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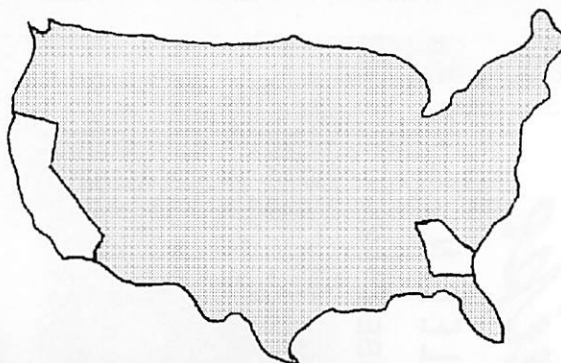
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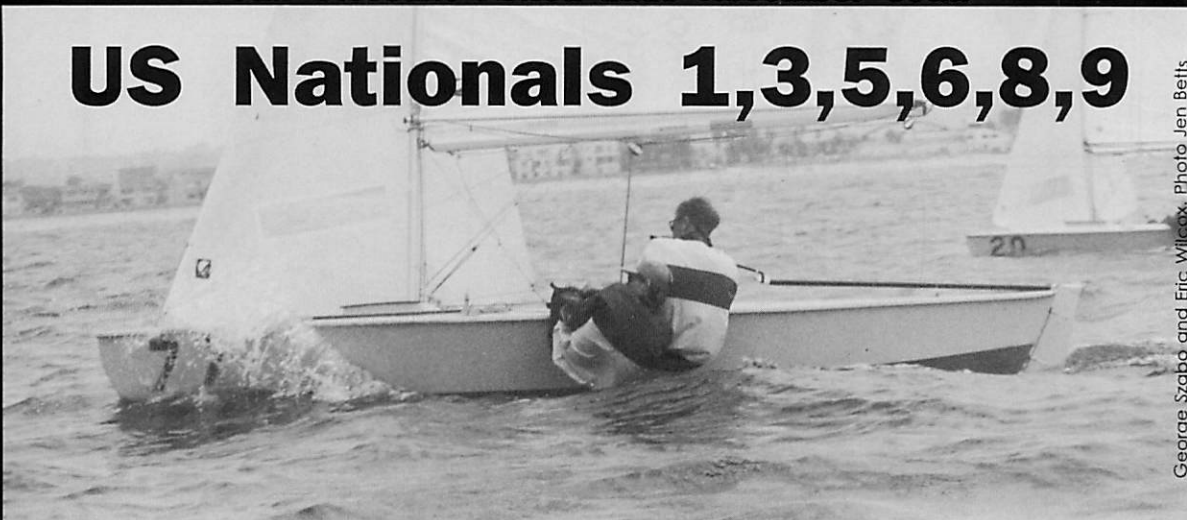


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NUMBERED SNIPES: 29346

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From The Commodore

Dear Friends:

During the Board of Directors' Meetings in San Diego, we discussed the Bulletin and the Rulebook. Both publications need to change to appeal to our international membership. To evaluate and make recommendations on these two important parts of SCIRA, Vice Commodore Shinoda, Rear Commodore Griffith and I have formed two committees, one for the Bulletin and one for the Rulebook. Please consider the following information:

For the Bulletin Committee:

Objectives:

Deliver recommendations to the Board of Governors that will result in a Snipe Bulletin that is of strong value to all members of SCIRA worldwide, and could potentially become a mandatory portion of annual SCIRA membership dues.

Deliver an implementation plan and timetable for executing recommendations. Recommendations and plan must address the following issues: publication content, multi-lingual editing and printing, frequency, quality, printing and distribution method, postage, Internet, production costs, and subscription pricing.

Members:

Don Hackbarth, Chairman	Don Elliott
Bertel Bojlesen	Antonio Bari
Jiro Yamamoto	Alex Pline

Timetable:

Report to the Board	6/1/98
Ballot to the Board for vote	9/1/98

For the Rulebook 2000 Committee:

Objectives:

- To publish SCIRA Rulebook by January 1, 2000
- To review every word in every section to prepare SCIRA for the 21st Century
- To clarify content, language and format
- To internationalize by eliminating items about specific countries
- To search for the ideal method to layout and bind the book
- To add a new section to include the measurement procedures and tools
- To obtain Board approval of requirement that all members purchase the Rulebook

Members:

Brainard Cooper, Chairman	Lee Griffith
Giorgio Brezich	Phil Richmond
Hisanao Kato	Erling Olsen
Bertel Bojlesen	Janett Krefting
Means Davis	

Timetable:

Tasks and Responsibilities Assigned to Subcommittees	1/1/98
Subcommittee reports to Executive Director	6/1/98
First Draft by Executive Director	9/1/98
Draft to Committee Members for review and approval	10/1/98
Second Draft by Executive Director	12/31/98
Draft to Board for review and preliminary approval	2/15/99
Third Draft by Executive Director	5/3/99
Delivery to Board of Revised Document	6/15/99
First Vote by Board Ballot	7/1/99
Flag Officer and Executive Director Review of Vote Results	9/1/99
Final Review by Board and final vote	9/6/99
Final Document by Executive Director	10/15/99
Rulebook to Publisher	10/15/99
Rulebook from Publisher	11/30/99

Your input is very important and I encourage you to write your ideas and to send them to the Executive Director.

Regards and go fast in your SNIPE.

Gonzo

Around the Snipe World



The Canary Islands

The Spanish Snipe Class has decided to celebrate the 1998 Spanish Championship in Lanzarote. That means two big regattas in a row for us! As a result, the Class is emerging even in Tenerife, where it had died years ago. Now there are 10 boats sailing regularly in Tenerife, 14 here in Gran Canaria and 15 in Lanzarote. The goal is now to keep on increasing the numbers, keep the fun and convince everybody to pay the 1998 dues!

Colombia

Mariana de Isaza reports that Snipes are busy sailing again in Bogota.

Russia

Alexei Fomin reports that Russia will begin building 25 new Snipes with the first one due to be finished in February!

Paraguay

The SCIRA office has recently had contact with sailors in Paraguay. Hopefully we will be seeing them on the South American circuit again!

Snipes in the 1999 Pan Am Games

The Snipe has been confirmed as one of the classes for the 1999 Pan Am Games in Winnipeg, Canada. All Pan Am Snipe countries that will participate, contact Id Crook or Don Hackbarth for confirmation and information.

ISAF President's Message

It has been a fine summer going to as many Class Championships as possible: Finn, Snipe, Mirror, ILC 40, Etchells, Match Racing, Optimist, Disabled, Lightning, and Star.

I have reflected very seriously on what I have seen and it has reinforced what makes our sport work. ISAF is primarily a Federation of Member National Authorities, but we have very strong partners in the International Classes who co-ordinate the sailors and the Yacht Clubs who give generously of their facilities to run regattas. Each partner is essential. Each must respect the contribution the others provide.

