fun Saturday night square dance, and super fellowship among Snipers guaranteed a successful regatta.

Terry Conway  
Grand Rapids Fleet 137

### 1979 MICHIGAN STATE SNIPE CHAMPIONSHIP (Top 11 of 22 entries)

Boat	Skipper	Club	Places	Points	Finish
21116	J. McAllister	Crescent SC	3-2-1	8.7	1
23200	H. Baxter	Grand Rapids	1-3-3	11.4	2
19055	W. Ticknor	Gull Lake	6-1-2	14.7	3
23414	D. Thede	Gull Lake	2-4-4	19	4
17395	S. Orr	Crescent SC	7-10-5	39	5
21364	F. Pontius	Diamond Lake	4-5-17	41	6
20965	P. Charnley	Grand Rapids	10-9-6	42.7	7
19299	B. Leonard	Diamond Lake	5-6-16	43.7	8
18012	J. Hesselschwerdt	Grand Rapids	11-8-8	45	9
18045	A. Dunning	Grand Rapids	13-7-13	51	10
22584	B. Wiland	Middlefork Res.	8-21-7	54	11

### Light winds prevail in five-race series

## Henry Davis Cops Title At Missouri Valley Championship

The Iowa-Nebraska Sailing Association held the annual Missouri Valley Championship Regatta July 7-8 on Lake Manawa, Council Bluffs, Iowa. The Non-Pareil Trophy was won by Henry Davis, INSA. Second place was taken by Doug Day, Missouri Yacht Club and third place went to Jack Waggoner, Lincoln Sailing Club.

Winds were light both days, but the Race Committee, under the direction of Past SCIRA Commodore Floyd E. Hughes, Jr., managed to get all five scheduled races off. Ted Wells, Wichita, began the series well winning the first race. His lead was not to last, as Henry Davis finished first in the second race after a third in the previous race. After

the second race Davis' lead was never in doubt.

In the Iowa-Nebraska Championship sailed as the "B" fleet, Dr. Harold Gifford and his Crew Dr. John Thomas, INSA, took five first place finishes to win the series in their brand new Phoenix.

Even though the "B" fleet started five minutes after the Missouri-Valley Championship sailors, Gifford and Thomas were well ahead of many of the "A" fleeters at the finish in several races. Tom Hood, also INSA followed the Gifford-Thomas boat closely with a 2-3-4-2-2 series.

Tom Jetton  
Iowa-Nebraska Fleet 309

### 29TH ANNUAL MISSOURI VALLEY CHAMPIONSHIP

#### A Fleet (Top 15 of 27 entries)

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Fleet	Places	Points	Finish
24100	H. Davis/J. Toohey	INSA	3-1-4-1-2	16.7	1
23757	D. Day/A. Day	MYC	6-3-11-2-3	43.1	2
20630	Waggoner/Anderson	Lincoln	8-6-6-4-4	53.4	3
20404	B. Jones/A. Jones	INSA	2-2-8-12-14	58	4
22327	Doug Goppert/	MYC	15-5-3-7-6	61.4	5
20650	R. O'Brien/Duysen	INSA	9-13-7-10-1	63	6
21807	S. Williams/Murray	INSA	4-11-2-19-9	68	7
23755	G. Croasdale/Portman	Weatherby	16-18-1-8-5	70	8
24025	T. Wells/Kersey	Wichita	1-4-9-15-20	70	9
21604	J. Skoog/Ruff	INSA	7-7-10-9-7	70	10
22522	Dick Goppert/Goppert	MYC	12-8-5-13-10	77	11
19585	M.A. Rix/K. Rix	Wichita	5-9-15-6-21	84.7	12
20402	Joline/Joline	MYC	11-10-13-11-19	94	13
20841	E. Weitz/L. Weitz	INSA	17-14-18-14-12	105	14
20610	Ewoldt/Ewoldt	Lincoln	10-15-26-3-22	105.7	15

#### B Fleet (Top 8 of 17 entries)

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Fleet	Places	Points	Finish
23759	Gifford/Thomas	INSA	1-1-1-1-1	0	1
12875	Hood/Hood	INSA	2-3-4-2-2	22.7	2
24006	M. Toohey/C. Weitz	INSA	4-11-2-3-4	41.7	3
18638	Bockelman/Hiner	INSA	3-6-6-5-3	44.8	4
20555	Gondring/Jetton	INSA	9-2-3-9-5	48.7	5
18444	Eberhart/Eberhart	INSA	6-4-7-4-6	52.4	6
19544	Schwid/Fraser	INSA	5-5-9-11-16	74	7
18844	Craig/Craig	Lincoln	12-9-5-12-7	74	8

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## Thoughts While Sailing

On two occasions this summer, boats at championship events got into trouble and had to seek outside help. In each instance, the boat capsized and turtled. The board was not lost but was tied in so loosely that it slipped out of the trunk and hung down like a pendulum. The Skipper and crew were not able to right the boat and became so tired that they had to get motor boat help and fresh people in the water before the boat could be righted.

