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FROM THE COMMODORE

We can enter in the SCIRA record, without any hesitation, that the World Junior Championship held in Motala, Sweden, from July 7 to 12, was a tremendous success.

In the strikingly beautiful natural site, where the natural beauty has been maintained by good human care, we were able to complete all seven races with the devoted effort of the members of Motala Segelsallskap and the strong support received from everyone. All the time during the races we were blessed with wonderful sunshine, breeze, and calm seas. The land operation was conducted very smoothly and the warm consideration towards the competitors was very apparent.

Sailing is a sport that harmonizes human wisdom and nature, and I think this championship was most splendid because nature and mankind were so well matched.

I wish to mention several of the things that came to my attention, which I hope can be helpful in operating future races:

I. Charter boats

I wish to express my appreciation to Mr. Tommy Svensson (in Sweden they call him "Mr. Snipe) and to all of the host members of SCIRA Sweden for their efforts to provide the 26 boats which were very well maintained and very well matched in condition and rigging.

This brings up the problem of changing boats as called for in the Deed of Gift. I was very concerned about the possible differences in performance between boats. I wanted to avoid unfairness arising from varying performances between chartered boats. Since the boats are provided by individuals out of goodwill, naturally the equipment and rigging on each boat reflects their individual thinking about what works best on a Snipe. Therefore, the competitors are faced with the challenge of learning a strange boat. This is good in some respects, but should they face this challenge in each race, or at the start of each new day of racing? Then there is the problem of liability for maintaining the boat and knowing who is responsible for damages to the boat.

There were opinions that, to be fair, the boat should be changed after each race, or it should be changed once each day (two races), and so on, but we concluded to conduct this event in the following manner:

1. Regarding the possible performance

differences between the boats: After comparing the age of the boats, the builders that built them, and the lack of any significant differences in any of the boats previous racing records, we judged that if there were any performance capabilities between the boats, they were insignificant and would not affect the final results of the event.

2. Any fittings that were not common to all boats were removed from the boats and prohibited from use, including masthead wind indicators and deck-mounted compasses.

3. For additional fairness and to provide an opportunity for the sailors to get used to the rigging and fittings, it was decided to allot the boats by drawing twice during the championship, once during the first half with the second drawing for boats to be held on the lay day. Of course, the competitors were prohibited from sailing their own boats!

As long as the boats are as evenly matched as possible, as outlined above, I think that this method can be recommended as being best for future use.

II: Regatta Management

I think that we must keep in mind that, in spite of the fact that each SCIRA nation is capable of managing the races in accordance with our Rules for Conduct, there will be some subtle differences.

In this respect we must thank Phil Richmond and others for their hard work in putting together our Regatta Management package. I'm sure that all of you will find this helpful in the future. It would be just wonderful if every SCIRA event around the world could be operating under these Rules, with identical philosophy and method. However, just as the language and habits differ, as long as sailboat racing is conducted by human beings, it will never be the same.

This particular event also strengthened my observations that the competitors are youngsters with abundant personalities. Many things happened, many of which happened despite being fully and clearly explained in the Sailing Instructions and even after having been strongly reinforced at the competitors meeting. These problems included failure to wear life jackets, failure to check in before each race, leaving the whiskerpole on shore, failure to read the course flags and sailing the wrong

course, and a starting delay caused when two-thirds of the fleet failed to leave the harbor promptly one morning.

It occurs to me that there are some individuals (and perhaps some nations?) that cannot abide by what we consider to be common-sense rules for the conduct of races. Therefore, we should try to avoid situations where the managers of the event (judges, race committee and others) are forced to deal with disqualifying or penalizing competitors for such infractions and then later feel bad about having done so.

For that purpose we should develop methods that will prevent such mistakes, such as holding an expanded skipper's meeting, taking extra care to make sure that the rules are fully understood by all. Then we could use the practice race as a review to further ensure that everyone understands, using warnings and, if necessary, disqualifications in practice so that the competitors will become more familiar and careful. I think this is especially necessary for the Juniors. In spite of all of this, I'm sure someone will still make very trivial mistakes.

In Japan we have a word; "DO" which is attached to all types of martial arts such as Ken-do (Japanese fencing), Ju-do, Kyudo (archery), and after various types of hobbies and cultures such as Sa-do (tea ceremony art) and Ka-do (the art of flower arrangement). The purpose of these arts is not to improve the technique, but rather to become mentally and physically sound (with special emphasis on the soul) through the training and practice of them. The importance is attached to developing excellent character.

No matter how good one is in the art of fencing, being the strongest and most dangerous will only make people fear you, not respect you. Emphasis is placed on improving the mental strength and character. By expressing appreciation and respect to the place of training and to the Master, good manners are nurtured.

It is my strong belief that we must have this same philosophy in the Snipe World. In this way we can learn not only the sailing skill but also many lessons of character. We must also continue to pay our respect and appreciation to those people who trained us.

In my opening address at the Junior Worlds, I mentioned that "this Championship is being held for you and there-



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fore you are the star, but you must not forget the feeling of appreciation to the many people who supported and made this event possible; therefore, when passing through the finishing line, some sort of gesture of thanks to the operators who exerted their effort will be received with joy by them."

I was very happy when I saw some of the teams doing this.

On the other hand, the closing ceremonies showed that there were some youngsters who continued to chatter and who could not stand still. I think that it is still necessary for some to learn the manners common to young ladies and gentlemen.