I am convinced that the International Classes are strong, not because of the design or the equipment, but because of the volunteers who are so addicted to the fraternity of their chosen class. At the Snipe Worlds there was the ever present Diaz Family who have been so dedicated to the Snipe, Gonzo the now President, giving so generously of his time to make the class work. One of the great natural sailors I have ever met, Earl Elms, had worked all winter to get his latest commercial fishing boat ready so as he could take up to forty spectators out to watch the races. I went to the kitchen and talked to the women who were putting together the sailors' box lunches. I asked one woman why she did it: "the Snipe has been our life!". Our great friend from Japan, Hirata at 86 years old, could hardly wait to tell me how he had just won the Snipe Masters Championship.

I have experienced the same enthusiasm and love for a class with the Mirror Dinghy and how proud these people are of their class. Everyone knows the commitment the Wilkes' and their friends from around the World have given to make the Optimist work. The Lightning has the same dedication and they had so many past World Champions present at their 1997 Worlds in Montreal. It is the same with every class, as they grow to become a very healthy cult.

The challenge to ISAF is to ensure that the International Classes are comfortable within the ISAF family as respected partners, because they are such great contributors to Sailing. It is also a challenge to the International Classes to also respect what the Member National Authorities and Yacht Clubs bring to the table.

All contributors must understand what each facet donates to promote Sailing if the sport is to be healthy.

We are all in this regatta promoting the finest activity in the World - Sailing!!

Paul Henderson
President ISAF

1997 US Masters Championship

September 25-28

Gull Lake, Michigan

In reporting the details about the 1997 US Masters Championship, I can't help but hear the horn of the pink convertible 1957 Thunderbird. Just one of four great classics that 26 Masters teams from around the US and Canada enjoyed after day one of the event. The museum was a great place to spend stored energy as racing was canceled for the day because of light wind. In looking back, it couldn't have worked out any better as competitors and guests were welcome to tour the museum, drive old cars and feast on an Italian dinner.

Day two saw excellent 8-10 breeze and George Fisher and crew Greg Shea jump out to an early regatta lead winning the first race and placing second in race 2. Slugging it out with George in the front row included Terry Timm and Mark Spicknall, finishing 6-1; Fritz and Jane Gram with a 3-3, and Gonzo Diaz and Sherry Eldridge with a 5-4. John and Kathy Johns stormed into contention with a dramatic come from behind finish in race three. They finished the day with a 2-1-1. Finishing second in race three were the Grams securing them atop the leader board with two races to go followed closely by Timm, Diaz, Fisher and Johns.

Dinner at Gull Lake Country Club was enjoyed by all, especially after Michigan beat Notre Dame. The New York strip dinner was just one of the great meals the country club staff prepared all week. Per their request, the Masters were being taken care of.

Day two belonged to Timm and Spicknall, as they fired two bullets going on to win the US Masters Championship. Fritz and Jane Gram took a second overall with finishes of 7-5; Diaz and Eldridge hung on to third with finishes of 4-10; followed by Fisher and Shea and the Johns'.

Race 5 was exciting as Terry Timm and Mark Spicknall caught Jim Richter and crew Sam Stone in a magnificent taking dual. Not even the Captain of Indiana could hold off the Silver Fox from Ann Arbor. It was great to watch.

Race Committee chairman Eric Lind and his team did an outstanding job of running the races. Gull Lake Yacht Club is very fortunate to have his services. We look forward to hosting the 1998 US Nationals August 7-14.

—Tom VanderMolen
Fleet 190

Skipper/Crew

1. Terry Timm/Mark Spicknall
2. Fritz/Jane Gram
3. Gonzo Diaz/Sherry Eldridge
4. George Fisher/Greg Shea
5. John/Cathy Johns
6. Colt Weatherston/Wendy Pfeffer
7. Bill Buckles/Kate Haywood
8. Dick/Linda Tillman
9. Bob/Sandy Rowland
10. Gene Soltero/Carolyn Barber
11. Jim Richter/Sam Stone
12. John Mulhausen/Cindy Hackett
13. Buzz Levinson/Frank Workman
14. Bill/Chad Coberly
15. Cliff/Mindy Browning
16. Mel Nichols/John Crookston
17. Dexter Thede/Bill Fehsenfeld
18. John/Lori Korkosz
19. B/A. Worster
20. Bruce Hurst/Steve Snider
21. Jim/Barb Disch
22. Joe/Joe Pearson
23. Bent Paulson/Terry Doble
24. Titu/Rucsandra Doctor
25. Gene Koeth/Matt Heywood
26. Allan Vorel/James Graham

Finishes

Total

6-1-3-1-1	11.25
3-3-2-7-5	20
5-4-4-4-10	27
1-2-11-14-3	30.75
2-11-1-5-14	32.75
11-8-6-2-7	34
12-6-7-6-8	39
4-7-19-3-9	42
8-5-8-12-17	50
9-10-2-8-13	52
10-16-16-11-2	55
7-19-5-21-4	56
16-14-18-10-6	64
19-9-9-13-15	65
17-12-13-15-12	69
13-18-10-20-16	77
14-15-24-16-11	80
18-24-15-9-18	84
22-21-17-17-19	96
21-20-20-18-20	99
24-17-14-23-21	99
20-13-23-22-22	100
15-22-22-19-23	101
23-23-21-25-24	116
26-25-25-24-25	125
25-26-26-26-26	109

Grand Masters (65 and older)

1. George Fisher/Greg Shea
2. Buzz Levinson/Frank Workman
3. Mel Nichols/John Crookston

Apprentice Masters (45-54)

1. Gonzo Diaz/Sherry Eldridge
2. John/Cathy Johns
3. Bob/Sandy Rowland

Masters (55-64)

1. Terry Timm/Mark Spicknall
2. Fritz/Jane Gram
3. Colt Weatherston/Wendy Pfeffer

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Larchmont Regatta and Northeastern Championship

Nixon/Rosemont Claim Northeastern Title

Snipes converged on the beautiful Larchmont Yacht Club on the weekend of June 21-22 to compete for the Northeastern Championship Perpetual Trophy. The Larchmont Yacht Club has been a gracious Snipe host for the last few years as several Atlantic Coast Championships and a Western Hemisphere have been held there. This club is no stranger to big events and they like Snipes even though we challenge their starting line management skills to the max. The Larchmont Race Committee is very grateful for the Snipe Class' z-flag rule (several committee members have been heard to say "wow, when that z-flag goes up, you guys behave...").

The turnout was a little low and the reason seems to be that some sailors are not having the good sense to carefully check the regatta schedule before scheduling their weddings and other somewhat important life events. Even though the numbers were low, as usual the quality of the fleet was very high - miss a shift and half the fleet goes by (and there were plenty of shifts).

