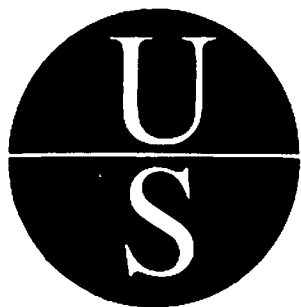


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# What's Wrong — And What Can We Do About It

by Paul Henderson

Fellow Snipe Sailors:

I first sailed a Snipe in 1970 at the Don Q with various Diazes. Sixteen years later Martha and I have now purchased a boat and actively sail, travel, yell, etc., with the Snipe Mafia. Luckily, when in 1970 I suggested that the Snipe be the Olympic two-people boat I was ignored in favor of the 470. The Olympic designation would have ruined a good class but my reasons were valid then and still are.

Buzz Lamb asked me to write an epistle for the newsletter on the state of the nation and especially everyone's deep concern with one-design racing, so here goes.

A major problem lies with our yacht clubs. They must get back to basics. Sailors need water and therefore our clubs were started on some of the finest real estate in the world for the purpose of going to sea to race sailboats.

The evolution of a sailing club is programmable and occurs in the following chronological order: dinghies, ramps, cranes, clubhouse, snackbars, dining rooms, yachts, power boats, swimming pools, and tennis courts. When all this happens after a few decades the members forget why the club was there in the first place. An example of what happens is that a famous Long Island yacht club, recently voted in favor of lights on the tennis courts, turning down a new crane.

We who still love to go to sea in small racing boats have abdicated our responsibilities. I have nothing against the varied activities as long as the primary activity, sailboat racing, is nurtured, subsidized and is the *raison d'être* of the club.

Because I perceive or want to perceive a return to basics, in most regions we all must give this latent energy to return to solid one-design racing at home, firstly in our club, and secondly in our classes.

Clubs must ensure the following:

- ✓ Fleet policies limiting classes
- ✓ Solid racing programs geared to local participants
- ✓ Host annually regional one-design events
- ✓ Install good facilities such as ramps, cranes, drysailing
- ✓ Ensure good sailors can join and get storage, evicting sleepy boats

- ✓ Foster junior programs subsidizing all up to 30
- ✓ Insist young sailor sit on the management boards
- ✓ Have sensible classes for juniors to graduate to, which also appeal to every size and age

I have always thought that a good way to ensure that sailing clubs keep their direction is to have all meetings on an island and you must be able to sail a Snipe there to go to the meetings.

The above only works if we, the active racing sailors, are willing to serve our sport.

The second problem has been caused by the so-called modern classes with their high tech rigs, trapezes, throw-away boats, win-at-all-cost philosophies, sailing by factory or national teams with coaches, managers, etc. This has greatly effected local one-design racing because even local sailors want to be competitive.

Let me now explain the reason I voted for the Snipe as the broad based two people Olympic boat. I do not like specific sailboats at all; I like the people who sail them a lot. If you lined up the people who raced Snipes at the U.S. National they are all sizes, shapes, ages, sexes and hairstyles. To be a good club boat it must be able to be competitively sailed by all. Let's now relate that to what has happened in clubs over the past few years.

A kid joins the junior program at age eight; they basically are all the same size and basically sexless and they have a great time sailing Optimists. They then get to 13 and life changes. They become different sizes and shapes. The boats they are pushed into are single handed or have trapezes. Both boats breed freaks and exclude all but 10% of the kids graduating from the program. If you want to be a competitive single handed sailor you have to be 165-195 lbs., six feet tall and enjoy pain. To be a high tech trapeze dinghy sailor the helmsman has to be a jockey, the crew six foot tall and anorexic and acquire a new boat like a baby, every nine months. The rest gravitate to I.O.R. boats and sit like faceless pigeons perched on the rail in misery. They finally realize that this is not fun and take up golfing (except for John Johns).

The criteria for a good club boat is as follows:

- ✓ Able to take novice and still get around course
- ✓ Top competition excellent
- ✓ Strong construction
- ✓ Boat competitive for 10 years
- ✓ Easily trailed
- ✓ Women and men equally competitive as skipper or crew
- ✓ Few strings as possible
- ✓ Tight and enforced class rules
- ✓ All up weight of crew important not where placed
- ✓ Strong class communication
- ✓ Tactical boat not technical
- ✓ Time working on boat minimal compared to time racing
- ✓ Apres race scene hospitable

Certain classes fit these criteria and seem to be the basis on which we can resurrect one-design sailing. The Snipe is certainly one.

I would be out of character if I did not make some critical observations of the Snipe. They are as follows:

1. The sail cloth is too light. The jib should be at least 3.5 oz. cloth. The sails should last one good season not one good race.

2. The whisker pole should be a regulated length, preferably shorter.

All members of the class including the primadonnas have been so helpful and in that lies the Snipe's strength.

It was a real joy to see 57 boats at Eastern Yacht Club in Marblehead for the first regatta in 25 years, the superb race committee at Chautauqua, the friendliness of Cuba Lake and Barton pond. Martha and I will see you all, including more Diazes again, at the mid-winters.

Paul Henderson



Paul Henderson, IYRU Vice-president and Snipe sailor, served as on-the-water judge at Chautauqua Lake. Buzz Lamb photo

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Argentina	74	India	6
Bahamas	13	Italy	100
Bermuda	23	Japan	911
Brasil	102	Netherlands	1
Canada	17	Norway	100
Chile	5	Paraguay	20
Columbia	21	Portugal	75
Cuba	16	Puerto Rico	1
Denmark	110	Spain	236
England	62	Sweden	50
Finland	100	United States	1199
France	50	Uruguay	26
		Total	3318

## District IV To Make Tapes Available

Six hours of instruction in the refinements of Snipe tuning and tactics will be made available on the D-4 racing clinic tapes filmed earlier this year at Lake Lanier, Georgia. The tapes feature Greg Fisher, Jeff Lenhart, Craig Leweck, Mike McLaughlin and Bill Simons.