I think we should take great care of the younger generation who will someday support the Snipe family. We must train them with love, but also with a firm hand. Putting this into practice is a role that we grown-ups must play. I am confident that by continuing such effort the Snipe family of the world will continue to exist into the future as an attractive family.

This event was a wonderful experience for me. I shall never forget the World Juniors here in Motala, Sweden.

Your Commodore,
Fujiya Matsumoto

AROUND THE SNIPES WORLD

WORLDS DATE CHANGE: The 1993 WORLDS will be October 29th through November 7th, 1993. PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF THIS MOST IMPORTANT CHANGE!!!

The 1993 NORTH AMERICANS will be hosted by SCIRA Canada. The finalized dates and site will be announced ASAP, but look for the event to be in the Oakville area.

U.S. MASTERS FOR CHATTANOOGA IN SEPTEMBER: Privateer Yacht Club will be the site for the 1993 U.S. Masters.

GENERAL SECRETARY JOHN BROUGHTON: Has a new fax number: +81-467-0983. Please make a note of it!

FLASH: The 1993 Nationals will be hosted by Mentor Harbor Yacht Club, near Cleveland, Ohio. Dates and details a.s.a.p.



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AUGUST "BUD" HOOK— SCIRA COMMODORE 1964/65

Bud Hook died on July 13, 1992. A native of Indianapolis, he was active not only in Snipes, but also devoted much time and money to the Boy Scouts of America and the Sea Scouts.

Bud was a charter member of the Indianapolis Sailing Club and served as its Commodore in 1957. He was a past winner of the Illinois State Snipe Championship and a Fleet Champion of his home fleet #409. He was a lifelong participant in many different sailing organizations. Most modern Snipers will recognize Bud's name from the Hook Junior Championship Trophies which Bud donated to each of the 7 U.S. Snipe Districts.

Bud distinguished himself as a business leader and philanthropist both in Indiana and the Midwest. In 1947 he received the highest award in scouting, the "Silver Buffalo" for his outstanding service to youth on a national and international basis. His business talents are evident for Hook's drugstores were the 14th largest chain, nationwide.

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THE COVER: "Puri" Lluch from Club Maritimo Mahon in Menorca, Balears, Spain checks the rig prior to the start of the 1992 European Championship. She must have done it right because she and skipper Damian Borrás finished second overall. Tom Payne photo.

THE COUNT: Eight numbers were issued: five to Portugal, two to the U.S. and one to England.

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THAT WAS THE MONTH THAT WAS!

by John Broughton, General Secretary, SCIRA Europe

In Scandinavia, the month of July was rather crowded with Snipe activity, with the Junior Worlds in Sweden, followed by the Europeans in Finland.

We extend our gratitude to the National Secretaries and their respective organizing teams for their grand efforts in these events.

Scandinavia was equally honored in playing host to Commodore Fujiya Matsumoto, Vice Commodore Terry Timm, and Past Commodore Means Davis. Also, the return of our Executive Director, Tom Payne, carrying out excellent public relations work, was appreciated. The presence of such Snipe dignitaries is of great pride to Europe. Their traveling so far to the Championships was of much credit, applauded by the entire Euro membership.

Sweden, in organizing the Junior Worlds, undertook a marvellous job, while the Snipes supplied were of high standard. Certainly I do not wish to be accused of favoring advertising, but, I must show great appreciation to the two Danish builders, Persson Marine and Skipper Snipe.

Their respective directors Jan and Frank went to much trouble in transporting Snipes to the venue. Then they returned on the layday to check and maintain the boats where needed.

Finally, I have a personal observation on the Junior Worlds which I hope will be noted and filed for future reference. SCIRA Sweden placed much thought into planning for the championship (as would be expected by any country running such an event) but the Jackpot that they hit was the evening entertainment. To keep the competitors together and mixing there was a full social program each evening, whether it was a sports evening, disco, slide show, or a cook-out. The juniors were fully occupied and making new friends, Their welfare was cared for from the rigging of coats, early morning, to their leaving the club in the late evening to return to their accommodations. I hope the example set by Sweden will be copied at future Junior Worlds; certainly the mixing has cemented many friendships that will last a lifetime.

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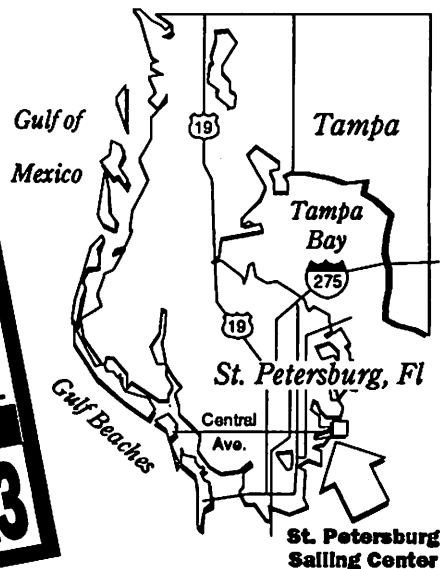
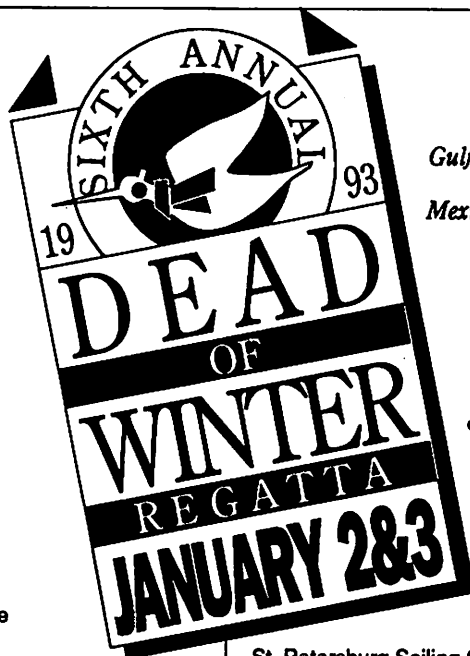
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LONG SNIPE SUMMER