The weather forecast was ominous with high heat and humidity, however each day there was a nice breeze of 5-10 knots turning into a nice seabreeze by late afternoon. Three medium length courses were held each day. On Saturday, Scott Nixon and Sam Rosemont dominated with a 2-1-1. But behind them there were five boats packed into just a few points, so there was still a lot of dust to settle on Sunday. John MacCrae and Melitta Hall were at the front of this pack after a bullet in race one. But right on their heels was John ("I think I can cross") and Maggie Manderson, Long Islanders Pedro "MonteSanto Cooler" Lorson/Susan Cushman, Bill "protest" Hall/Lelia King, and Lee Griffith/Lorie Stout. The Griffith/Stout team basically loved to push the boat off the dock to obtain some sanity as they arrived with one 7 yr old, 3 nine yr olds, and an 11 yr old but no pets. I mean this shore crowd can so befuddle these parents that they even pushed off the dock Sunday morning with the daggerboard up on the dock. Practicing without a rudder is one thing, but Lorie and I quickly decided that there is not much to learn sailing without the daggerboard, so we went back to pick it up.

After the racing, everyone retired to the awesome Larchmont chlorinated saltwater beach/lagoon/pool to cool off. Then an excellent dinner was served on the lawn of the club. The balance of the evening was filled

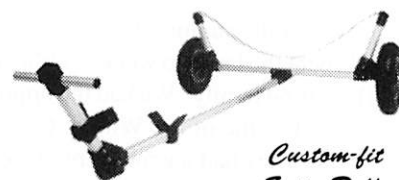
by some simulated protest meetings to resolve some interesting issues from Saturday's sailing and learn the new rules. We are sure that the jury composed of Scott "Da Judge" Nixon, Her Highness Samantha, and John "I got a scenario for ya" MacCrae ruled appropriately in all cases and everyone learned something except John Manderson who said he is going to continue sailing under the old rules since he loves coming into the weather mark on port (wonder if John ever sailed Lasers). The result of the protest was that it was disallowed but the witness, Lee Griffith, was disqualified on a ruling written up by Her Highness.

Sunday was a carbon copy of Saturday except hotter. Nixon/Rosemont nailed things down with a 2-1-5. The Manderson's won the day and a solid second in the regatta with a 3-2-1.

—Lee Griffith

Nixon/Rosemont	2-1-1-2-1-5	11.25
Mandersons	7-2-2-3-2-1	16.75
MacCrae/King	1-5-4-5-4-3	21.75
Hall/King	3-4-7-4-3-2	23.0
Griffith/Stout	5-6-3-6-5-4	29.0
Lorson/Cushman	4-3-6-1-10-7	30.75
Lally/O'Brien	9-7-8-7-6-8	45.0
Mullane/Brooks	6-9-11-8-9-11	54.0

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UPDATE: Snipe 29191

This is the 2nd in a series of the progress of Snipe #29191 built by Mike Wotovitch. Part 1 was in the January 1997 issue.

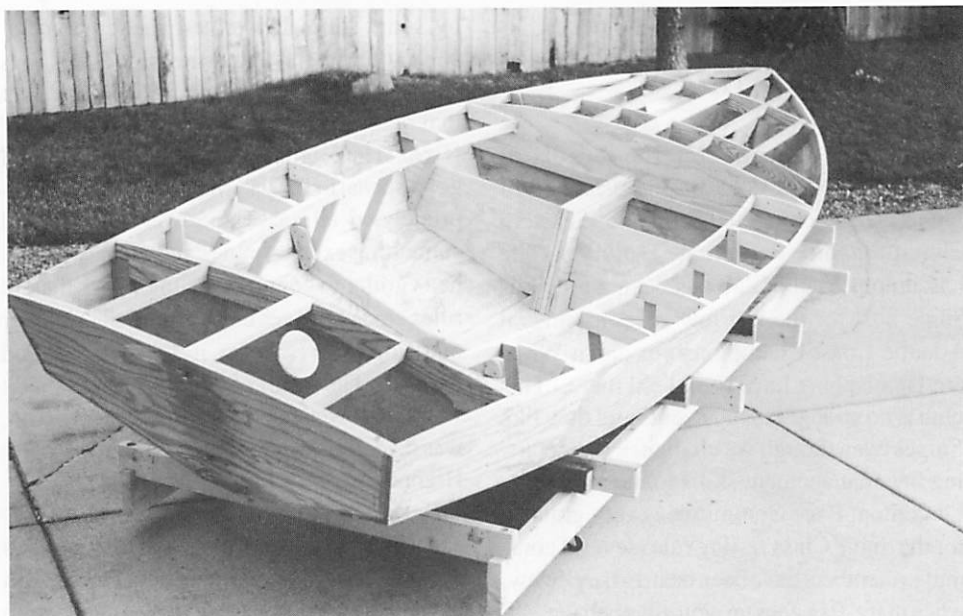
Progress over the summer has been slow. Lori and I spent the last two weeks of May in Denmark visiting family. We had the opportunity to watch some of the Wibroe Cup in Espergaerde. They had a good turnout. We then spent a week in Amsterdam and had a blast. Needless to say, we saw a lot of wooden boats. It was a very good vacation!!

I have been able to get out and work on the boat a little bit. The enclosed two pictures show where she currently is. As you can see, the hull structure is basically finished. We have water sealed the cockpit and are ready to turn the hull over for the "bodywork"; filling in countersunk screwheads and little nicks and dings that have shown up during construction and laying in the stem cap.

As you can see in the pictures, I chose to lay out the cockpit in a more traditional old Snipe style. This was actually an interesting part of the construction since I had a lot more latitude in the design. Building the hull was relatively easy since the tolerances on the dimensions were strict. But now, I could get somewhat creative and decide what the purpose of #29191 was to be. I wanted more of a daysailer that we could race at the local level and still retain the character of an "old woodie."

Since she is going to have wooden spars, I opted to step the mast on the deck. The mast won't have near the flexibility of a modern "bendy" mast and it just made sense to put it on the deck even though I could probably get more rake by stepping it on the keep batten. I also wanted to make the cockpit as large as possible. This should make for a more comfortable space plus give a little advantage for crew weight distribution. The cockpit also has the rolled down deck. I think is a must for any wooden Snipe.

The final big design question involved the centerboard trunk. I wanted to make it strong because I have heard that this can be a weak area in a wooden Snipe. I knew I was going to put in two bulkheads fore and aft and I thought the forward bulkhead could be located so the front edge of the trunk could be attached to it. This worked out very well. To stiffen the back of the trunk I built a half-bulkhead attached to frame #3. The enclosed areas on each side of the centerboard trunk will be closed with lift-off mahogany lids, doubling as a sitting area. These storage bins have already been dubbed the "beer boxes"!



After the cockpit layout was designed, it was time to build! The curvature of the deck is moderate, using the formula in Harold Gilreath's book. The deck beams and centerboard logs are made of ash, with the stringers being sitka spruce. I used left-over 3/8" marine plywood for the bulkheads. #29191 will also have about 7 cubic feet of Styrofoam under the deck, just ahead of the forward bulkhead and behind the aft. The hull is surprisingly light, but I expect that will change once it is painted and the mahogany deck varnished.