Price and an order form will appear in the December issue. If you can't wait for details write to District Governor Frank Pontious, 212 Mountain Brook Dr., Marietta, GA 30064.

## Belgium Elects Secretary

A new National Secretary has been elected for Belgium. He is Andre Callot, Lege Veldkantlaan 30, B 2540 Hove Belgium.

His telephone number is 31852 Callot B.

## LETTERS

### Snipe Ocean Racing At Fort Lauderdale

Dear Buzz,

Lauderdale Yacht Club tested the waters with its first Snipe regatta on August 23-24, 1986. The idea was to sail Snipes in the ocean where they truly belong. Skipper were Gonzalo Diaz, Sr., Gonzalo Diaz, Jr., Mark Duvoisin, Peter Commette, Carlos Bustamante, Tom Lihan, Ron Payne, and Steve Suddath.

On many August afternoons at Fort



*BIG SHOES! Jo Broughton, National Secretary for Holland, hopes to double her Dutch fleet, but not by launching herself in her new wooden shoes.*

Lauderdale, a seabreeze fills in with authority, but this particular weekend the wind was medium but steady except for a couple of fast reaches on the edge of an isolated thunder shower.

The committee work was superb. Joel Bowie, the club's ocean race chairman, ran the races from his Hatteras 45, Fishwife. With him were Clyde Wright, Fred Wright, Joe Balocco, Pooch Payne and Nick Tussig. Mark-set and safety boats were manned by Bob Meagher, Ned Allen, Rod Burley and Bob Mullaney.

Six races, five Olympic courses and one shortened to finish downwind, were sailed over the two days. The races started promptly at noon. Windward mark was adjusted between each race with no delay in restarting.

The competitors were met at the dock with an ice cold keg and the boats were all washed by six. I suppose it can't always

## THE COVER

Craig Leweck and Hal Gilreath (hull 16) get the inside, with Dave Helmick and Aaron Haller (25) in the middle, and Patti Burton and Henry Filter (26) moving in fast. Viani's action photo is from the last race of the 1986 Don Q Regatta.

## THE SCORE

Sixty-one numbers were issued last month with 50 going to Japan, 5 each to Brasil and United States and 1 to England. No new fleets were chartered.

**Numbered SNIPES — 26739**  
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work that way, but it certainly is nice when it happens. Connie Suddath put it to the committee this way: "Good courses."

There was a bottle of corinthian champagne for the winner of each race. Gonzalo remarked that he knew the beginning of a tradition when he saw one. It is an interesting statistic that no one won two bottles of champagne. The following persons won champagne: Carlos Bustamante, Gonzalo Diaz, Sr., Tom Lihan, Gonzalo Diaz, Jr., Peter Commette and Steve Suddath.

On the way to the Port Everglades Inlet, the fleet was met by the M/V Paddle Wheel Queen. Her owner, former International Commodore of SCIRA, Bruce Colyer, was on the bridge hailing and hailed by the sailors.

Clyde Wright took video-taped pictures of portions of each race. Clyde, a veteran one-design racer and sailing coach, was able to catch the competitors in the moments that mattered. Some eye-opening minutes were spent in front of the TV at the LYC Sailing Center with everyone watching mark roundings, boat handling, trim and sail shape.

Gonzalo Diaz, Sr., also former International Commodore of SCIRA, won the series. Carlos Bustamante was second. Steve Suddath was third.

Facts we have confirmed: 1) the club has the facilities, with two hoists and lots of room, to handle a much larger fleet; 2) the Atlantic Ocean off Fort Lauderdale is an excellent place for a Snipe regatta. The Snipe, after all, has a seagoing heritage.

Next time: we pick a time, if possible, when low tide occurs around noon. If possible, we avoid conflicts. We give more notice. We try something new. We try to run the races like we did this time.

Ron Payne

### District Governor Frank Pontious Responds To National Secretary's Request For Opinions

Dear Ralph,

You asked for communication so here goes. Following are my opinions on a number of unrelated subjects.

First, let me say that I really enjoyed the Nationals this year (the last one being 1980), and the interaction with the large number of Snipers — some new faces but a lot of "older," familiar, friendly ones.

1. DUES. I would be against a dues increase to the members from the \$25 per boat. Being District Governor for the last two years has given me a new insight into the problems of numbers of dues paid Snipe members. As you know it is an up and down situation with each fleet, and hopefully you have an active enough district to stay ahead of the attrition.

In District 4, which I believe is one of the more active (with about 200 dues paid), we have 14 fleets, of which five are healthy and active, three are border line, and six are dead or dying. We have the possibility of maybe starting two additional fleets in the next few years, but I would not consider our situation super by any stretch.

So the point of the above is that any dues increase puts a dampening effect on the ability to sign up new members as well as driving out the border liners. I would much rather keep the dues low, and develop some program to increase the membership. This is hard to do and takes some real dedication as we all know. (In D4 the Davises have made some tremendous strides keeping things moving, and the Diazes have a successful fleet. They all need help and support, and there are too few that are as dedicated.)

Having said all this, I did vote for the \$5 increase with the idea that this would get us back in the black, and that with a new financial plan we could stay healthy.

I feel as do many that the Travel expense is the toughest nut to crack. It is important to support international sailing events but I personally do not see how the Snipe class can support the paying of travel expenses for more than one crew per event at the most — not unless some real imaginative fund raising scheme is in place.

In summary on this point, I feel the struggle of keeping the existing members and building the base of the Snipe Class is more of a priority than the international competition.

### 2. U.S. BOARD OF GOVERNORS. I

do not support the idea that each District Governor should be a member of the U.S. Board for all of the reasons discussed. However I do like the idea of each District being represented, and I would suggest a representative to the Board be a District elected position, which could be the District Governor or someone else.