by Thomas Payne—Executive Director

As I write this I am looking back at a sequence of Snipe events that must surely be one of the greatest in the history of our Class. Here's a quick look at some of the things that have happened in recent weeks:

OLYMPIC GOLD for SuperSniper Mark Reynolds and crew, Hal Haenel, at Barcelona. They dominated the Star fleet. Congratulations are also due to FD silver medalists Paul Foerster and crew, Steve Bourdow. Paul does a fair amount of Snipe sailing in the Dallas area.

SPAIN took first at the Junior Worlds and Europeans. They also took second and fourth to dominate the Europeans. My reports from these events are in this issue.

US SNIPERS John Keane and crew, Ted Keenan, took first in the 1992 Western Hemisphere championships, leading a fantastic team effort by the USA, including fourth overall by Bryan Fishback and Lorie Stout and sixth overall by Hal Gilreath and Will Glenn. The event, hosted by Royal Nassau Sailing Club, was marked by some fantastic entertainment! Look for a complete report in December's *Snipe Bulletin*.

U.S. NATIONALS: It was a great event, thanks to the hard work of Linda Fox, Ron Fox, the entire Fox family, and a whole host of hard-working volunteers at Alamitos Bay. The big winner was Bart Hackworth and crew, Jon Rogers, with Andrew Pimental and Carol Newman in second and Kurt Mayol and Laurel Timpson in third. This puts them on the U.S. team for the 1993 Worlds in Brasil.

Other winners were: Crosby: Craig and Lisa Leweck; Wells, Mike Bartell and Gary Davidson. The 1992 U.S. Junior National Champions are Mark Ivey and Kevin Richards, while Lucas and Augie Diaz took the special Junior title. Look for complete details...

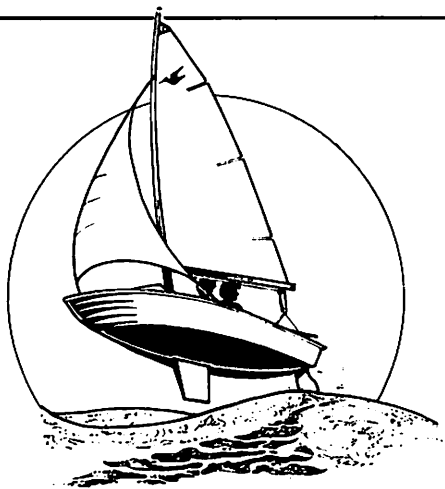
1992 NORTH AMERICANS were won by Peter Commette and Connie Suddath, putting them on the U.S. team to the Worlds in Porto Allegre, Brasil. No further NAs details at press time, but look for a full report, soon!

WINCHESTER AND MEDFORD combined their energies and facilities to host the 1992 U.S. Masters and the reports that have reached this office are very pos-

itive, to say the least. Well, the wind reports and tactical anecdotes that have filtered down this far indicate that the sailing had some of the old timers going in circles on old Mystic Lake. Meanwhile the party scene is said to have been a complete success. A full report will appear in the *Bulletin* as soon as we have more news!!!

1992 MASTERS WORLDS: At press time we here rumors of sixty boats heading for the Algarve! We'll pass along the news as soon as we get it.

I was lucky enough to attend several of these events, but being out of the office has not been good for the schedule that we must follow if things are to be done on time. Therefore we are currently trying to dig out of what currently seems to be a bottomless pit of things that must be done. As I mentioned in the September *Bulletin*, your patience is appreciated! I hope that you find that the quality of event coverage that you will see over the next few months will outweigh the fact that some of the news is late in getting to you.



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SPAIN TAKES JUNIOR WORLDS

by Thomas Payne

Lake Vattern lies deep in the heart of Sweden. Its shores and waters are the subject of ancient lore and history. Today it remains so pure that you can drink straight from it without fear. In the July summer, the winds blow steady, not too strong, not too light, just perfect for Snipes. Here, some 200 kilometers southeast of Stockholm, is the town of Motala, on the eastern shore of the Lake which stretches some 100 kilometers from north to south and is some 20 to 30 kilometers in width. While Motala is a small town of great charm and beauty, it has long been a crossroads of sorts as it lies along the ancient route of conquering kings and their armies as they marched from Copenhagen to Stockholm, and the more recent man-made Jute Canal which crosses Sweden from east to west passes through here. It was in this setting that SCIRA Sweden and Motala Segelsallskap hosted the 1992 Junior World Championships.

The Junior Worlds may be the most difficult of all SCIRA Championships to host. The most pressing problem is in finding 25 to 30 equally matched Snipes, assembling them at the site, and assuring 25 to 30 nervous owners that their precious boats aren't about to be turned over to a bunch of carefree juvenile delinquents hell-bent on death and destruction.