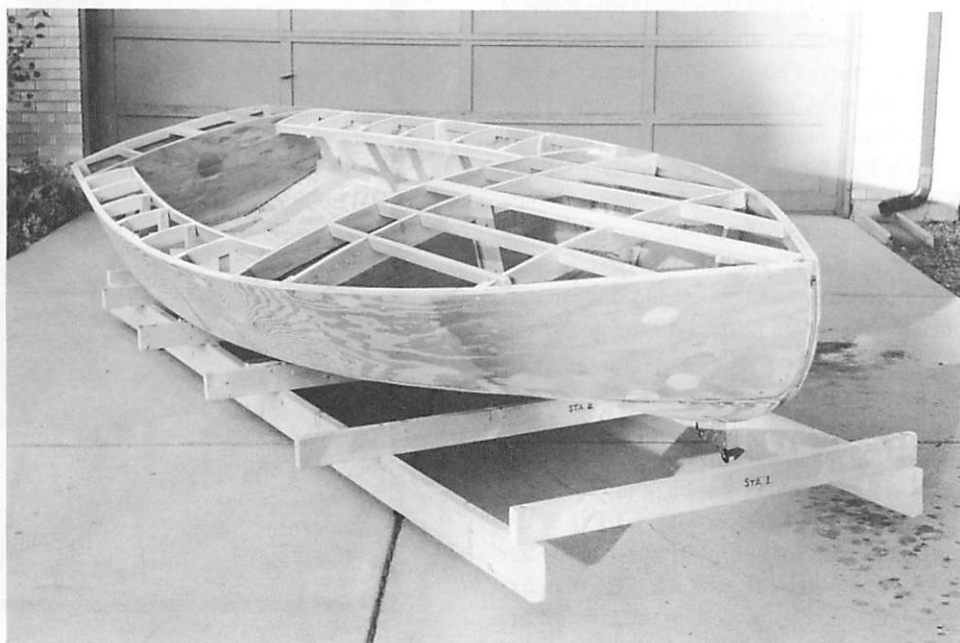
I have also begun work on the wooden spars. The boom is sitka with mahogany side stiffeners. It is slotted for the main's boltrope. Finished with five coats of sealer and varnish, it looks real good. The mast will also be of sitka, box construction and again slotted for

the boltrope. Halyards will be internal. Currently, I am not planning on using spreaders as the rig will be basic.

I have to admit, when I started this project, I did not realize it would be so time consuming. But, it has been rewarding beyond all my expectations! I have received letters, photos, e-mail, and phone calls from other Snipers around the country with input and encouragement. There is no doubt that I chose a great boat for my first building project!

If all goes well, we expect to be sailing #29191 in the spring and hopefully competing in the local regattas in 1998. I will keep you posted!

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Open Belgium Championship

The Open Belgium National Championship, organised by the Royal Yacht Club van Belgie, Antwerp, was held at the marvelously picturesque town of Brouwershaven, just an hour across the border in the Netherlands. The venue is excellent, with a large expanse of tideless water, and is worthy of a far greater number of Snipes than the 19 that gathered for this event. The racing was held in conjunction with the Benelux Championships for the Flying Dutchman, Finn, 470, Fireball and Laser classes. The Belgian competitors were joined by Guillaume Got and Anne Romain from France, Jan and Jane Persson and Svend and Christian Andersen from Denmark, and finally Brian & Ian Gregory and the Butler brothers from the United Kingdom.

Saturday started hot, with temperatures climbing to over 30 degrees Celsius, but due to high cloud the sea breeze didn't materialise until the mid-afternoon, and most of the fleet had been on the water for about 4 hours before the race officer deemed there to be sufficient wind in a consistent direction to start the racing. Although 5 races were scheduled for Saturday, only 2 were completed in the time available. The new Olympic courses were used to great effect. Bart Janssens & Hans Verwimp opened their account with a win, followed home by the competitive pairing of Jean Martin Grisar and Yves Ratincx, with Brian and Ian Gregory recovering to 3rd after Jan and Jane Persson went to the wrong mark whilst leading.

The Perssens made no mistake in the second and last race of the day, leading home from the consistent Grisar/Ratincx combination, with Herman Van Dormael and Luc Verstraete picking up 3rd.

After a long, hot day on the water all the competitors and supporters enjoyed a meal at the only Chinese restaurant in Brouwershaven.

Sunday was even hotter than Saturday, but this time a natural easterly dominated from early morning, and with a 10 am start time everyone was up and on the water by 9 to be certain of clearing the lock gates in time! Although there was a delay to wait for the wind to settle, the fleet was soon away, and the Grisar/Ratincx pairing consolidated their position with a win, with Janssens/Verwimp second and Van Dormael/Verstraete third. Jan and Jane Persson showed the way home in the next race. Grisar & Ratincx, although they didn't know how many more races there would be, had already clinched the Championship at this state with yet another second, meat in a Danish sandwich, as the Andersens

were third.

The fleet got cleanly away for the next race, but to everyone's surprise the race committee cancelled it at the windward mark, presumably due to a port biased line and a shift in the wind.

After a delay for a revised course to be set, the Snipes then had to wait for the other classes to start before the fleet was away. In the much lighter conditions there was the unusual sight of the two Devoti boats at the front, led by "Big" Ben Van Cauwenbergh crewed by Luc Wouters, who went on to win the shortened race with Janssens/Verwimp second and the timber decked boat of Thierry Den Hartigh and Greet Jansen squeezing into third.

Results

Skipper/Crew	Sail #	Finishes	Total
Jean Martin Grisar/Yves Ratincx	BEL 28156	2-2-1-2-(4)	9
Bart Janssens/Hans Verwimp	BEL 28362	1-(5)-2-4-2	14
Jan/Jane Persson	DEN 29252	4-1-6-1-(9)	19.7
Herman Van Dormael/Luc Verstraete	BEL 24702	8-3-3-5-(13)	35.4
Thierry Den Hartigh/Greet Jansen	BEL 27141	5-4-7-(9)-3	36.7
Lode D'Hoore/Vera De Wilde	BEL 29115	6-6-4-6-(8)	43.1
Svend/Christian Andersen	DEN 25528	(16)-9-5-3-7	43.7
Ben Van Cauwenbergh/Luc Wouters	BEL 29164	14-11-9-(14)-1	52
Brian/Ian Gregory	GBR 20641	3-10-11-10-(17)	54.7
Guy Celis/Birgit Dumez	BEL 28544	9-7-10-(13)-6	55.7
Wim/Dirk Ghys	BEL 29177	10-8-12-7-(dnf)	61
Andre/Eric Callot	BEL 28813	7-(17)-8-11-11	61
Dirk/Dina De Bock	BEL 20214	13-12-(17)-8-14	71
John/Keith Butler	GBR 29163	(18)-15-14-15-5	72
Patrick/Tom Keunen	BEL 23649	12-14-16-(18)-12	78
Jan Dumez/Annick Van Meerbeck	BEL 26811	11-19-18-(19)-10	82
Lieven Dosche/Olivier Verheist	BEL 28046	15-16-15-12-(16)	82
Guillaume Got/Anne Romain	FRA 29005	(ocs)-13-13-17-15	82
Dirk Vervynen/Peter Carmen	BEL 28704	17-18-(19)-16-18	93

So Jean Martin Grisar and Yves Ratincx emerged as worthy Champions and received the usual early bath.