Another opinion, in the interest of keeping the Board to a workable size you might automatically have those SCIRA Board "members at large" represent their Districts. With Grubb, Lenhart, Davis, Fenner, etc., you really don't need further representation from their Districts.

3. DISTRICT ROTATION. In studying the existing District system and rotation it seems that D6 and D7 could and probably should be split.

Not knowing the politics or previous discussions regarding D1 and D5 I wonder out loud whether there should really be two separate Districts here. It seems to me that D5 only has four fleets.

I would suggest the following rotation (quite obvious actually): D2 1987, D7 1988, D4 1989, D3 1990, D6 1991, D1/5 1992, etc. This would give each District the Nationals every six years — with three years between each west coast year.

4. KINETICS. I thought Paul Henderson did a great job laying it on the line before the series and obviously scared everyone into line. . .

That's all of the comments at this time — see you at the Masters.

Frank Pontious  
District 4 Governor

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## Matt Fisher Wins Colonial Cup

56 boats showed up for the 25th Annual Colonial Cup Regatta, held May 31-June 1, at Severn Sailing Association in Annapolis. Matt and Lisa Fisher walked away with top honors at the end of an enjoyable weekend. Close behind in second were Steve Callison and Jane Faust from Rochester, followed by Ed and Meredith Adams of Newport in third, Ganson Evans and crew from Hoover in fourth, and SSA's Griff Hall and Nancy Luthy in fifth.

Five races were planned, but the famed Chesapeake Bay wasn't about to cooperate. The competitors sat for about three hours Saturday morning, waiting for the breeze to fill in and swing around 180 degrees. Once the light southeasterly did fill in everyone was treated to a true Bay race, long and frustrating...

Steve Callison and Jane Faust came out on top, followed by SSA's John and Karin Fry, and Ed and Meredith Adams.

Saturday night provided the most action of the weekend. Everyone took full advantage of the Labatts beer truck (5 kegs?) and as usual Bert's steak dinner was scrumptious. The dancing to the D.J. went on into the wee hours with some of the revelers actually getting "on the roof." To say the least, a good time was had by all.

Sunday's hangovers were treated to another windless morning. It seemed to be

a repeat of Saturday, and it was... What breeze there was died and decided to do the old 180 degree shuffle again. Then after a couple of aborted starts due to shifts, the breeze settled in as a light southeasterly again, and it was time to battle the Bay.

Matt and Lisa Fisher came out on top of the first race, followed by SSA's Alex Stout and Brian Fishback, with Ganson Evans in third. The breeze picked up to about 12 knots for the second race, along

with the familiar power boat chop. Steve Callison and Jane Faust were victorious again; they were followed by the Fishers and Bill Lawson and Colette Preis from SSA in third.

That was all for the racing. The trophy presentation went off rather quietly, (no kegs left) except for the hoots and hollers for those picked as winners of the "style points" awards for stylish regatta behavior.

*Paul Button*

### 25th ANNUAL COLONIAL CUP (Top 25 of 40 Entries)

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Club	Places	Points	Finish
23621	Matt Fisher/Lisa Fisher	Hoover YC	5-1-2	7.75	1
24608	Steve Callison/Jane Faust	Rochester	1-9-1	10.5	2
26099	Ed Adams/Meredith Adams	NYC	3-6-5	14	3
25888	Ganson Evans	Hoover YC	6-3-14	23	4
26455	Griff Hall/Nancy Luthy	SSA	8-8-8	24	5
24596	Bill Lawson/Colette Preis	SSA	7-15-3	25	6
25412	Art Rousmaniere/J. Rousmaniere	WBC	16-4-11	31	7
26485	James Jacob/Delia Campagna		14-5-15	34	8
25779	Lorie Jones/Dave Krebs	SSA	10-18-7	35	9
26468	Eric Gesner/Andrea Tomaselli	Ithica YC	4-14-21	39	10
25871	Henry Filter/Patti Burton		12-21-6	39	11
26488	John Fry/Karin Fry	SSA	2-17-22	41	12
26459	Alex Stout/Bryan Fishback	SSA	22-2-18	42	13
14002	Keith Donald/Peggy Donald	SSA	11-29-4	44	14
26461	Kirk Donaldson/Phyllis D.	Barton BC	15-16-19	50	15
26286	Mark Swanson/Debi Lee	SSA	21-13-20	54	16
25784	Bill Pagels	SSA	17-10-28	55	17
24087	Sam Mollet	PLYC	20-27-10	57	18
25949	Chris Snow/Bill Corbet	SSA	25-7-25	57	19
22285	Harry Levinson/Sarah Levinson	MBC	39-11-12	62	20
26337	Lisa Foulke/Ken	Mt. Vernon	30-25-16	71	21
26092	Brian Dougherty/E. Sherban		26-28-17	71	22
23622	Carl Cheney/Pat Cheney	SSA	18-22-33	73	23
23182	Bob Blomquist	SSA	19-30-24	73	24
26489	Phil Richmond/Joan Watts	SSA	27-24-27	78	25

## Finland's Nationals Won By Jukka Lahti

Our Nationals, this year were arranged in Tampere in the lake district. Even though the schedule was rather late (after the normal vacation period, and the schools had started) we had 35 Snipes on the starting line which is a couple more than last year. Most of the more experienced people were there, and also many new Snipe sailors.

This year the 470 class for the first time had their nationals together with the Snipes and they had 28 boats on the starting line. That class is mainly concentrated in Helsinki, while the Snipe class have very active fleets almost all around the country.

The first two days (races 1-4) were sailed in mostly very light and shifting winds which caused problems even for the top crews. The last two day's two races on the other hand, were sailed in strong winds and rain, and resulted in many DNF/DNSs due to broken materials, or just longer swimming sessions. Myself, I got the boom down during the first roaring reach.