This is not meant to be judgmental, since most of us have been in the same situation. In both situations the boats were borrowed and we may assume that both skippers have their own boats properly rigged. However, this would be a good time to remind every skipper to make sure the board cannot slip out if the boat is turtled. I find the easiest way is to pull the board up and secure it in the highest position, then tie the board in with a line with just enough slack to un-

hook and drop the board. The bottom notch in the board should leave at least 12 inches of board extending below the keel. This is why we have Rule 26 in our rules. The best time to do this is just after launching your boat.

One other problem that boats seemed to have at both the U. S. Nationals and World Championships was having rudders pop up and float away. Many boats have toggles that slip over the pintle and this is satisfactory when they work. If the toggles become loose they are no longer servicable. Putting a rubber washer under the toggle will help the situation, but you must check it frequently. A rudder retaining clip is a better arrangement, as it engages automatically when the rudder is put on, but requires positive action to take the rudder off. Rule 28 covers this.

Keeping these preventive measures in mind may just keep you in the race and certainly should contribute to happier sailing.

## 1980 Championship Dates Released

Some of Snipe's major championship dates are already set for next year. Check the Sanctioned Snipe regatta list every issue for the newest schedule.

**WINTER CIRCUIT:** Dates are earlier next year; with the Circuit beginning March 9 in Clearwater, continuing Miami March 14-16, and ending in Nassau March 22.

**U. S. NATIONALS:** The senior championship will begin August 4, following the juniors August 2 and 3, on Lake Carlyle, Illinois, near St. Louis, Missouri. Plenty of camping and outdoor activity will be featured. Ray Szczepanski is Regatta Chairman, and will provide detailed information in later issues.

**EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP:** The Espergaerde Sjlklub, 20 miles north of Copenhagen, Denmark, is organizing this championship August 16-23. All contestants and secretaries will be housed in homes of club members, with lunch provided at the club. National Secretaries should see that their flags are sent to the club as soon as possible. Sailing will be in the Sound, with water temperature expected to be about 16° Celsius and air temperature about 20°. Winds should be good at this time of year.

**WESTERN HEMISPHERE CHAMPIONSHIP:** Dates of December 7-14 have been announced for the Championship to

be held in Montevideo, just in front of the Yacht Club Uruguayo. All contestants will be housed at the Yacht Club, where all meals will be served. Boats will be lent on a rotation basis. Winds will probably be offshore in the mornings and East in the afternoons from 10 to 20 knots. Jose Luis Murguia, SCIRA National Secretary for Uruguay is chairman for the event.

## THE COVER

New Snipe Class World Champions: Crew Tim Dixon, left, and Skipper Dave Chapin, right. Photo by Per and Inga Gothlin.

## THE SCORE

Thirty-eight numbers were issued last month with 12 going to the U. S., 11 to Brazil, 10 to Finland, 2 to England and 1 to France. The Dominican Republic is our newest country and got 2 numbers for a start. No new fleets were chartered.

**Numbered SNIPES— 24017**  
**Chartered Fleets— 760**



## Board of Governors Meet At North Sydney

BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING, North Sydney, N. S., Canada, August 16, 1979.

Present: Rear-Commodore Paul Festeren who presided over the meeting, Rules Committee Chairman Ted Wells, Members Wayne Soares of Bermuda, and Ralph Swanson of the U. S., John Broughton, Great Britain, attending as proxy representative for Enrico Rosso, European Vice Secretary, and Chuck Loomis sat in to report on the Pan American Games and measuring. European Secretary Peter Davies and Executive Secretary Buzz Lamb, both members of the protest committee, arrived late in the meeting.

**CALL TO ORDER AND MINUTES:** Rear Commodore Festeren called the meeting to order. Ted Wells moved, and Wayne Soares seconded, that the minutes be accepted as published in the BULLETIN and not read. Motion carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** This item was passed over to be taken up when Sec. Lamb arrived.

**RULE BOOK:** A recommendation that the rule book be published every 4th year, rather than every second year, was presented from the Rule Book Study Committee. This will coincide with the rules changes allowed only every 4 years. The February issue of the BULLETIN will contain an updated SCIRA Directory, listing names and addresses of SCIRA personnel. Ted Wells moved, and Ralph Swanson seconded, that this change be accepted. Motion carried.

**DEED OF GIFTS - JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP:** The deed of gift worked out by Bruce Colyer, and used in the most recent championship was presented for consideration by the board.