The good news is that next year's Championship will be held at the same venue, probably in September, but purely for the Snipe fleet, and the locals are looking for at least 5 French, 5 Danish and 10 Brits to boost their increasing numbers to make it viable. A more 'idyllic' venue would be hard to find, the only shame is that there are not yet any Snipes competing for the Netherlands. Perhaps next year!

—Chris Butler
GBR 29163

NOTICE: Proper sail numbers and number size must be used on all Snipes.

ISAF passed a rule, which was adopted by SCIRA and is in the current Rulebook 1996-2000. **Numbers must be 12" (304.8 mm) high. This is for sails built after Jan. 1, 1996.**

"Rule 64. In all races, skippers must use their own sails. Borrowed sails may not be used. **The number on the sails shall correspond to a measured hull on which dues for the current year have been paid and registered in the skipper's name.** If he owns more than one boat, he may use numbers corresponding to either boat."

Many sailors purchase used sails. YOU MUST CHANGE THE SAIL NUMBER TO CORRESPOND TO YOUR HULL NUMBER. Likewise, you must use the proper sail number (ie. no missing number(s)). Please help the race committee (& scoring people) and SCIRA by using your proper number. (ie. I can't publish your results with your best friend's sail number...) ➡

European Autumn Report

SCIRA Europe has enjoyed a progressive 1997 race season with much inter-country competition, which has been capped in the announcement that Angola is to re-join the Snipe Association with fifteen active Snipes.

The build-up of SCIRA Russia accelerated during the year. This has been of amazement to the Snipe World. Since Russia came into the Association six years ago, they have built up a strong following including junior, lady membership and constructed a club house complete with competitors housing, fully equipped office block and own transport unit. At present a further accommodation building is under construction, programmed to be completed by the spring of 1998. Russia proudly boasts a Snipe builder in St. Petersburg, eighteen Snipes to date and a third overall placing in the 1997 Snipe Worlds. This record of achievement is further highlighted in their winning the vote to host the 1998 Jr. Snipe Europeans against bids from France and Spain. Respect and congratulations have to be extended to the energy and foresight of Alexei Fomin in obtaining such results.

SCRIA Belgium has been in the shadows over recent years. This country has a long history of Snipe racing which André Callot was not prepared to see collapse; as Snipe fell from favor within his country. André together with fellow devoted Snipe sailors fought hard to retain interest both by the Federation and sailing press. During 1996-1997 the upward turn came and Belgium can state that much ground has been reclaimed. Top sailors are being recruited from other classes in André's advertising drive.

Belgium-André is performing a great effort so that the Netherlands, where there are some Snipes, would have the possibility to build up a fleet.

With Snipe firmly entrenched in Europe the time has arrived for my office to consolidate our position in forming committee's to cover many aspects to further promote the class, placing much emphasis on our future with a strong junior membership, whilst opening entry of junior crews to Euro Championships.

In the closing of the sailing season comes the European Boat Show Programme. France will start the exhibition period with the December Paris Boat Show, Helsinki shall follow. The exhibition season shall continue through the winter with the UK closing the circuit in March with the London Dinghy Exhibition.

The enthusiasm throughout Europe was discussed at the Euro Secretaries Meeting, San Diego. To encourage and meet the demand of our sailors, Europe is developing further major regatta's which shall also serve as qualification to enlarge the participation at Championship level.

A new Calendar shall be concluded by the end of December 1997, so that it will be possible that all are acquainted and can participate in 1998 activity.

Congratulations to incoming Spanish National Secretary Ricardo Rubio Vilar whilst appreciation and gratitude to outgoing Carlos Rivas following five years in office.

Europe is fully aware of the threat to our class comes from the development of modern lightweight fast boats. We are also aware of the danger in becoming too complacent with our strong following. Therefore we protect Snipe from this ever present threat by working together with strong links of communication and speaking as one voice. SCIRA Europe builds a solid wall around our interest and hard fought gains against the continuous onslaught of other classes.

For 1998 the prospects are good for the Euro snipe membership and on publication of next year's racing programme the inter-country competition shall continue. This international competition throughout Europe is rewarding in friendship, development and the true understanding of our many countries.

To the world membership I send greetings with kind wishes for a successful year ahead both on and off the water.

European General Secretary
António Roquette



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Indiana Open

September 6-7

This was our best Indiana Open in quite some time-considering wind, the competition, number of races sailed, courses, et al. There were three Junior races sailed on Saturday morning with 10 junior skippers. Winds were 5-9 mph. Crews were dads or other seniors who loaned boats for the races.

On Saturday afternoon three races were held as the winds increased to 12-18 mph for the seniors. Sunday morning the winds dropped to 4-8 mph and only one race was held. As the scores show it was a cliff hanger right down to the finish with veterans Bob and Sandy Rowland edging last years winner Scottie Cline by one point in the Lilly series.

The Call series sailed the same courses. Tug Townsend (a junior), the winner followed by a newcomer to Snipes, Bryan Jerman. Trophies were awarded to three juniors, ten Lilly sailors and seven Call sailors. All crews received a sailing shirt also.

—Buzz Levinson
Fleet 409 Captain

Snipe Tales I and Snipe Tales II order for the Holidays!!

There are still copies of Snipe Tales I left. It's a great book to own and fun to read. If you don't have it on your coffee table, order it now. Everyone who has purchased one is delighted with the neat stories, history, etc. of the Snipe Class dating back to its inception in the early 30's. There has never been a Class as unique as the International Snipe Class (the Lightnings and Stars are a distant second) and due to the proliferation of classes there probably never will be another like it again. The Snipe modernized thru the years and is still today tremendously strong worldwide. The Snipes built in the last 25 years are sturdy and durable and still provide the best tactical and fun to sail boat in the dinghy world.

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Buzz Levinson

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p.s. We would especially like some stories from recent sailors, i.e. the past 25 years.

Eli Lilly Series

<i>Skipper/Crew</i>	<i>Fleet</i>	<i>Finishes</i>	<i>Total</i>
Bob/Sandy Rowland	Cowan Lake	1-1-2-5	8.5
Scott Cline/Cindy Hackett	Atlanta	3-6-1-3	9.75
John Sepanski/Chris Stahl	Carlyle	2-3-3-4	11
Jeff/Michael Evans	Island Bay	6-6-4-1	16.75
Jim/Julie Richter	Indianapolis	9-5-7-2	23
Tom/Bill Townsend	Indianapolis	10-10-6-6	32
Randy/Mary Fridlund	Indianapolis	7-9-8-8	32
S.Kashimori/Meg Nishioka	Cleveland	12-4-10-9	35
Matt Heywood/Chris Bickley	Barton	5-8-13-10	36
Steve/Janie Stucky	Indianapolis	11-7-9-11	38
Paul/Alex Levinson	Indianapolis	8-13-5-12	38
Cliff/Minde Browning	Indianapolis	4-12-14-13	43
Mike/Elizabeth Otto	Gull Lake	16-16-11-7	50
Mel Nichols/Jim Towler	Wolf Lake	15-14-12-15	56
Bob Hill/Chris Velander	Acton Lake	13-11-16-16	56
Paul Zent/Chris Constantine	Indianapolis	14-15-15-14	58