Then there's the problem of money. It takes a lot of money to participate in an International event. At the same time, there is an unwritten but universally understood philosophy that the Junior Worlds should be for the BEST juniors, not just the sons and daughters of the wealthy. This makes it difficult to justify passing along the actual regatta expenses to the participants, forcing the organizers and Class to look for new ways to support the event. This event marked the first time that the SCIRA Advertising Policy has been used, resulting in strong support from 3M (Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing), makers of such products as Scotch Tape and Post-It notes. In return for their financial support, each competitor displayed advertising on the hull.

The practice race was dominated by the Schneider brothers from Annapolis, Maryland, USA, but that was the high point of their week as they were just too light for the heavier winds that were to follow.

When the serious racing finally got underway, it was Denmark's Thomas Iversen and Michael Hansen who took the win

on the double triangle course which the Committee had set as the winds were fresh and were expected to increase and no one had any idea just how good this fleet really was. As it turned out, the level of talent was very high, as indicated by the fact that capsizes during the week were rare and there was no serious damage to any of the borrowed boats.

After the Race Committee switched to the Olympic course, race two got started with Japan's Ryuich Higurashi and Kohji Hirose taking the gun, followed by Brasil's Mauricio Santa Cruz and Gustavo De Arruda Farah. Race three saw Higurashi and Hirose taking another win and edging closer to the top of the standings despite a 16th in the opener. It was in race four that a clear leader emerged as the eventual winning team, Fernando Soler and crew Francisco Fraga of Spain, posted a win to take a commanding overall lead from which they coasted into the championship with a 7-5-10 record in the final three races.

Race five was most notable for the bad fortune that struck Norway's girls, Pauline Book and Marie Annette Gjerde. They were having a great series, having posted a consistent 5-8-9-7 score in the first four races, and were in a heated battle near the top of the fleet as they neared the finish line in race five. Somehow they managed

to capsize just at the finish line and lost at least seven or eight boats before they managed to cross in 16th. The incident seemed to demoralize the girls, as their finishes in races six and seven clearly show. These girls are one great team of Snipers, and if they can stay together they will be a force to reckon with at the inaugural 1994 Women's World Championships in Japan.

Race six belonged to the Italian team of Franco Solerio and Luca Benza with Billy Hardesty and Dan Zimbaldi of Mission Bay, California, getting a firm grip on second overall (and a shot at the title) as they crossed in second.

Race seven was a showdown between Soler and Hardesty as the Spaniard had to keep Hardesty in check to take the title. Despite the best efforts of the California team, Soler and Fraga managed to put them away deep in the fleet and sailed on to a tenth and the overall title. At the front of the fleet it was the current South American Junior Champion, Uruguay's Ignacio Gercar, with crew Alexis Boismenu, taking the gun.

The Awards Banquet was the final event in what must be considered a most successful week. The hosts went to great lengths to ensure that this was a memorable week for the juniors and they can be very satisfied with the results. All of the juniors

1992 JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS Motala Segelsallskap

Finish	Skipper/Crew	Places	Points
1	Fernando Garcia Lago Soler/Francisco G. Fraga	2-2/3-2-.75-7-5-10	24.75
2	Bill Hardesty, Jr./Dan Zimbaldi	9-5-5-6-5-2-17	32.00
3	Mauricio Santa Cruz/Gustavo De Arruda Farh	DNF-2-Y19-11-75-7-9	35.75
4	Nicolaus Wedel-Jarsberg/Hanne Guttormsen	3-(6+5)-8-4-4-10-22	40.00
5	Gonzalo Crivello/Martin Bortolussi	4-(9+5)-3-PMS-8-8-8	45.00
6	Herman Peralta/Nicoka's Mender Casariego	11-17-7-8-3-12-5	46.00
7	Hiroshi Watanabe/Satoshi Satoh	7-7-10-2-6-15-16	47.00
8	Ryuich Higurashi/Kohji Hirose	16-.75-.75-(3+5)-12-11-DSQ	48.50
9	Ignacio Gercar/Alexis Boismenu	10-16-6-14-2-16-.75	48.75
10	Thomas Iversen/Michael Hansen	.75-14-15-(5+5)-13-4-7	48.75
11	Nicolas Gonzalez/Fernando Simonet	15-12-4-DSQ-14-Y10-2-6	61.20
12	Pauline Bock/Marie Annette Gjerde	5-8-9-7-16-23-20	65.00
13	Javier Zudizaireta/Soria Fornance	DNF-(4+5)-11-DSQ-11-(3+3)-3	66.00
14	Cristobal Saubidet/Andres Onis	6-22-14-DSQ-15-6-4	67.00
15	Franco Solerio/Luca Benza	DSQ-13-12-10-17-(.75+3)-18	73.75
16	Diogo Cayolla/Duarte Nono Araujo	DNF-(10+5)-16-9-10-9-15	74.00
17	Henning Liljenskold/Kim Aaen	8-21-21-12-22-13-12	87.00
18	Geoff & Karl Schneider	12-11-18-13-Y15-22-21	90.00
19	Joakim Wren/Tore Ordell	13-18-19-19-9-19-13	91.00
20	Iiro Jaakonsaari/Riina Kirjalainen	14-15-13-16-18-20-19	95.00
21	Kaj/Fredrik Bjurstrom	20-(20+5)-22-15-Y17.4-(14+5)-11	104.40
22	Robert/Martin Strom	17-19-23-17-21-17-14	105.00
23	Carl Silver/Steven Lane	Y19-Y19-17-18-20-21-23	114.00
24	Partick Longo/Paolo Tortelli	21-23-20-DSQ-19-25-24	132.00
25	Daniel Fineren/Robert Searle	19-(24+4)-24-20-24-24-26	137.00
26	Wagner Bojlesen/Fabio Bodra	18-25-25-DNC-25-DNC-25	143.00

had a great time both on and off the water. Everyone had a great chance to learn about home life in Sweden, and the social events were enjoyed by all. Many thanks go out to Chairman Tommy Svensson and his great team of volunteers, which included members of Fleets 549 and 825, and to Commodore Oberpilcher and the members of Motala Segelsallskap for their hard work and great hospitality.