**OLYMPIC SCORING AS ADOPTED BY SCIRA:** A discussion at this point of the merits of changing the SCIRA adaptation of the Olympic Scoring System which was listed in the agenda for later discussion interrupted the discussion of the deed of gifts, which makes reference to the tie breaking method to be used. The motion was made by Ted Wells, and seconded by Wayne Soares, that the Class keep the present "Olympic Scoring System as adopted by the Snipe Class" with the following addition regarding tie breaking: "The skipper beating the other in the last race shall be declared the winner." To replace "If a tie still exists, the race committee shall decide how to resolve the tie."

**DEED OF GIFT WORLD JR. CHAMPIONSHIP (cont):** The Olympic Scoring

System as adopted by the Snipe Class will be used in scoring this championship.

The following changes in the deed were passed: A minimum of 1 race shall be required. Ralph Swanson moved that the Championship be open to two skippers from each country, with citizenship of crews not specified. Motion seconded and passed.

The rest of the deed of gift was approved as submitted.

**1981 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP:** Ralph Swanson presented a bid from Alamitos Bay, California, to hold the championship in September or October 1981. Wayne Soares moved, Ted Wells seconded, that this bid be accepted. Motion carried.

**TAX STATUS PROPOSAL:** Wayne Soares moved that this U. S. tax matter be approved without further consideration by the board as a whole. Seconded and carried.

**SOUTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP DEED OF GIFT:** Wayne Soares moved that the proposed document be approved as presented. Seconded and passed.

Ralph Swanson moved, and Wayne Soares seconded, that the deed be printed in the SCIRA Rule book in English only. Seconded and passed.

**IYRU REPORT:** Report received that relations remain cordial.

**RULES COMMITTEE:** A request from the IYRU and from various SCIRA countries that Snipe Rules be translated into metric measure was reported. Buzz Lamb and Ted Wells will cooperate in completing and presenting the measurement equivalencies to one decimal place, as this will be close to the original measurement, though exact equality is difficult to express.

**ELECTION OF MEMBERS-AT-LARGE OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS:** Ted Wells moved and Wayne Soares seconded the following second sentence to be added to Section 25: Members-at-large of the Board of Governors shall be elected by the board for a 3 year term. Motion passed. Two members-at-large shall be elected each year.

**RULES CHANGES:** The following actions were approved for submitted proposals (as printed in the July BULLETIN):

Constitution: Section 15, Section 18, Section 21, and Section 23, changes approved as submitted.

By-Laws: Section 5: Change approved.

Section 9: Change approved with addition: "as adopted by the national authority."

Sections 11 and 18 approved.

**RESTRICTIONS AND MEASUREMENTS:** 8(8) Change approved with this addition: This restriction shall apply to

all boats without regard to date of manufacture.

Paragraph 35: Approved with change to: 3" athwartship by 10" fore and aft. This restriction shall be effective only for boats built after 1-1-1980.

Paragraph 37 - Change not approved.

Paragraph 38, 44, 45 - Changes approved.

**OLYMPIC SCORING SYSTEM:** Vote to retain present system with revisions recorded earlier in these minutes.

Definition of "Competitor" referred to in Snipe Scoring System: Ted Wells moved, Ralph Swanson seconded, that a competitor is "one who is registered, and who has paid entry fee required if any." Definition approved.

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** 1.A., V, VIII, IX A, IX B - Changes approved.

XI - Change not approved.

XII - Change approved.

XVI - Change not approved.

**RULES FOR CONDUCTING NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL REGATTAS:** Sec. 1(c), 2(f), 4(c), 5(f) - Changes approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Discussion of concern about conflicts between class rules and policy set by Race Committees in non-class regattas. No action taken.

**JUNIOR EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP:** John Broughton requested this championship be included in rule book. Approved.

**FINANCES:** Lamb reported SCIRA finances are good, with boat numbers issued to date up from last year.

**SKIPPER BOAT BOARD MEASUREMENT:** Page 39 of the Rule book shall include the following approved wording: "The handle of the centerboard shall be installed in such a manner so that the aft edge of the centerboard is perpendicular to the baseline when the board is completely down."

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

## X-Change Deadline Set

We need boat X-change information. This will be a free-1-time listing of ANY Snipe for sale anywhere, to be printed in the BULLETIN (Probably the March 1980 issue).

**THE DEADLINE FOR INFORMATION TO BE RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE IS JAN. 15, 1980.** Information needed: Boat number, builder, material, is the boat completely rigged (yes or no), location, price, and a phone number for the seller.

Let's get ALL the Snipes out of barns and garages and back on the water!

## Terry Timm Takes XX1st Ontarios

Oakville Snipe Fleet 321 was host June 30-July 1 for the XX1st Ontario Snipe Championship. Competitors came from Massachusetts, Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, New York State and Ontario. Despite predictions of poor weather and gas shortages 25 boats turned up to be registered Saturday morning.