Call Series

Tug Townsend/Buzz Levinson	Indianapolis	3-2-1-1	6.5
Bryan/Ashley Jerman	Indianapolis	1-3-4-3	10.75
David/Tim Dixon	Island Bay	2-5-5-2	14
Jim/Carolyn Hater	Acton Lake	5-6-2-4	17
Dave Ryan/J. Constantine	Indianapolis	4-1-8-8	20.75
Nathan/Sam Stone	Gull Lake	7-5-3-6	21
Frank/Mark Workman	Indianapolis	6-7-6-5	24
David/Josh Walsman	Indianapolis	8-8-8-8	32

Juniors

Chris Stahl/John Sepanski	Carlyle	4-1-1	5.75
Alex/Paul Levinson	Indianapolis	2-5-2	9
Michael/Jeff Evans	Island Bay	1-7-5	12.75
Bill Townsend/Dave Ryan	Indianapolis	5-6-3	14
Tug/Tom Townsend	Indianapolis	3-2-10	15
Chris Constantine/Steve Stucky	Indianapolis	10-3-4	17
Chris Velander/Bob Hill	Acton Lake	6-9-6	21
David/Tim Dixon	Island Bay	8-4-10	22
Ashley/Bryan Jerman	Indianapolis	7-10-7	24
Elizabeth/Mike Otto	Gull Lake	9-8-9	26

Junior Winners



Florida State Junior Championship

September 6-7

Miami, Florida

After placing 10th last year, Vicente Lanz came back strong showing a lot of skill in high winds to score two bullets and win the 1997, 40th Florida State Junior Championship.

Weather did not cooperate this year as we lost Saturday under heavy storms and thunderstorms. We had an excellent day on Sunday, but perhaps with more wind that we would have liked to have: a Northeasterly 15-20 knots. Courses were triangles finishing upwind.

Thanks again to the Coconut Grove SC for hosting this Regatta and thanks to the Club race committee led by Dick Reinke and a team of Club members: Jeanne Bunten, Vicki Rosenbloom, Art Auwaerter, Will Bourne, Nick and April Kirkendoll, and Club friends: Jim Mayes and Alex Bowers. Our Commodore Carl Straw presented trophies to the first three skippers.

—Gonzalo Diaz, Sr.
Fleet 007 Captain



Photo: left to right: Adrian Diaz, Andrew Blom, Clay Bischoff, Molly Chen, CGSC Commodore Carl Straw, Will Green, RC Chairman Dick Reinke, Vicente Lanz, Meredith Bailey.

Skipper	Sail #	Yacht Club	Finishes/total	
Vicente Lanz	26457	Miami	1-1	1.5
Clay Bischoff	22851	Coral Reef	3-2	5
Will Green	28791	Coconut Grove	2-3	5
Meredith Bailey	27276	Palm Beach	5-4	9
Adrian Diaz	26395	Coconut Grove	4-5	9
Molly Chen	24950	Coral Reef	6-6	12
Andrew Jacque	24776	Coconut Grove	7-7	14
Andrew Blom	25407	Coconut Grove	8-8	16

Profiles

Harry Livingston, sitting on his well used Snipe (as the SCIRA stickers would indicate), has been sailing with Fleet #93 for well over thirty years, although for the last several years, he hasn't gotten his boat out much. When Harry retired and moved to Colorado, he resigned from the club and stores his boat in a shed. He has always remained a SCIRA member and dutifully send his dues in even though he's not officially a member of the club.

Since he hadn't sailed in quite a while and his boat has seen better days, Harry decided to sail in the B fleet at our District regatta. No one thought this was inappropriate or even questioned it. We were even fortunate since he made up the three boat minimum!

Well, Harry happened to win all four of the races and apparently felt bad about beating some of the younger sailors that were new to the Class. He approached me and asked to be withdrawn from the competition. He actually wanted me to find a reason to disqualify him from the B fleet races. Reluctantly, I honored his request by announcing that he didn't



realize that sailing was like riding a bicycle, in that you never forget how.

This was a pleasant surprise to those he beat, and I thought it would be appropriate to honor Harry for his selflessness in support of the Worlds Best Class.

—James Rix
District 2 Governor

This is a new column for the Bulletin. If there is someone in your fleet you would like to profile, send a photo and brief story by mail or e-mail. ed-jwb



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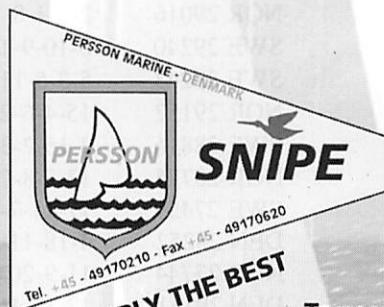
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Open Nordic Championship top 15 of 40

Asgardstrand Sailing Club, Norway

<i>Skipper/Crew</i>	<i>Country/Sail #</i>	<i>Finishes</i>	<i>Total</i>
1. Erling Nesse/Anne Hege Roed	NOR 29094	1-1-4-5-10-2	13
2. Kristoffer Spone/Janett Krefting	NOR 29016	2-2-1-8-1-15	14
3. Gustaf Svensson/Lennart Ljungren	SWE 29240	6-10-9-1-3-21	29
4. Patrik Jonsson/Rickard Oberpichler	SWE 29243	5-3-5-11-5-22	29
5. P. Bratbak/Pauline Bratbak	NOR 29152	15-4-6-2-7-19	34
6. Fredrik Segerstrom/Carl Terneus	SWE 28816	3-15-2-3-14-16	37
7. Reidar Bertelsen/Marius Warsten	NOR 28775	13-7-8-7-13-9	44
8. Tomas Berg/Tomas Jonasson	SWE 27459	17-11-7-15-30-3	53
9. Jonathan Persson/Christine Schult	DEN 28252	4-18-11-17-17-7	56
10. Christian Dahl/Marianne Stigar	NOR 27744	11-9-20-41p-12-5	57
11. Thomas Iversen/Thomas Rasmussen	DEN 29151	12-11-16-12-9-23	60
12. Peter Ivensen/Niels Lund	DEN 29248	10-6-12-4-41q-29	61
13. Johan Mejland/Janicke Haug	NOR 28756	20-8-23-13-2-26	66
14. Birger Jansen/Liv Ulveie	NOR 29210	19-23-10-41p-8-6	66
15. Enrico Solerio/Alessandro Solerio	ITA 2895	21-17-17-9-4-20	67