This report would not be complete without noting the professional Race Management team composed of Bruno Linden, Ulla Ordell and Stein. Their attitude was one of complete cooperation and their willingness to run the regatta to SCIRA's high standards was refreshing in a sport where egos and "tradition" too often get in the way of providing good race management for the competitors. Also of note was the work of the International Jury headed by Norway's Anton Knudsen.

The result was a great Junior Worlds. Thanks again to everyone who worked so hard, and especially to the generous owners of SCIRA Sweden who lent their boats.



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Spain's Llamas and Cutierrez take Europeans

by Thomas Payne

Spain's Carlos Llamas is no stranger to victory, as for many years he crewed with one of the greatest Snipers of all time, Felix Gancedo. Now, as the skipper, he is continuing the trend, taking the 1992 European Championships after posting a most impressive three-victory string in races three, four and five, slamming the door in the faces of the host nation's favorites, brothers Hakan and Rickard Bjurstrom, in "Turbo Joker."

The event, hosted by Gamlakarleby Segelforening at Kokkola, Finland, saw forty-three teams from ten nations on the line. The club, which was celebrating its 120th anniversary during the event, is on a small island called Mustakari, which means "black reef." The course was just out into the Gulf of Bothnia where light-to-moderate winds and weather conditions ranging from sunny to dismal steady rain were on order for the week. Even in the sun it was necessary to bundle up, as the water temperatures were cold. Also making life interesting was the fact that at these almost-extreme northern longitudes it never really gets dark.

After measurement, a practice race and an opening ceremony highlighted by lots of "gun salutes" (BOOM! Our hosts will use almost any occasion as an excuse to fire the cannon from the upper deck of the clubhouse!) the racing got underway. Race one belonged to the flat-black Turbo Joker, with Norway's Jansen close behind in second and Spain's Gongora and Ramirez in third.

A second in the second race gave the Bjurstroms a solid lead at the end of the first day's action. Jansen and Johnsen were close behind with a second-race fourth.

Llamas and Gutierrez didn't rate too much notice after the first day's racing with their 8-5 finishes, but all eyes were on them as they swept day two's races with a pair of bullets. In Europe it is customary that the day's Daily First prizes are awarded soon after the fleet returns to shore. Your reporter had the honor of awarding the trophies for race three. When it came time for Carlos and Javier to climb onto the first place podium for a winners photo, Carlos begged, "Por favor, no!". So! The man is superstitious! Carlos would not be moved to stand on the podium, apparently fearing the possible cosmic consequences of any claim to victory with only four of seven races completed. As they

loaded up with winners trophies for race four, they again refused to take the podium.

Race five was where the Spaniards made serious notice that they would eventually get to the top of the podium, when THEY were ready. While they posted a third consecutive bullet the Bjurstroms fell to fourteenth, and with only two races remaining it looked as though Llamas was ready to put the seal on the win.

But the Bjurstroms were not out of it, a fact that they clearly demonstrated in race six as they took an easy win over Norway's Christian Dahl and Jannicke Haug. Jansen and Johnsen crossed in third and Llamas and Cutierrez were fourth.

The final race saw Llamas keeping a close eye on the "Joker" as both teams sailed well back in the pack. Out in front it was Antonio Bari and Gianmario Bertanzon of Italy in the new Lillia Snipe taking the win, with Italians Giuliano Dematte and Ilario LaRossa finishing just ahead of Finland's Jaakonsaari and Wikstrom. Spain's Demian Borrás and "Puri" Lluch crossed in sixth, a result that put them into second overall as the Bjurstroms limped home in a drop-race twenty-first, forcing them to "count" their fourteenth in race five, resulting in a fall to third overall. Spain took three of the top four places as Oliver Gongora and Francisco Ramirez threw out a race two DSQ.