The start of Saturday's first race was delayed due to fog and rain. The breeze filled in from the east early in the afternoon and three races were completed before the race committee called it quits about 5 P. M.

Greg and Patti Fisher won the first race in convincing fashion. Joe Petrucci and Dave Askew finished second in this race after a bad start, demonstrating some excellent recovery technique. Jerry Thompson and daughter Kim sailed their erstwhile US 1 to third place.

The wind continued to build for the second race and again Greg and Patti Fisher won. Eventual winners Terry Timm and Liza Hersey were second and Jerry Thompson third.

The third race was sailed in about 20 mph and by that time very nice waves had built up giving some good surfing and planing. Ted Hains and Dave Belford took an early lead but lost it to Terry Timm on the last leg. Bill Buckles and crew Phil Johnson were third.

Saturday night featured the traditional Oakville "Green Can" cocktail party. Id and Anne Crook created the year's punch which was well and truly received by those present. Members of the Oakville Fleet contributed many interesting and tasty goodies to munch upon while imbibing. Thanks to all those who contributed. Dinner and more "Green Can" ensued and it was clear that many were having a great time. Some had a better time than others, of which more anon.



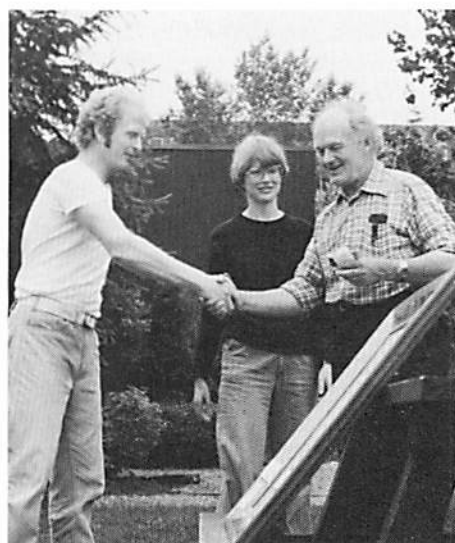
Winners: Dave Askew, Joe Petrucci, Greg and Patti Fisher, Phil Johnson, Jerry and Kim Thompson, Terry Timm and Liza Hersey, pose with their prizes. (Judy Barber photo)

Sunday morning came up foggy and windless which caused a postponement and finally cancellation of all further racing. This was welcome news to some who were somewhat fogbound themselves after Saturday night.

Don Hains, race committee chairman presented the prizes to those deserving. The prizes were clothes, tool bags, gear bags etc., all provided through the generous assistance of Jim Belford's marine supply store in Oakville. There was a special award for the party Saturday night. Id Crook presented Glenyce Hutter with the "Green Can" as the party trophy.

Many thanks to Don Hains who took time off from haying season at the farm to serve as RC chairman, and to his able assistant Richard Sauerstein of Oakville. Thanks as well to Dick and Rie Kneulman for the use of their Ontario 32 yacht "Pallitier" as spectator boat and rescue boat. Members of the Oakville Yacht Squadron Junior Club did a fine job on the mark laying boat. Special thanks to all the members of the Oakville Snipe Fleet who once more did so much to make the regatta a success. The assistance of the Ontario Sailing Association is acknowledged and thanked.

The XX1st Ontario's were a great suc-



Terry Timm and Liza Hersey receive congratulations from Don Hains. (Judy Barber photo)

cess also as a result of the efforts of the competitors who came despite gas shortages from as far as Chicago in the case of Ray Schmit and Robbie Coughlin and all obstacles in the case of Ron and Judy Barber from Boston. Everyone is invited back to make it 22 years next year.

Chris Hains  
Oakville Fleet 321



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### XX1st ONTARIO CHAMPIONSHIP (Top 10 of 25 entries)

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20707	Terry Timm/Liza Hersey	Barton Boat Club	4-2-1	11.0	1
23619	Greg Fisher/Patti Fisher	Hoover YC	1-1-11	17.0	2
19059	Jerry Thompson/Kim Thompson	ABYC	3-3-6	23.1	3
23888	Bill Buckles/Phil Johnson	Cleveland	7-5-3	28.7	4
22851	Joe Petrucci/Dave Askew	Cottage Park YC	2-7-7	29.0	5
23279	John Johns/Kathy Black	Barton BC	6-9-4	34.7	6
20689	Ted Hains/Dave Belford	Oakville	10-12-2	37.0	7
21116	John McAllister/A. Landaver	Detroit	5-6-10	37.7	8
16699	Fritz Framm/Tim Williams	Cuba Lake	9-8-5	39.0	9
21716	Graham Hoffman/Glenn Hoff.	Keuka Lake	8-4-16	44.0	10

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# Chapin Has The Worlds In His Hands!