Norwegian Nationals top 15 of 56

Vestfjorden Seilforening, Oslo, Norway

<i>Skipper/Crew</i>	<i>Country/Sail#</i>	<i>Finishes</i>	<i>Total</i>
1. Kristoffer Spone/Janett Krefting	NOR 29016	1-1-1-2-5	3
2. Birger Jansen/Carine Juliussen	NOR 29210	5-2-2-8-3	21.7
3. Erling Nesse/Anne Hege Rood	NOR 29094	7-9-5-1-2	26
4. Reid Berthelsen/Marius Varsten	NOR 28775	9-4-7-9-1	36
5. Christian Dahl/Marianne Stiger	NOR 27744	2-8-57f-3-12	40.7
6. Pal Bratbak/Pauline Dratbak	NOR 29152	10-5-3-10-8	45.7
7. Geir Svendsen/Hege Berthelsen	NOR 28030	4-12-57f-5-7	49
8. Bard Birkeland/Anniken Murstad	NOR 28217	11-40-4-16-4	55
9. Jan Ott Bjorkum/Petter Bjorkum	NOR 28689	3-6-10-22-25	61.4
10. Johan Majlander/Janick Haug	NOR 28756	6-57s-24-4-10	65.7
11. Audun Moen/Tore Okseter	NOR 27245	13-16-13-11-6	66.7
12. Ola Nygard/Frode Kr. Finnøy	NOR 28037	18-11-11-7-17	70
13. Arild/Anne Heidal	NOR 28280	15-7-12-21-16	74
14. Børge Sathra/Bjørn Nilsen	NOR 27867	25-10-8-40-11	78
15. Karl Otto Book/Ter Thorvaldsen	NOR 29088	27-3-6-34-23	79.4

Open French Championship top 15 of 23

<i>Skipper/Crew</i>	<i>Boat #</i>	<i>Finishes</i>	<i>Total</i>
1. Jan/Jane Persson	29252	2-ocs-2-4-1-3	11.75
2. Jean Jacques Frebault/Gilles Boisaubert	28955	dnc-4-1-2-3-5	14.75
3. David Dufour/Romain Zambotti	28690	5-2-8-1-2-6	15.75
4. Denoal Blayo/Tanguy Leglatin	26802	1-1-5-5-6-7	17.5
5. Jean Claude Confoulan/Michel Hosteins	27947	6-6-5-3-4-2	19
6. Svend/Christian Andersen	25528	3-7-14-6-5-1	21.75
7. Yves Fretigny/Saozig Bruzac	20636	11-5-3-9-12-8	36
8. Jean Luc Perard/Ariel Soler Rubira	28682	dnc-9-9-7-10-4	39
9. Rene Le Bour/Romain Le Bour	28196	12-3-10-11-8-10	42
10. Maxim Romain/Bastien Broudic	28465	4-8-20-8-15-9	44
11. Anne Romain/Franck Manard	29004	13-10-6-10-14-15	53
12. Jacques Romain/Mechtild Romain	29005	9-11-7-12-18-14	53
13. Jean Pierre Etcheber/Jean Marthiens	21054	8-12-11-15-9-16	55
14. Mathieu Paonessa/ Pierre de la Barre de Nateu	28676	14-17-17-13-7-13	62
15. Phillipe Roy/Olivier Brunet	28682	15-15-13-14-13-13	68

1997 North American Championships

It's a good thing Snipers know how to party.

As Henry Filter put it, "We stand around in the parking lot and drink coffee in the morning, then stand around in the parking lot and drink beer in the afternoon." Life stories were told this weekend that there had never been time (or interest in) before.

Friday started out with a promising light northerly, the remnants of a front that got pushed east by a high pressure system that squatted, breeze-free, over Oakville for the weekend. Organizers had kindly delayed the start till noon to permit people to show up Friday morning, and that was the first death knell. By the time the gun went, the wind had vacated, leaving only a general recall and a few sweating crews who had been scared into their drysuits by the water temp. So we sat around, learned (again) all the comfortable (or not) seating options in a Snipe, played Snipe Tag (with a tennis ball), and socialized. (If only we'd known how much time there would be for that, we wouldn't have bothered.)

Around 1:30 a promising southerly filled, but by the time another general recall sounded, it was gone again. The RC was overheard remarking soon after that, "we'll have to wait until 2:30 to send them in, because we've only got two kegs." At around four a light southerly filled in again, which was ignored in favor of Canadian Ale.

Then the party at the Haines' house, complete with the blender for those who were tired of beer, and delicious ham and salads. More socializing and much talk of who would've won the starts if they had gone off.

Saturday: NO WIND. Postponement. Stood around and drank coffee and ate donuts and bagels. Out to the race course around noon in a nice southerly, which filled and ebbed with alarming irregularity. Those who figured out early to tack for pressure and not for angle were the victors. Henry Filter/Lorie Stout figured it out the best and scored a bullet. But hey, we all figured, this is only the beginning. Little did we know that the regatta was already half over.

The wind died a bit more for the second race, leaving bigger holes and fewer puffs. Filter/Stout followed Charlie/Michele Bustamante to the weather mark, but also followed them into a gybe which turned out to be a large mistake. A puff filled to the left, rewarding those that had gone straight. Bustamantes had such a huge lead they still finished first, but ashore they discovered that their third from the first race had turned into

an OCS and they weren't leading the regatta after all.

Saturday's party at the Yacht Squadron was definitely won by the green can and the Argentines (even though they left early for a "club".) They must've known better than the rest of us, who were scared into early beds by the 9 am warning gun for Sunday. But it was the same drill, except with hangovers; coffee in the parking lot, this time in the rain. Finally, at noon (after many folks had already started packing) three guns went off, which didn't even bring the wind in. But the final bottle of rum and the blender probably brought

out any remaining hot air.

Two light air races were all that was managed, even over three days of valiant attempts. A more complete report will follow (mostly social commentary, since there was so little racing) but here are the raw results:

—Carol Newman

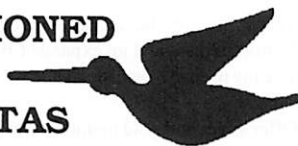
ed note: The Rules Committee has declared the 1997 North Americans at Oakville unofficial, as they were unable to complete 3 races, which constitutes a International regatta.

1. George Szabo/Carol Newman	2-2	4
2. David/Barbie Tillson	4-4	8
3. Henry Filter/Lorie Stout	1-8	8.75
4. John MacRae/Barb Evans	8-3	11
5. Hal Gilreath/Alan Carscaddon	6-6	12
6. Scott Nixon/Sam Rosemont	3-10	13
7. Fred Rozelle/Jan Rozelle	9-5	14
8. Wade Edwards/	10-7	17
9. Edvardo Fumagallo/ (ARG)	7-11	18
10. Agustin Zabalua/ (ARG)	5-14	19



photo: Start of first race of North Americans. Terry Doble photo.

SANCTIONED SNIPE REGATTAS



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US Board Meeting



The US Board of Governors meeting was called to order by US National Secretary Terry Timm at 5:50 pm on the porch of the Toms River Yacht Club. Board members in attendance were: Terry Timm, Commodore Gonzo Diaz, Rear Commodore Lee Griffith, secretary of the Western Hemisphere & Orient Don Hackbarth, Rules Committee Chairman Brainard Cooper, Board member Lisa Foulke Pline, District Governors Craig Beardsley (4), John Korkosz (5) and representing District 6, Robb Walker. Past Commodore Ralph Swanson and Phil Richmond were also in attendance.

The 1996 minutes were approved as published in the Bulletin.