Former Champion Hakan Bjurstrom proved that a good Snipe sailor can be suc-

cessful even if he hasn't sailed Snipe for some time. This was his first race this season, and he finished second. Jukka Lahti/Juhani Heljo from Tampere won the gold medals, and the bronze medals were surprisingly won by Timo Vierimaa/Jukka Pekuri from Haahe in the north. Without

doubt they earned their medals as they have climbed towards the top very fast this season. The enthusiastic Claus Carpelan with Freddy Wegelius took a jump up to fourth with two wins in the strong winds, their own specialty.

*Roger Nylund, SCIRA Finland*

### FINNISH NATIONALS (Top 20 of 35 entries)

Boat	Skipper	Club	Places	Points	Finish
25138	Jukka Lahti	Tampere	1-21-2-1-2-8	20	1
25040	Hakan Bjurstrom	Tampere	13-7-1-2-3-2	24.7	2
25468	Timo Vierimaa	Oulu	9-1-5-8-6-9	50.7	3
19677	Claus Carpelan	Hamina	18-9-25-7-11	52	4
21660	Timo Jarske	Tampere	4-14-3-4-19-dnf	66.7	5
21832	Ilkka Hallavo	Hameenl.	19-5-7-14-9-7	71	6
25043	Jyrki Landstedt	Tampere	5-25-10-18-4-10	74	7
24015	Kai Rajakallio	Oulu	8-15-15-12-10-4	77	8
21662	Kari Toikka	Hamina	11-10-19-9-7-12	79	9
24323	M. Westerholm	Helsinki	3-6-4-6-dnf-dnf	79.1	10
26650	Sampo Valjus	Oulu	2-29-20-27-8-5	86	11
26642	Tom Bjorndahl	Kokkola	12-3-27-17-14-15	87.7	12
24312	Juhani Liinamaa	Tampere	7-17-36-pms-pms-3	93.7	13
19806	Pauli Vuorinen	Hameenl.	27-2-11-15-16-dnf	96	14
21446	Markus Holm	Kokkola	28-13-9-10-18-18	98	15
26651	Kai Saarhelo	Pori	10-22-23-13-13-14	102	16
23828	Kari Kokkonen	Helsinki	8-13-16-22-36-dnf	103	17
24325	Jouni Valli	Tampere	23-11-pms-3-dsq-6	105	18
24319	Seppo Karisto	Hameenl.	16-19-31-11-17-16	109	19
25136	Peter Holm	Kokkola	20-28-6-23-15-17	110.7	20

# Scenes From The '86 U.S. Nationals

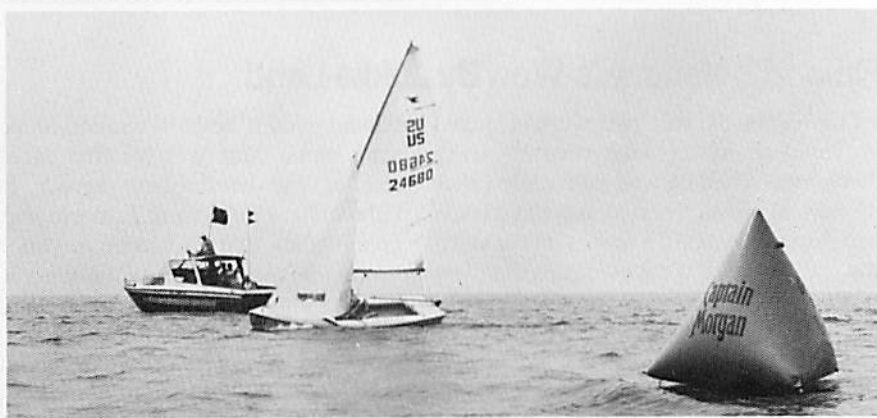
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*Everybody closes on the downwind mark. Heinzerling series.*

*Charlie Hodges records regatta action on the video camera. Art and Jennifer Rousmaniere cross second in the fourth Heinzerling race.*

*Bob and Liane Dean won the last race in the Wells Series.*



*New U.S. Champions, Ed and Meredith Adams relax between races.*

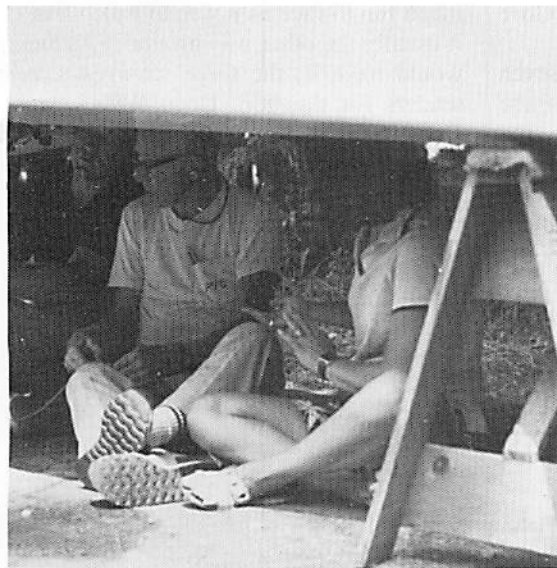
*Nine Past SCIRA Commodores came to work at the regatta. Seven posed for this picture at the awards banquet: L to r: Ralph Swanson, Ted Wells, Red Garfield, Eddie Williams, Griff Griffith, Gonzalo Diaz, and Fred Schenck. Not pictured Paul Festeren and Dan Williams.*



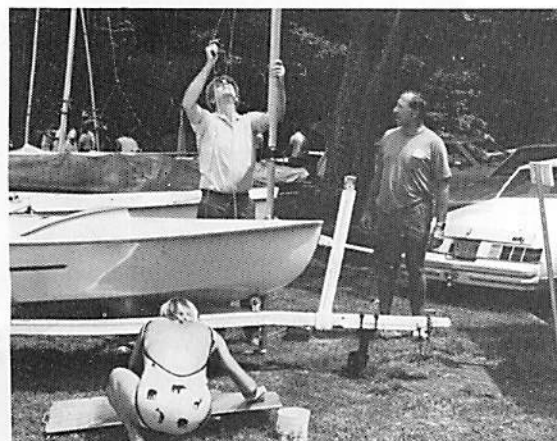




Dan Williams scratches his head over rudder problem of Karen Long.