*Mark Reynolds battles to second place in hot competition at Sydney Harbor*

20-year-old U. S. National Champion David Chapin defeated the Goliaths of the Snipe World Championship on Sydney Harbor, North Sydney, Nova Scotia, August 14-18, with 17.4 points; 5 points better than Mark Reynolds and De Ann Wright, who were also second to Dave at the U. S. Nationals 3 weeks earlier. Chapin and his crew Tim Dixon, both from Island Bay Yacht Club, Springfield, IL, displayed flawless tacking techniques, good boat speed, and cool poise in the face of competition from 4 continents, including the defending champions Boris Ostergren and Ernesto Neugebauer, Brazil, who finished third, and twice-champion Felix Gancedo and Carlos Llamas of Spain in 4th. Marco Aurelio Paradedo and Luiz Pejnovic, Brazil, completed the top five of 30 contestants.

Conditions were mostly moderate, but varied to both extremes for the seven race series, with the first race delayed by heavy winds and seas, and the last day's morning race threatening to drift past the time limit.

The Western Hemisphere won in their traditional Snipe class rivalry with Europe, taking 8 of the top ten places, including Takayaki Harada and Manabu Ohgushi, Japan, 6th, (Occidental by choice), Ivan Pimentel and Paulo Oliveria, Brazil 7th, Ted Hains and Bill Davy of the host country 8th, and Torkel Borgstrom and Diego Braver, Argentina 9th. Claes Gilbome and Bengt Larsson of Sweden in 10th place, made Europe's second best showing.

A massive storm front passed over the eastern U. S. and Canadian coasts during the 2 days before the start of the regatta, with high winds and a deluge of rain. The practice race was stormed out, as winds on the bay were in excess of 30 mph.

## FIRST RACE

The start of the first race was delayed as left-over wind and waves from the storm made the bay unfit for racing. With a start finally posted for 4:15, and winds down to 16 to 18, lighter crews were still



*Felix Gancedo and Carlos Llamas of Spain finished 4th.*

having trouble getting to the race course.

Norway's Hartmann lost his rudder on an anchor line as he left the dock, but was in luck as it was picked up and returned by a motor boat. However, damage to the fitting prevented his finishing the race. C. S. Reddy of India and crew Eric Broughton capsized on the way to the start and had trouble righting the boat and did not start the race.

Defending champion Boris Ostergren led most of the first race, but Felix Gancedo, rounding the leeward mark in fifth, got a lift off the bank, which took him into the lead going into the finish. Boris, covering Mark Reynolds in a tacking duel to the finish, was 2nd, and Mark 3rd. Marco Paradedo and Dave Chapin also covered each other tack for tack to the finish, and finished with Marco 4th, and Dave 5th, his worst race for the series. Both Japanese boats finished well with Harada 6th, and Miyagochi 9th. Rasmussen of Denmark was 7th, and Pimentel, Brazil 8th. Argentina's Torkel Borgstrom was 10th.

## SECOND RACE

On Wednesday morning it was raining again, but the sun was out before the

start of the race. With shifty winds of 18 to 22, the fleet was eager, and a general recall was the result. Another shift resulted in a second recall and the shifting of the entire race course. By the time the race started, the wind was down to 12 or so, and dropping.

Mark Reynolds led this race all the way, with Ted Hains dropping from 2nd on the first beat to 5th on the second beat, but finishing a strong 4th for Canada. Dave Chapin finished 2nd, and Boris 3rd. Bjurstrom of Finland was 5th, Felix 6th, and Marco 7th.

## THIRD RACE

Although the wind had dropped, the race committee decided to attempt a second race for the day, with a start at about 5:50.

The wind continued to drop as the race progressed, with Torkel Borgstrom of Argentina leading at the reaching mark. By the end of the second beat, Dave Chapin had worked into a 30 second lead over Mats Gothlin of Sweden, with Borgstrom in third, and Mark Reynolds, series leader at this point, in 4th place.

A HUGE wind shift on this leg turned the race in progress into a guessing game for the committee, the contestants, and the spectators, as the wind shifted all the way — first 90 degrees; then 180; so that the run became a beat; then 270; and finally; as the first boats were ready to round — right back to its original course. Steve Astaphen and his committee held steady, and rather than changing the course prematurely, were able to continue the race, as it started, without changing any marks. Whew!

Chapin finished the race in first, with Borgstrom second, Reynolds 3rd, Sweden's Claes Gilbome 4th, and Felix 5th. Both Boris in 8th, and Marco in 10th, had their worst race of the series. At this point Reynolds was the leader without a throw-out figured in scoring.