1992 SNIPE EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP Gamlakarleby Segelforening (One Throw-out)

Finish	Boat	Skipper/Crew	Places	Points
1	E9779	Llamas/Gutierrez	8-5-75-75-75-4-15	19.25
2	E24662	Borrás/Lluch	5-3-2-13-7-8-6	31
3	L26645	Bjurstrom/Bjurstrom	.75-2-8-7-14-.75-21	32.5
4	E24555	Gongora/Ramirez	3-48DSQ-3-4-16-5-9	40
5	N27410	Jansen/Johnsen	2-4-15-3-20-3-22	47
6	N28069	Guttormsen/Guttormsen	12-6-5-6-30-9-13	51
7	L26922	Bjurstrom/Bjurstrom	9-11-11-8-26-6-10	55
8	I28313	Bari/Bertanzon	22-14-4-23-9-13-.75	62.75
9	L28145	Carpelan/Wegelius	7-12-35-10-12-27-4	72
10	N27690	Irgens/Smedal	6-.75-17-2-24-48PMS-24	73.75
11	I26812	Michel/Turazza	10-21-32-5-15-17-11	79
12	N28157	Irgens/Nesse	33-23-6-9-6-20-16	80
13	D28200	Persson/Thomsen	16-8-16-22-8-14-29	84
14	D28201	Persson/Gotfredsen	21-30-9-15-3-16-20	84
15	D26803	Jorgensen/Jorgensen	18-20-14-16-11-12-19	90
16	P26839	de Melo/Lino	19-9-37-11-28-10-14	91
17	N27744	Dahl/Haug	24-22-19-20-4-2-36	91
18	I27131	Dematte/LaRossa	27-13-10-32-10-34-2	94
19	L27231	Jaakonsaari/Wikstrom	34-29-13-36-2-18-3	99
20	P26842	DeQueiroz/Rodriguez	17-19CNF-36-21-5-15-25	102
21	N27136	Heldal/Heldal	4-15-38-26-26-18-11-35	109
22	N27007	Svensden/Gamborg	14-7-21-12-22-48DNF-36	112
23	L28109	Valli/Raty	23-32CNF-7-29-34-23-8	122
24	I28323	Brezich/Dimauro	29-34-27-19-21-21-5	122
25	S28221	Lindsjo/Lindsjo	31-10-30-18-40-7-27	123
26	I26342	Bernardis/Calliari	15-24-33-27-31-31-7	135
27	P27398	Cayolla/Araujo	13-48DSQ-18-24-13-48DNF-28	144
28	I27129	Schaffer/Gorgatto	43DNF-16-28-30-29-24-18	145
29	N27546	Lofterod/Spone	25-17-31-14-35-25-33-180	145
30	D23974	Rasmussen/Hornemann	11-25-25-31-37-26-31	149
31	I27109	Bodino/Pontalti	30-18-20-33-23-39-30	150
32	I28191	Bensa/Spanghero	35-27-26-34-39-22-12	156
33	N27384	Johannesen/Jacobsen	37cnf-26cnf-23-25-27-19-48dnf	157
34	L26650	Valjus/Kari	46cnf-31-12-35-25-32-23	158
35	E27580	Perez/Paron	20-35-22-37-32-30-32	171
36	L26923	Holm/Wikstrom	26-48dnf-29-28-17-28-34	176
37	L28349	Savela/Tuomala	32-28-48dnf-17-36-35-17	177
38	RUS28196	Fomin/Abramova	47cnf-33-cnff-34-38-19-33-26	183
39	K24154	Love/Love	40-38-39-40-33-38-42	228
40	B28156	D'Hoore/Hagenaers	38-36-41-41-43-36-40	232
41	F27948	Boisaubert/Boisaubert	39-37-40-39-41-37-41	233
42	K24152	Mees/Mees	41-40-43-43-38-48dnf-34	239
43	F22444	Blondelle/Monteil	48cnf-39cnf-42-42-42-39-39	240

While the overall level of competition was high, and consistency was the key to overall success, one performance that must not go unnoticed was that of the young Norwegians, Michael Irgens and crew, Tom Erik Smedal. The current European Junior Champions from Aasgardstrand Sailing Club showed flashes of brilliance highlighted by their victory in race two. After four races they had scored 6-1-17-2 and were looking golden until they backed up a race five 24th with a PMS in race six. These talented youngsters are just a small sample of the quality of the junior snipers in Norway and give reason to believe that it won't be many years before

a Norwegian team takes the top spot on the podium at the Worlds.

On the social scene, the main item was music and more music, as the club hosted the Mustakari Music Festival in conjunction with the regatta. A large yellow and green tent was pitched on the back lawn of the club and was the site of each evening's entertainment, which ranged from some really great country music to some great Black Sabbath and then on to Duke Ellington. Local club member and area musical-guru Maestro Alf Mylari was usually somewhere in almost all of the bands, making for some great fun. Another event that was memorable was the karaoke

evening, highlighted by the Norwegian team's original rendition of "Jingle Bells" and the Jury's version of "Mack the Knife."

As was the case in Sweden and the Junior Worlds, the Race Committee, headed by Asko Karrola, and the Jury, chaired by Gay Lynn, did a great job, resulting in another great championship.

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MINUTES OF THE EUROPEAN NATIONAL SECRETARIES MEETING

July 16, 1992, Gamlakarleby Segelforening, Kokkola, Finland

As recorded by John Broughton, General Secretary, SCIRA Europe

The meeting was convened at 0920 hours. In attendance: John Broughton, General Secretary; Birger Jansen, Vice Secretary and National Secretary, SCIRA Norway; Ola Nygard, Secretary for Northern Europe; Antonio Roquette, representing Secretary for Southern Europe; Alexei Fomin, Secretary for Eastern Europe and National Secretary, SCIRA Russia; Roger Nylund, National Secretary Finland; Gilles Boisaubert, National Secretary France; Giorgio Brezich, National Secretary Italy; Gil de Queiroz, National Secretary Portugal; Eduardo Herreros, National Secretary Spain; Erling Olsen, European Measuring Committee and representing SCIRA Denmark; Per Ole Holm, SCIRA IYRU Representative; Fujiya Matsumoto, Commodore; Terry Timm, Vice Commodore; Means Davis, Past Commodore; Thomas Payne, Executive Director; and Josephine Broughton, Minutes Secretary.