Chuck Loomis, center, measuring mast step.



Fritz Gram rigs a new boat while Jane sands the board, and builder Ron Fox gives advice.

Top: Second place Jennifer and Art Rousmaniere pose with past SCIRA Commodore Edward "Red" Garfield. Center: Third place finishers — crew, Jane Faust, left, with skipper Steve Callison, with their trophies. Bottom: Ted and Marge Wells present the Wells trophy to Dave Lence and Mike Bowers.



Jane and Fritz Gram finished in tenth place in the Heinzerlings. Jane was co-chairman with Charlie Hodges for the regatta.

## Doug Wefer Bests 37 At District 1 Championship

For those who have not 'experienced' small lake sailing, in particular the Mystic Lake in Winchester, MA, one must have a little imagination to appreciate the uniqueness of the setting.

Picture, if you will, a stock car race on a figure-8 track (I used to love watching them on ABC's Wide World of Sports). Now instead of 15 or so beat up stock cars, imagine 37 Snipes racing in two separate fleets — all on this same figure-8 course.

Imagine further (for you ocean sailors, this may be difficult) that the breezes range from 0-10 knots and just to make it a little more challenging, let's throw in a variety of windshifts, some up to 90 degrees. If you can actually picture all of this, either you are crazy or you have just sailed in the 1986 District 1 Championship.

This regatta was not for the faint of heart. Racing ethics and morals (typically referred to as 'sportsmanship') were often taken to the limit due to the close-quarters racing. Some new questions for the game 'Scruples' arose that would make many tried and true yachtspersons squirm. Such as 'You are preparing to round a mark on the outside of 10 other boats when the leader in the other fleet calls for room. Do you 'slam the door'?'

Another: 'You are crossing the middle of the figure-8 course in the lead, on a reach, and on port tack when you notice a wall of boats from the other fleet bearing down on you on a reach in the other direction on starboard tack. You are well on a collision course (this was my favorite part of those Wide World of Sports tele-



Shawn and Fran Sullivan (24633), regatta winners Doug Wefer and Kris Meyer (25737) along with second place finishers Jens Hookanson and John Pope (26289) run into close quarters after a mark rounding.

casts). Do you stop and wait as if you were waiting for a train to pass and risk losing some boats behind you? Or do you close your eyes and go for it?'

Enough said for the setting. Thirty-seven Snipes attended this year's Districts — the largest turnout in recent memory — and enough to require that they all be split up into fleets. The Race Committee, with Bertta Swanson as chairperson, was sharp enough to complete six sets of races — an admirable feat!

Either despite of or due to the conditions (I'm not sure which) the racing was good, tight, and fair. The winds were all over the

place so no one could ever sit back and relax, which made the racing almost as much fun to race as it was to watch (isn't it usually the other way around?) As luck would have it, the three strongest contenders for the title, Doug Wefer, Jens Hookanson, and Ed Adams, raced against each other in the final race and when the dust had settled, they had finished the regatta in that order.

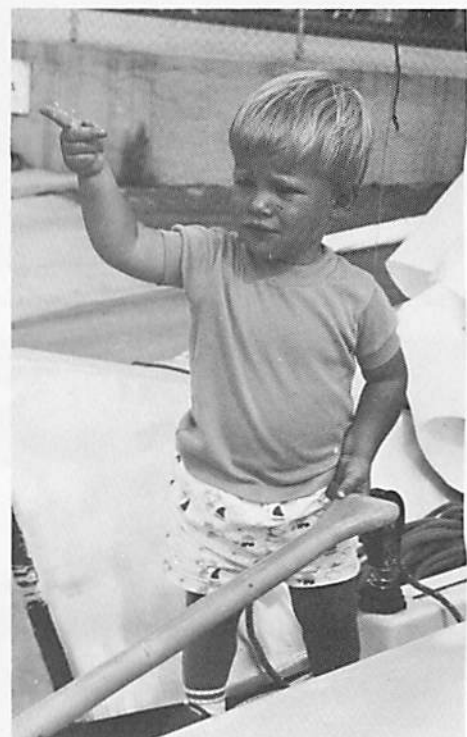
*Art Rousmaniere*

### DISTRICT 1 CHAMPIONSHIP (Top 15 of 37 Entries)

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Club	Places	Points	Finish
25737	Doug Wefer/Kris Meyer	Sea Cliff	1-4-1-6-1-5	17.25	1
26289	Jens Hookanson/John Pope	Newport, RI	1-6-1-4-6-1	18.25	2
26099	Ed & Meredith Adams	Newport, RI	3-3-4-2-1-9	21.75	3
25949	Chris Snow/Cheryl Beck	Severn SA	2-4-6-1-7-3	22.75	4
25412	Art & Jennifer Rousmaniere	Winchester	3-5-5-4-2-5	24	5
25708	Ron & Ann Sandstrom	Winchester	4-5-9-1-4-4	26.75	6
26174	Dave Lence/Dave Koepf	Winchester	4-1-10-2-3-11	30.75	7
25676	Dick Mitchell/Maureen Hayes	North Cove	10-1-11-5-5-3	34.75	8
25810	Rob & Lisa Gorman	Marblehead	14-2-7-7-8-2	40	9
26131	Mike Bowers/Heather Price	Winchester	6-7-2-6-14-7	42	10
26455	Griff Hall/Nancy Luthy	Severn SA	5-10-7-14-8-1	44.75	11
25710	Jim Bowers Jr./Jim Bowers Sr.	Winchester	12-2-16-3-9-6	48	12
21440	Steve & Kathy Sprole	Cottage Park	11-16-3-8-3-7	48	13
26450	Henry & Callie Brauer	Marblehead	17-9-12-3-5-4	50	14
25779	Lorie Jones/Jennifer Lawson	Severn SA	17-3-9-16-2-6	53	15