## FOURTH RACE

Thursday's race start was scheduled for one thirty and started under cloudy





*They graduated at the top of the class! World champions Dave Chapin and Tim Dixon receive their trophies from R.C. Chairman Steve Astaphen. (Photo by Per and Inga Gothlin)*

skies, with winds 14 to 18. At the first windward mark the "top 5" of Boris, Marco, Mark, Dave and Felix rounded in that order, and continued that parade past the reaching mark. They continued the march around the course, only mixing their order occasionally, and finished with Boris in first, followed by Dave (now the series leader), Felix 3rd, Mark 4th, and Marco 5th.

#### FIFTH RACE

Thursday's second race started in winds 15 plus, with heavy seas running and the course for this race set where the beat was across part of the bay used by Sydney's ship traffic.

As the race progressed, the wind dropped, and Dave Chapin worked out an impressive 49 second lead by the leeward mark. He was followed by the two Swedish boats, the Dane, Rasmussen, and Canada's Ted Hains. The finish went to Dave Chapin, with a 1 minute 48 second lead. Mark Reynolds nipped Ted Hains at the finish for second place. Mats Gothlin was 4th, followed by Boris. Felix finished 9th.

On the second beat a large ship crossed the course, coming out of Sydney Harbor. Felix protested the race, and after a lengthy protest hearing, the decision was to give him redress for any prejudice to his position, in the form of average points for the series for this race position. No other competitors claimed prejudice of



*Second place winners Mark Reynolds and DeAnn Wright. (Buzz Lamb photo)*

their positions by the ship. The average points calculated at the end of the series gave Felix 6.4 points, and did not change any of the over all standings.

#### SIXTH RACE

The Committee scheduled a morning race to start at 10:00 on Friday, but a light and shifting wind forced a postponement, to wait for steadier winds, with the race finally starting at about 11:05.

Dave Chapin, trying for the port end,

was "buried" on the start, and in trying to cross the course to the other series leaders, was forced by starboard tack boats to tack back time and time again. His flawless tacking teamwork with his crew Tim, kept the boat moving, and they pulled into third place by the windward mark, as the wind lightened.

This was the lightest wind race of the entire series, and the boats spread out as the winds diminished. At the second

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Steve Astaphen, R.C. Chairman shown with Measurer Chuck Loomis, and Ray Pilon, left to right. (Buzz Lamb photo)

## Worlds...

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windward mark Marco was first followed by Dave, with Felix and Boris next. Marco and Dave split with Felix and Boris, and went too far to the right. Boris, sailing the rhumb line, rounded the leeward mark first, with Felix second, and Marco in third, right on top of Dave in 4th.

The wind, coming from Sydney Harbor, was threatening to turn the last beat into a reach, and Dave kept tacking into the harbor, with Marco tacking on top of him with every attempt Dave made to get away. Finally, Marco decided to sail for the finish, letting Dave go. This proved a mistake, and Dave came out of

the Harbor finally, with a lift to the finish, to take the third place, behind Boris and Felix, leaving Marco in 4th place for the race. Mark Reynolds had been caught in one of the earlier holes as the wind lightened, and had his worst race, finishing in 12th place.

### SEVENTH RACE

After a lunch break, the competitors were back on the course, with Dave Chapin the man to beat, and Boris Ostergren the only one who could do it. With an 8th place to throw out, if Boris should win the race, with Dave 4th or worse, Boris would win the series.

By the end of the second beat, Dave was in first place and Boris in 6th, and an upset by the young man from Illinois seemed assured.

As the race continued, Dave, sailing a conservative race, finished in third place, with Mark Reynolds in first, and Marco Paradedda in second. Felix finished 4th, with Boris holding the sixth spot, behind Harada of Japan.

### ORGANIZATION AND ENTERTAINMENT

The organization of this regatta began 3 years ago. Fired by the enthusiasm left over from the successfully-run Western Hemisphere Championship of 1976, the Northern Yacht Club recruited help from Sydney's Royal Cape Breton Club, and eventually most of the government of Cape Breton and Nova Scotia to bid for the World Championship at the Board of Governors meeting in Denmark in 1977.

Steve Astaphen and John Brennan shared the duties with club members, their wives, and local Mayor Tom Young in planning all the facilities for housing, feeding, and entertaining the champions from around the world, as well as National Secretaries, and SCIRA officials.

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even as the first arrivals appeared on the scene, lending a special flavor of suspense to the occasion. Would it be finished on time? Would the Mexican Mariachi Band arrive? Would the Blue Nose Scooner really appear to take guests for harbor cruises?

Not only were most things completed; the Blue Nose was there, and so was the Canadian Navy ship Algonquin. And the Mariachi Band? They completed a week's entertainment by swapping duties with the high school Bagpipers at the gala final banquet.

A special event was the dedication of the Don McNeil Memorial Building, named for the 1976 Northern Yacht Club Commodore, who worked tirelessly toward making this championship a reality.

Ron "Bomber" Andrea was the man to see around the club house in getting anything done, or finding anything that was lost, or entertaining everyone. His motto: "Handle it"!