The meeting opened with an expression of welcome to the visiting SCIRA Officers and agreement they be invited to contribute to matters discussed. Letters of apology for non-attendance were received from Belgium and Sweden. Confirmation was made that Antonio Roquette represents the Southern Europe Secretary and that Erling Olsen represents the Danish Secretary. It was further noted that there was no representation from Belgium or Sweden.

In matters arising from previous meetings, it was agreed that the policy of one Junior from each country be eligible to compete at future European Championships as under the Deed of Gift.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

In his report, the European General Secretary extended welcome to the new National Secretary for Portugal, Gil de Queiroz and to the new National Secretary for Spain, Eduardo Herreros.

The Secretary then outlined that there was harmony, progress, and a bright future in Europe. This was backed by the many Snipe builders' full order books, together with more spar and sailmakers coming into the Snipe market. The whole European SCIRA scene had growth as a result of National Secretaries' dedication and work.

VICE SECRETARY Jansen noted the high level of activity in Europe, as indicated by high numbers of entrants at interna-

tional regattas.

NORTHERN EUROPEAN Secretary Nygard noted the good relations between European nations and the great amount of travelling by all nations.

SOUTHERN EUROPEAN representative Roquette noted the increase in Snipe orders with the builders.

EASTERN EUROPEAN Secretary Fomin noted the economic obstacles to Snipe growth in Eastern Europe. He is working to promote the Snipe and hopes that the publishing of a yachting magazine will help this effort over the winter months. He is also working to ensure good relations with his federation and the Olympic and other athletic authorities in Russia.

NATIONAL SECRETARIES REPORTS:

Belgium: The European Secretary reported on correspondence and discussions with Secretary Andre Callot. The Belgian federation is not cooperating with Snipe, giving no encouragement. The Belgium membership were keen, but getting no federation support or encouragement had a depressing atmosphere on the sailors.

Denmark: It is very active. Regattas have been well attended and there are twelve new Snipes this year.

Finland: There were 29 boats at this year's Nationals. There is a boom in growth, with four new boats ordered. We also have growing interest by juniors. We are confident of SCIRA's future in our nation.

France: We have a full regatta program and we are trying to continue to travel abroad. There were 30 boats at our nationals, including the Russians and English. Our focus is on the print media for advertising and promotion. The Yachting and National press is showing interest. We are looking at sponsorship to assist the class.

Italy: We have a new fleet to be formed in Rome. They will buy older boats so there will be some new boats coming as a result. We have an excellent relationship with our federation. We are expecting 40 boats at our nationals. There are 10 new boats this year.

Norway: We have no problems. We are seeing growth in the Stravanger fleet. We anticipate 100 boats at our nationals.

Portugal: We are doing some travelling. We do have some problems getting good

turnouts for local events. We have improving relations with our federation.

Russia: We thank France for the invitation and support that allowed us to participate in your nationals. The Russian Olympic Committee and the State Sports Committee are ready to recognize SCIRA Russia. We need support of European Secretary and Executive Director to do necessary paperwork. Our Fax communication needs improvement.

Spain: We have 440 Snipes registered, an increase of 10%. We hope to increase to 500 in the near future. T.V. now introduced to the class so we are getting excellent T.V. and print coverage. Our Federation relationship is at a high level. We are getting very large regatta entry figures.

Sweden: The Euro Secretary reported on the discussions held with the Swedish secretary and how all reports were encouraging. The lack of a representative at this meeting, together with only one boat completing at this Championship, must not be misread. Sweden is in growth with secretary Christer Jacobsen and Tommy Svensson working together; progress can be assured.

United Kingdom: A former builder is now back in production. We have four new Snipers registered. There is slight growth in junior interest. World known spar builder Holt is now developing a mast specific for the Snipe. We are travelling. We have no problems. Interest in new boats is becoming reality.

European Measuring Committee: There was concern shown that members Santos and Ericksson were not present. There was a discussion of the Spanish boats with the forward pole extension attachment and the pertinent fax from the Rules Chairman, Dan Williams. Erling Olsen requested an official letter from the Euro General Secretary stating that the attachment must be removed. It was agreed that this would be done immediately upon the adjournment of this meeting. The question was raised regarding whether the 104-inch pole length is inclusive of a pole having a mast yoke. It was agreed that Giorgio Brezich would raise this at the next opportunity with the Rules Committee.

SCIRA IYRU Representative: "SCIRA and IYRU are now working more closely together. They have great respect for our organization. This relationship is vital to preserve, for we can contribute so much

to the Union and tempt them to adopt much of our thinking."

COMING REGATTAS:

1993 EUROPEAN CUP: France. The dates will be mid-July in Audierne. Information was distributed; final details will follow. The Secretary General commented on the importance of this event which every nation should support. France was thanked for her contribution.

1993 JUNIOR EUROPEANS: Spain submitted a bid for the end of July. Put to a vote, the bid was accepted with appreciation.

1994 EUROPEANS: Spain will host. Dates should be late July. Four clubs are requesting to host the Championship and a selection has not been made. All present thanked Spain for her enthusiasm.

1995 WORLDS: Italy confirmed that Rimini is the venue. The town has good hotels with camping also available. There was discussion regarding two possible times, June or September. The consensus favored June.

1995 EUROPEAN CUP: England confirmed that it will be held at Stone S.C. Date is dependant on Italy finalizing dates for 1995 Worlds, but the end of July looks good.