### DISTRICT 1 JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP (Top 5 of 10 Boats)

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Fleet	Places	Points	Finish
25710	Jim Bowers/Debbie Cahill	Winchester	1-1-1-1-1	3.75	1
26131	Mike Bowers/Stephanie Keefe	Winchester	3-2-4-3-2	14	2
25999	Brian Driscoll/Lee Fraser	Medford	2-4-7-2-8	23	3
19191	Andy Adams/Alison Adams	Winchester	8-3-6-4-3	24	4
26202	Wayne Jeveli/Steve Winkler	Cottage Park	10-5-2-6-5	28	5



1999 Snipe Jr. District Champ Robby Gorman practices his form: "Let's go sailing, Pop."



District 1 Junior Champ contestants pose in front of the scene of the battle.

District 1 Jr. Champ runner-ups Mike Bowers and Stephanie Keefe hike hard to try to catch Jim Bowers and Debbie Cahill.

## District 1 Junior Title Won By Jim Bowers


Ten juniors from four different clubs were met with ideal sailing conditions on Friday, June 27 to vie for the 1986 District 1 Junior Championship which was hosted by the Winchester Boat Club.

The sailors were tested with a 5-12 knot sou'wester that blew throughout the five race series. Jim Bowers won every race to claim his first District 1 regatta first place

trophy while brother Mike finished consistently in the top four to claim second place overall.

Brian Driscoll from Medford sailed well to eek out third overall over Andy Adams while Wayne Jeveli, an ocean sailor from Cottage Park, broke the tie with Heather Price to finish fifth.

*Art Rousmaniere*



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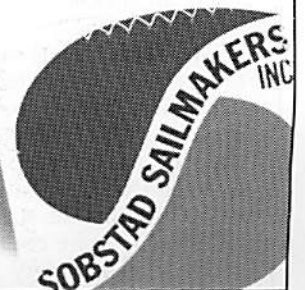
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## Gary Lewis Crowned UK National Champion

The 1986 UK Nationals, July 11-13, were hosted at a small homely club 'Saltwood & Hyde S.C.' just west of the seaside town of Folkestone. Being a cross ferry port and close to France it drew the European Secretary, Louis Paul Lemarque to compete!

In contrast to the heavy weather that had previously been experienced, a complete turnaround came. For the duration of the championship the wind was shy to show it's strength, to such an extent that one scheduled race was lost from the series.

Bright sunshine, with a very light breeze greeted the first race. In a tight bunch the fleet crossed the line, with junior Iain Harding being that split second too early. In such a tight group it was some time before Iain could break loose to recross, placing him well out of any challenging position. Gary Lewis fought a tough game of tactics to keep his club friend Alan Williams at bay, and with the final gun of race one first position went to Gary with Alan claiming second. UK conditions had not been too great a challenge to Louis Paul, for he took third.

The second race on Friday afternoon brought no extra wind. Budworth's Alan Williams crewed by David Jones was clocked over the line but obviously thought "it was the other guy" so did not return. Peter Wolstenholm took the lead at the first mark and despite some swapping of first and second throughout the race, between Peter and Don Smith, it was Peter Wolstenholm/Stephen Roberts who took

### BRITISH NATIONALS (Top 10 Entries)

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Club	Points	Finish
20246	Gary Lewis/Paul Herrick	Budworth	8.7	1
26090	Peter Wolstenholm/Stephen Roberts	Blue Circle	13.7	2
25012	Louis Paul Lemarque/Simon Dodds	France	25.4	3
24153	Don Smith/Paul Smith	Budworth	34	4
20351	Alexander Lewin/David Crouch	Stone	35	5
23233	Alan Williams/David Jones	Budworth	37.7	6
20641	Paul Mason/Elizabeth Crouch	Blue Circle	43.7	7
20247	Micheal Fish/John Fish	Blue Circle	43.7	8
24704	Anthony Statham/W. Wolstenholm	Budworth	58.7	9
23175	John Sewell/Julliet Lewis	Maldon	54.7	10

the gun, with Don Smith/Paul Smith second and Michael Fish/John Fish third.

Saturday saw just a hint of wind for the third race. Once underway the wind dropped off and the time limit expired for the first mark.

The fourth, Saturday afternoon, finally got off following a long postponement. In drifting conditions Peter Wolstenholm took first, Gary Lewis second, Paul Mason third.

Following race committee discussions it was decided to re-race the third race on Saturday evening. Such a late start was a bad omen. Disqualifications, protests, hitting marks, everything happened! But despite all the problems the gun went to Louis Paul with Alexander Lewin second, and Gary Lewis third.

Sunday's fifth race commenced, but the wind dropped off and the time limit caused the abandonment. Later that afternoon the sixth race commenced to schedule with a win to Gary Lewis. A most unfortunate Don Smith hit the committee boat

in crossing second, giving second place to Alexander Lewin, third to Peter Wolstenholm.

Time did not allow a re-race of the fifth race, 'The Blue Circle Cup.'

Though more excitement would have been welcome on the racing side, the social activities remained perfect throughout the championship. The barbecue was a great meat and fish affair — with the fish dish being fresh mackerel that had shoaled through during Friday, paying the price of being so brazen in being landed by the rescue boats in great quantity. The regatta dinner and dance was a crowded attendance that went on into the early hours of Sunday.

Prize presentation was preceded by the traditional 'English afternoon tea' such enjoyed by the young children of Louis Paul whom considered it a great novelty to have cucumber sandwiches, strawberries and cream and dainty cream cakes.