The ladies of the yacht club entertained the hungry hordes every day with soup, sandwiches, cookies, and milk — this not only for lunch, but whenever anyone was hungry.

The U. S. had promised help for the regatta, and provided it in the persons of

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP				
Boat	Skipper/Crew	Country	Races	Points Finish
23620	Dave Chapin/Tim Dixon	USA	5-2-1-2-1-3-3	17.4 1
22815	Mark Reynolds/DeAnn Wright	USA	3-1-3-4-2-12-1	22.4 2
23420	B. Ostergren/E. Neugebauer	Brazil	2-3-8-1-5-1-6	30.4 3
19981	Felix Gancedo/Carlos Llamas	Spain	1-6-5-3-pts-2-4	33.1 4
12115	M. Paradedda/L. Pejnovic	Brazil	4-7-10-5-7-4-2	55 5
21278	T. Harada/M. Ohgushi	Japan	6-9-11-8-12-6-5	79.4 6
19000	Ivan Pimentel/Paulo Oliveria	Brazil	8-13-6-6-14-5-8	80.4 7
20689	Ted Hains/Bill Davey	Canada	15-4-9-10-3-11-13	80.7 8
23575	T. Borgstrom/D. Braver	Argentina	10-12-2-11-15-10-9	85 9
16868	C. Gilborne/B. Larsson	Sweden	13-16-4-13-6-16-7	92.7 10
20999	Mats Gothlin/Lena Gothlin	Sweden	14-17-7-9-4-17-12	97 11
21277	H. Miyagochi/H. Baba	Japan	9-10-22-15-10-7-11	98 12
23334	F. Rasmussen/K. Schultz	Denmark	7-18-13-7-8-14-18	103 13
22862	H. Bjurstrom/L. Hukka	Finland	16-5-15-14-23-8-17	110 14
22382	P. Brodstedt/J. Sorensen	Denmark	19-11-16-16-13-9-14	115 15
22217	Tim Woodford/S. Dunlop	Canada	20-15-14-12-16-24-15	128 16
23227	Ivan Gomez/Federico Diaz	Spain	18-8-18-18-18-20-16	132 17
19893	Neil Martin/Peter Kay	Great Britain	12-19-12-20-22-15-20	134 18
19691	T. Bjorndahl/P. Haldin	Finland	11-26-21-nf-11-22-10	137 19
19428	V. S-Larsen/L. S-Larsen	Norway	22-14-17-21-17-21-nf	148 20
23181	R. Belvin/R. DeSilva	Bermuda	17-20-19-23-19-18-23	152 21
21000	Totto Hartmann/P.C. Stanoal	Norway	nf-24-20-17-20-13-24	154 22
23287	Louis Lamarque/Annie Moran	France	21-29-13-19-21-26-21	167 23
19327	Paul Mason/Kevin Harvey	Great Britain	25-23-nf-22-ns-19-19	174 24
22326	Carlos Ruiz/Edwin Martinez	Puerto Rico	23-22-25-26-ns-25-27	184 25
18974	L. DePascale/P. DePascale	Ecuador	26-27-24-25-25-23-28	186 26T
22269	B. Gayet/Cesar Spezini	Paraguay	27-21-28-24-24-28-26	186 26T
20578	B. Mariage/Claude Mariage	France	24-25-26-27-27-29-22	187 28
I D-2	C.S. Reddy/Eric Broughton	India	ns-30-27-28-26-27-25	199 29
22272	Carlos Gorostiaga/A. Gillis	Paraguay	28-28-nf-ns-ns-ns-ns	212 30

Chuck Loomis, who oversaw the measuring, SCIRA representative Ralph Swanson, and Berta Swanson, who did her usual job as super competent scorer/checker for the race committee.

Rear Commodore Paul Festersen presided as SCIRA Flag Officer in the absence of the Commodore, and Buzz Lamb was chairman of the protest committee.



Third place Boris Ostergren and Ernesto Neugebauer of Brazil. (Buzz Lamb photo)

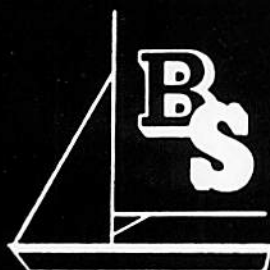
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Heavy winds prevent Sunday's races

## Jeff Evans Captures Governor's Cup

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The sailors were met on shore by the beer wagon, and after one or two hours around the wagon, made their way up to the B. B. Q.

Sunday morning the sailors were faced

with 55 degree weather and 20-30 m. p. h. winds. The race committee waited till 11:30, and then cancelled the races for the day. Trophy presentation was held immediately following cancellation.

A special trophy was awarded to Buzz Levinson. This "Masters" trophy will be offered every year, so keep those boats tuned up.