1995 JUNIOR EUROPEANS: SCIRA Norway entered a bid. Put to a vote, the bid was accepted with appreciation.

The Secretary General expressed his gratitude for Europe's contribution to coming forward in such strength to host the regattas. This backed his viewpoint that at no time in the history of SCIRA Europe had we been so strong and tough.

REGATTA UPDATE 1992 WORLD MASTERS: Portugal circulated information packages. They are trying to get some new Snipes to lend. No problems with lodging. Early entry is advised. The meeting thanked SCIRA Portugal for her generous contribution.

At this point in the meeting Antonio Roquette and Eduardo Herreros asked permission to interrupt the agenda to make further bids, accepted.

1993 EUROPEAN MASTERS: Spain outlined that she would like to get a European Masters started by making a bid to explore the possibility and interest for 1993. A vote agreed to accept the bid and to await SCIRA Spain to inform the Secretary General. The probable date would be September 15.

1997 WORLDS: Portugal made a bid. A vote by the Secretaries supported this

bid. In discussion, the observation was made that there could be a problem with the 1995 and 1997 Worlds being in the same general area. The Secretary General saw this possibility as no big problem. Appreciation expressed to SCIRA Portugal/Spain, with the Euro Secretary agreeing to submit the new bids.

EUROPEAN RACE CALENDAR: The discussion focussed on the calendar not being produced this year together with the reasons. It was agreed that Europe takes the offer made by SCIRA Executive Director to have regatta dates published in the *Snipe Bulletin* with each country sending in information. The Euro Secretary also asked each secretary to mail dates to his address which will allow circulation from his office when requested. Erling Olsen was thanked for his past service in printing the calendar.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS:

"That a European member elected as SCIRA IYRU Representative hold a non-voting office at European Secretaries meetings." Proposed by Broughton, seconded by Nylund. Passed.

"That all existing European Officers continue in office up to 1994." Proposed Belgium, Italy, Portugal, Spain. Voted and

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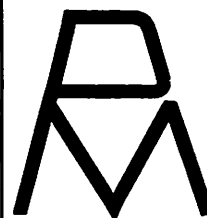
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Vice European Secretary: Birger Jansen

East European Secretary: Alexei Fomin

North European Secretary: Ola Nygard

South European Secretary: Fernando Flores

IYRU Representative as voted by Board: Per-Ole Holm

EUROPEAN MEASURING COMMITTEE:

Erling Olsen made the observation that Thomas Ericksson wished to stand down; it also was mentioned that pressure of work possible now prevented Anibal Santos to continue. The Euro Secretary had received no official resignation but was aware that the two measurers named had not attended this championship. Action had to be taken to cover the resignations. Therefore it was agreed this committee vote in two measurers to take office should Thomas and Anibal wish to stand down. Nominations were presented and voted to fill the offices once the Euro Secretary has confirmed that the two named wish to stand down, were: Tom Ornulf of Norway and Ignacio Canges, Spanish measurement president. (Giorgio Brezich had earlier made a motion that a Spaniard be named to the Committee. Roquette had seconded but action was postponed until this point in the meeting.)

On the proposal of Spanish represented on the Measuring committee the Euro Secretary suggested awaiting to find out Santos' intentions. Should he decide to resign then Canges will take the vacant office. Should there be no resignation and taking into consideration the committee's sympathy to have Spanish involvement, Euro Secretary suggested the Spanish Measurer be coopted onto the Measuring Committee, as minuted at the meeting La Rochelle, August 1987, which covered for such situations. Agreed, plus Erling Olsen proposed and voted to continue to hold measuring office.

SCIRA WORLDS, BRASIL 1993:

General concern was voiced that the 1993 March date was proving not suitable for the Europeans. Viewed that the date is too early for selection trials. Following discussion the committee agreed that SCIRA Executive Director contact SCIRA Brasil endeavoring to get a change of date to the Autumn.

Invitation for visiting officers to address the meeting: Collectively the officers expressed their appreciation to be in Europe

and noted the strong SCIRA bond that tied all the countries together. There was no question that Europe now had a strong constructive position in our association. They showed great excitement in European growth and thanked the membership for the encouragement being shown and given to the Eastern European countries.

The meeting was adjourned at 1245 hours.



FURTHER TO THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

On Wednesday July 29 I received a telephone call from Anibal Santos, who was upset that a fax sent to Kokkola did not

arrive in time for the European Secretaries Meeting. The fax stated a change in his work program would not allow him to come to Finland, but he wished to continue on the Measuring Committee. I have spoken to Finland's National Secretary, Roger Nylund, who confirms that the fax did arrive, late.

This is an embarrassing situation for all secretaries and I have apologized on your behalf for the wrong information given at the meeting. Fortunately I covered for such a possibility and the minutes reflect your approval. Anibal will continue on the team, with the Spanish measurer being coopted as agreed, as the fourth measurer.

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Regarding Thomas Eriksson, Erling was correct as Thomas wishes to stand down. As was voted at Kokkola, Thomas will be replaced by the Norwegian Measurer, Thomas Ornluf. To confirm the 1993-1994 Euro Measuring Committee: Ignacio Canges, Erling Olsen, Tom Ornluf and Anibal Santos.

Thomas Eriksson thanked SCIRA Europe for their confidence in having him on the measuring committee. He will always continue his interest in measuring and be quite prepared to assist, if needed, at local northern hemisphere Championship.

*Submitted by:
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