*Keith Harding  
UK P.O. Officer*

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*No wind, no excitement during the UK Nationals.*

*Louis Paul Lemarque (left), Euro General Secretary, and John Broughton, UK National Secretary.*



Some fast action in the annual Stone International.

## Wolstenholm/Roberts Win Stone International

The annual Stone International drew competitors from five clubs. The weather was kind with ample sunshine and a mixture of winds. It was good to see 'old timer Colin Kay' back on the circuit following his long layoff, also under the Maldon burgee and new fleet captain of that fleet,

John Sewell, with his very agile crew Ian Sinclair.

Peter Wolstenholm/Stephen Roberts set the pace winning three races outright, plus a second. Fighting for second place was Don Smith and young Alexander Lewin. They made exciting watching throughout the two last races, using all their skill and experience to gain those final points. With Don and son Paul finally gaining second — beating Alexander by 0.3 points.

### STONE INTERNATIONAL OPEN (Top 8 Boats)

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Fleet	Boatbuilder	Finish
26090	Peter Wolstenholm/Stephen Roberts	Blue Circle	Martin Marine	1
24153	Don Smith/Paul Smith	Budworth	Martin Marine	2
20351	Alexander Lewin/Simon Abraham	Stone	Danish Skipper	3
23233	Alan Williams/Wendy Wolstenholm	Budworth	Danish Skipper	4
20255	Mark Lawry/Paul Blud.	Stone	Danish Skipper	5
21452	Paul Sarder/Richard Butter	Stone	Martin Marine	6
23175	John Sewell/Ian Sinclair	Maldon	Brylan Plastics	7
24152	David Lewin/Persephone Lewin	Stone	Danish Skipper	8

## Finland's Lahti Is '86 Nordic Champion

These are results from the Nordic Championships sailed July 31-August 2, 1986, in Karleby, Finland.

Per Brodstedt and Jan Persson from Denmark joined 22 Finish Snipes in this very well arranged regatta. SCIRA Rear Commodore Per-Ole Holm was the head of the racing committee and past SCIRA Commodore Svend Rantil led the protest committee. The weather was excellent; sunny and warm with everything between

light and strong winds — sometimes over 25 knots in the last race, giving tremendous planing conditions and a seven miles long planing back to harbor.

The evening program included a guided tour to the Nautor ship yards where the famous Swan boats are built.

*Roger Nylund*  
SCIRA National Secretary  
Finland

### NORDIC CHAMPIONSHIP (Top 15 of 24 Entries)

Boat	Skipper	Club	Places	Points	Finish
25138	J. Lahti	N	1-8-1-1-4-1	8	1
22382	P. Brodstedt	DAN	2-2-2-3-3-3	20.4	2
25704	J. Persson	DAN	6-1-4-2-1-nf	22.7	3
24325	J. Valli	N	7-9-3-5-5-2	41.7	4
24312	J. Liinamaa	N	12-6-9-8-2-5	53.7	5
19677	C. Carpelan	HPS	5-3-23-9-9-4	53.7	6
23675	J. Kinnunen	OM	4-5-8-4-10-nf	56	7
24015	J. Rajakallio	OPS	3-7-10-10-17-7	63.7	8
25468	T. Vierimaa	RaaPS	9-10-5-11-7-6	65.7	9
25043	J. Landstedt	N	14-4-6-7-8-nf	66.7	10
26642	T. Bjorndahl	GSF	8-19-21-12-14-11	94	11
25474	R. Casen	GSF	13-16-24-15-12-8	94	12
23678	R. Nylund	ASS	21-17-14-14-11-10	96	13
15601	T. Karlsson	VV	10-11-18-20-15-13	97	14
26650	S. Valjus	OPS	18-12-15-19-6-nf	99.7	15



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## Light Air Slows Winchester Invitational

This was the third regatta that Winchester had hosted in just over two weeks. The Junior Districts were sailed in perfect conditions (clear, 5-12 knot sou'wester). Next came the District Championships which saw less than ideal conditions but enough for a total of 12 races. Then came the Invitational. By then, the wind gods must have figured out that they had done their duty in Winchester and it was time to move on. It was miserable. None could remember when the last time a regatta day passed on the lake without a race. Now everybody can.

Twenty-nine Snipes came to Winchester over the weekend of July 12-13 to do battle but were greeted with just enough wind to complete three light-air races on Sunday out of the scheduled six.

The final race proved to be the deciding one as Dave Lence and Dave Koepf sailed a masterful race to lead at every mark to win the regatta by a point over Art

and Jennifer Rousmaniere. Ron and Ann Sandstrom finished third while Steve and Kathy Sprole were able to fend off Rob Gorman and Andrea Fiorentino in the last race to finish fourth.

*Art Rousmaniere*

### WINCHESTER INVITATIONAL (Top 15 of 29 Boats)

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Fleet	Places	Points	Finish
26174	Dave Lence/Dave Koepf	Winchester	2-2-1	4.75	1
25412	Art & Jennifer Rousmaniere	Winchester	1-3-2	5.75	2
25708	Ron & Ann Sandstrom	Winchester	8-4-3	15	3
21440	Steve & Kathy Sprole	Cottage Park	6-8-5	19	4
25810	Rob Gorman/Andrea Fiorentino	Marblehead	9-7-4	20	5
25003	Sue & Jan Tabor	Cottage Park	4-11-8	23	6
25090	John Drayton/Mary Jodice	Marblehead	7-5-11	23	7
25710	Jim Bowers Jr./Jim Bowers Sr.	Winchester	5-14-6	25	8
24110	Dave & Laurie Rogers	Quassapaug	3-9-14	26	9
25659	Ray Schmit/Teresa Alexander		20-1-10	30.75	10
25460	Fred Ables/Todd St. John	Sea Cliff	11-10-12	33	11
24999	Martin Fraser/Tara Nelson	Medford	14-13-17	44	12
26132	Bill Brangiforte/Kevin Breen		22-15-7	44	13
22285	Harry & Sarah Levinson	Medford	13-6-dns	48	14
23391	Phil Nenninger/Stephanie Keefe	Winchester	21-12-15	48	15

## Becker Memorial Sailors Frolic On Liberty Weekend

Helping celebrate Liberty weekend as well as Sea Cliff's newest District Champ, Doug Wefer, the Snipe fleet chose to race their boats rather than just observe.