Greg Gust  
Regatta Chairman  
Island Bay Fleet 91

### GOVERNOR'S CUP RESULTS A Fleet (Top 10 of 17 entries)

Boat	Skipper	Fleet	Places	Points	Finish
23398	Jeff Evans	Island Bay	1-3-1	5.7	1
18926	Lou Dixon	Island Bay	2-1-4	11	2
17384	Greg Gust	Island Bay	4-2-3	16.7	3
23661	Buzz Levinson	Indianapolis	5-11-2	30	4
18886	Bill Coberly	Decatur	3-10-6	33.4	5
23288	James Hill	Acton Lake	9-4-8	37	6
23425	Mark Chapin	Island Bay	11-7-5	40	7
18647	Jim Pyott	Crystal Lake	10-5-9	41	8
20659	Ray Schmit	Burnham Park	6-6-14	43.4	9
13026	Phil Peterson	Island Bay	7-12-7	44	10

### B Fleet (Top 6 of 11 entries)

Boat	Skipper	Fleet	Places	Points	Finish
18501	Don Hitchcock	Evergreen	3-2-2	11.7	1
19266	Ray Szczepanski	Carlyle	1-4-5	18	2
19980	Don St. Lawrence	Island Bay	2-1-11	20	3
19180	Jack Baldwin	Island Bay	11-3-1	22.7	4
22350	Erik Witt	Indianapolis	5-7-4	31	5
17460	DeWitt Smith	Carlyle	8-8-3	33.7	6

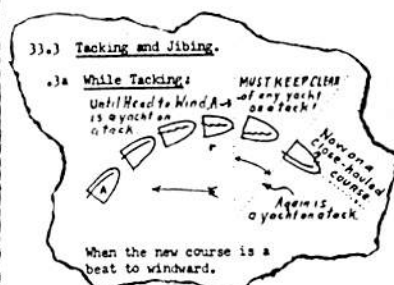
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## Greg Fisher Sails To Riff Raff Victory

The Riff Raff Regatta was reduced in size by the gas shortage, but Cowan Lake, Ohio was still full of spirit with 41 Snipes. All members of Fleet 433 brought extra lunch to share with our visiting sailors on Saturday. Nice touch.

The local Thistle sailors who served as Race Committee dealt admirably with the light and shifty conditions. After one postponement to realign the course, 22 boats in the A Fleet started the figure eight course, sailed twice around plus one windward leg in about 1½ hours.

Several times Snipes were ten abreast on the runs, and the hailing around the marks was polite but vigorous (no protests, a few 720's). Many nice leads disappeared on the runs as the fleet bunched up to go at it again. Jamie Hill led over half of the race only to be passed first by Bob Rowland (Cowan Lake) and then by

Peter Keen (Cowan Lake), who had mastered the run, and finally, near the finish line, by Greg Fisher.

Refreshed with oranges and a bit more breeze, the fleet started the second race on the same course. This time, Greg Fisher took the lead soon after the first mark and went on to a horizon job, lapping deep into the B Fleet. John Eilers was second by an equal margin until he went too far west and failed to cover on the second-to-last windward leg (2 per lap on the figure eight course) and dropped to fourth.

After showers and an attitude adjustment hour with hors d'oeuvres and libations, each sailor was turned chef and grilled fine individual steaks. Dinner was followed by "Disco Tom" O'Flaherty's masterful production — foil walls, strobe lights and all the trimmings for young and younger. Campers and tents were welcome shelter to all exhausted bodies.

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23619	G. Fisher/P. Fisher	Columbus	5.7	1
23333	B. Rowland/S. Rowland	Cowan	14.7	2
23288	J. Hill/D. Mills	Acton	25.0	3
20537	P. Keen/J. Keen	Cowan	29.0	4
22355	J. Eilers/N. Place	Cowan	32.0	5
21777	K. Menzies/A. Place	Cowan	36.7	6
20659	R. Schmit/R. Coughlin	Burnham Harbor	37.7	7
19425	J. O'Flaherty/B. Evans	Cowan	43.7	8
21461	J. Irvine/D. Irvine	Cowan	43.7	9
22811	M. Schoenberger/M. Braun	Cowan	47.0	10

### B Fleet (Top 10 of 19 entries)

Boat	Crew	Club	Points	Finish
20197	R. Hill/T. Wilchire	Acton	6.0	1
21626	C. Koch/J. Cowan	Cowan	13.7	2
22562	J. Hater/C. Hater	Acton	21.4	3
18913	A. Meredith/D. Meredith	Richmond	27.7	4
19395	E. Kitchen/B. Kitchen	Cowan	31.4	5
23595	T. Alfrex/N. Alfrex	Acton	37.0	6
23038	W. Worster/D. Sattler	Cowan	41.0	7
20302	T. Gougeon/S. Gougeon	Cowan	45.0	8
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