Over the Fourth of July festivities 10 boats participated in the five races. Winds were clocked at over 20 knots on the fourth, and under one on the sixth, giving the fleet a lot of variety. Wefer and sensational crew Kris Meyer showed how they won the Districts the weekend before by

capturing the Becker for the third year with three firsts and a second.

The first two days had wind from 15 to 20 that would challenge the hiking ability of small boat sailors anywhere.

The fleet welcomed two new boats to the regatta, one for old timer Ben Howe, and one for new members Ira and Kathy Cohen.

Steve and Melissa Shepstone who won the spring series were consistent and gave Wefer some close competition. They took second, and one of Sea Cliff's great traveling sailors, Fred Ables, returned to take third. Bryan Dougherty and Ellie Sherban edged out Ira and Kathy Cohen for fourth.

The high point of the social menu was a night at Shea Stadium watching the Mets lose a close one. The big show of the weekend was not in Hempstead Harbor, but a few harbors away in lower Manhattan. We Snipers took advantage of what has been touted as the greatest celebration on earth, the Liberty Centennial.

It was a perfect sunny, windy weekend for sailing until the final race on Sunday, which started with a 0-1 knot zephyr and ended with our traditional 8 knot southerly. Only four boats sailed the last race due to 95 degree sunshine and a lack of wind until 4:00.

It was great having Bruce and David Paterson from Stamford, CT, and new member Kemp Randolph participating.



*Fleet Captain Jack Williams shakes Greg Fisher's hand while Becker Trophy winner Doug Wefer looks on.*

Thanks to David and Chris Lawson for assisting in race committee duties. It was the best Becker Regatta in years. We had to compete with the tall ships and OP sail, but Snipe sailors' first love is racing their dream, anytime and anyplace. It is great to be a Sniper!

*Jack Williams, Fleet Captain  
Sea Cliff Fleet 4*

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### BECKER MEMORIAL (Top 5 of 10 Entries)

Boat	Skipper	Club	Places	Points	Finish
25737	Doug Wefer	SCYC	1-1-2-1-dns	14.25	1
20996	Steve Shepstone	SCYC	2-3-1-5-dns	20.75	2
25460	Fred Ables	Pine Beach	dnf-4-4-4-4	26	3
26092	Bryan Dougherty	SCYC	4-5-3-6-dns	28	4
26467	Ira Cohen	SCYC	8-6-7-7-1	28.75	5

FRENCH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP  
(Top 15 of 25 Entries)

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Club	Places	Points	Finish
25011	G. Brossard/C. Brossard	CNC	2-1-1-D-2	6	1
25012	L.P. Lamarque/Y. Leglise	CVCL	5-2-2-1-1	6	2
25010	S. Le Bour/G. Boisaubert	CNA	6-np-4-2-4	30.7	3
23999	J. Romain/M. Romain	SRH	3-np-3-4-6	31.1	4
18602	R. Le Bour/F. Le Bour	Rhone PO	7-9-6-3-5	40.4	5
25009	J.M. Brossard/F. Brossard	CNC	4-4-10-8-np	46	6
13248	J.P. Etcheber/S. Billetorte	CVCL	1-3-5-np-np	46.7	7
21352	A. Labt/Y. Faure	SRH	14-6-14-7-3	50.4	8
22272	E. Neuhoff/A. Neuhoff	CVDN	8-10-8-5-8	52	9
21048	L. Senechal/D. Amice	SRH	11-7-13-6-7	54.7	10
16029	A. Chauve/G. Pouedras	CVD	12-8-15-9-9	62	11
21055	C. Voisin/C. Voisin	SRH	16-5-12-Ab-np	81	12
19308	P. Romain/M. Romain	SRH	15-12-7-Ab-np	83	13
23283	R. Gautier/A. Gautier	CVBM	13-11-11-np-np	84	14
23570	Y. Le Bour/C. Martin	CNA	10-np-9-np-np	93	15

## Brossard, Lamarque Tie In French Nationals

S.R. 4 (Societe des Regates du Havre in Normandy) which is one of the oldest and most venerable French clubs since it was created around 1875, hosted the '86 French Nationals July 3-6.

The course was laid way out in the channel and the races held in a variety of winds from very light on the first day to Force 5-6 on Sunday — thus suiting every competitor.

Two Snipes from Bordeaux bested a fleet of 25 — a fairly good attendance as things are — and finished in a tie with six points each: our European Secretary who won the last two races with crew Yves L'eglise, and our National Secretary Gerald Brossard with daughter Catherine who won races 2 and 3 (The light breeze race had been won by a wooden Snipe #13248 helmed by Jean-Pierre Etcheber. Then, according to the new French Federation ruling we have two champions who will of course represent France in the next European Championship along with three other boats still to be selected).

The third place was taken by Sylvie LeBour and Gilles Boisaubert from Audierne, Brittany, followed very closely by a local boat, Jacques Romain.

The bad weather and heavy sea of the last day prevented many from going out. Others more daring came back in after a try but good fare and hearty entertainment cheered those who suffered misfortune — a few swims and a few broken masts as well — we were treated to a regional group

who gave us a sight (and hearing) of local songs and traditional costumes of last century, and prizes and gifts lavishly bestowed at the end of the meeting. We all drove home contentedly; it had been a good weekend indeed for both fun and sailing but the best part was certainly the presence of four junior crews including Miss Anne Lebat who did very well with an eighth overall and will sail in the junior worlds in Italy.

Sylvie LeBour

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