The following events were discussed:

1997 Jr. World Team - Gonzo Diaz made a motion to approve a maximum donation of \$400 (\$200 per team) from the US Perpetual fund to go toward expenses of the Jr. world teams, based upon receipts after the event, at the judgement of the National Secretary. Don Hackbarth seconded. Motion approved.

1998 Western Hemisphere & Orient - to be held in Japan. As voted on in 1996, top 3 1997 US Nationals and top 2 1997 PCCs will qualify. Will go 5 deep in PCCs.

1999 World Championship - Santiago de la Ribera, Spain. Gonzo Diaz made a motion that the top 3 from the 1998 US Nationals in Gull Lake, Michigan and the top US finisher at the 1998 North Americans will represent the US. Will go 5 deep of the NA finishers if needed. Don Hackbarth seconded. Motion passed.

1998 Womens Worlds - Annapolis and St. Petersburg, FL are interested. Annapolis will present a bid prior to World Board meeting. Charter boats are the only issue.

1998 World Masters - to be held in Cordoba, Argentina.

1998 US Nationals - Gull Lake, Michigan will host. 1st or 2nd week of August dates.

1998 US Masters - Atlanta will host.

1999 US Nationals - District 6 will host. Deciding venue.

1999 US Masters - site needed

2000 US Masters - Past Commodore Ralph Swanson presented a bid from Winchester Boat Club to host the regatta to coincide with the Club's 100 anniversary. Brainard Cooper motioned to accept, John Korkosz seconded. Motion passed.

World Board proposals - Gonzo Diaz discussed the various items that will be presented for discussion and vote at the World Board meeting next month: Finance: International finances are doing well, but we need to do better. Gonzo gave details of numbers: Exec. Director salary is paid 50/50 by US and International. US membership is now 1/4 of total SCIRA membership. The International Board will discuss Directors and Officers liability insurance. ISAF membership fees will be discussed. SCIRA will present to ISAF for the Snipe to be considered as a junior boat. Rulebook will be modified in 2000, and a committee has been chosen to proceed. Membership for non-boat owners will be presented.

Committee Reports

Membership - ED Jerelyn Biehl passed out membership numbers by fleet and district. Terry Timm had discussion on encouraging people to join SCIRA.

Finance - Lee Griffith discussed the International finance situation and the US finances, and said US finances will probably take a loss this year. He will tackle proposals under new business.

Promotion - Lisa Foulke Pline discussed Sail Expo and our past support. Darryl Waskow estimated that he prepares 200 information packets each year, but the needs for volunteers to man the booth drain the local fleet members. Jerelyn Biehl explained letter sent to Sail America re: discrepancies of booth spaces and inconsistencies among the three Sail Expo shows. It

August 9, 1997, Toms River Yacht Club was decided that the US will try to support as we can, financially.

Women's Nationals - new promotion item for US, 12 teams competed this year. US will continue to promote.

Rules Committee - Brainard Cooper discussed need of simpler measurement and reorganization of US measurement. We need a new US Chief Measurer. Possibility of designating district measurers for future nationals.

Fundraising - Terry Timm will tackle to augment the US Perpetual Fund.

US SCIRA Constitution Committee - Lee Griffith has said Phil Richmond has sent a 1st version on disk. It now needs to be looked over by either Leigh Savage or Peter Commette for legal issues. The goals is to find out financial reasons to split from International (to remain tax deductible): consequences of losing status of International; legal - insurance, etc.

New Business

Trophies

US Women's Nationals - Lisa Foulke Pline presented new perpetual trophy. Lisa made a motion to accept Deed of Gift as previously presented. Brainard Cooper seconded. Motion passed.

US Masters - Terry Timm and Jerelyn Biehl explained results of ballot. There were mixed results of the vote between the Masters Endurance and the new proposed masters trophy. John Korkosz proposed that we award the new Master's trophy (not as a perpetual) at the 1997 US Nationals, and study more for the future the presentation of the trophy as a perpetual. Lee Griffith seconded. Motion passed.

National Secretaries trophy - discussion that funds to replace trophy would come from operational funds.

Don Hackbarth volunteered to make trophy covers for many new trophies.

Crosby - It was explained that the current Deed of Gift does not have a equal starting sequence between the flights. Brainard Cooper made a motion to switch the sequence to equal starts. John Korkosz seconded. Motion passed.

Duffy - will enforce current Deed of Gift.

Deed of Gift changes - Phil Richmond discussed course for Wells fleet is not adequate. Lee Griffith motioned to have the Heinzerling and Wells on the same course for 1997 US Nationals. Gonzo Diaz seconded. Motion passed. They will leave location of courses to discretion of Race Committee.

Alternate DNF scoring - Phil Richmond made a motion to override rules for this regatta (Heinz. & Wells) as published in the Sailing Instructions for the 1997 US Nationals. A DNF will give 2 points more than the last boat to finish. Don Hackbarth seconded. Motion passed.

Amateur trophy - discussion of a possible amateur trophy at US Nationals. There was confusion of definition and discussion ended.

Finances

Dues Restructuring —

Terry Timm and Lee Griffith presented 2 proposals for US membership changes:

1) \$5 reduction in dues by charging regatta fees: \$3 for sanctioned events; \$5 for District events; \$10 for inter-District events. This will have the people using SCIRA more paying for the services. The selling point is reduction in dues and an expanded Bulletin. Also, by increasing the merchandise sales, our bottom line should be alright.

2) Offer silver and gold memberships, voluntary, for all sailors. Sailors would receive decal to "ring" their yearly decal signifying silver or gold membership. Silver level would be \$60; Gold level would be \$100. A motion was made by Lee Griffith to try the silver/gold membership for a year or two. Lisa Foulke Pline seconded. Motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm.

US General Meeting

August 12, 1997

Toms River Yacht Club

National Secretary Terry Timm called the meeting to order at 3:15 pm. He asked for a moment of silence to honor Past Commodores Terry Whittemore and Eddie Williams who had both recently passed away.

Terry Timm introduced our 1997 Jr. World team of Dustin Kays and Chris Stang and Steve Hochart and John Warnock. He also announced financial assistance from the US Perpetual fund for the two teams.

1998 Western Hemisphere & Orient team: top 3 competitors from the 1997 US Nationals, and top 2 from the Pacific Coast Champs. qualify.

1999 World Championship: top 3 competitors from the 1998 US Nationals, and top US finisher from the 1998 North Americans.

1998 Women's Worlds: Annapolis and St. Petersburg are interesting in hosting and will submit a bid.

1998 Masters Worlds: Cordoba, Argentina

1998 US Masters: Atlanta, GA

1999 US Nationals: District 6 will host

2000 US Masters: Winchester Boat Club will host in conjunction with YC's 100 anniversary. It was also noted that 10 boats from the Winchester fleet are in attendance at this Nationals.

1998 US Nationals: Gull Lake, Michigan. They will also have trophies for older boats and wooden boats.

Finances: Gonzo Diaz reported the following: Current balance in US Operating fund: \$7,000. US Perpetual Fund: \$28,000. There will be a \$3,000 deficit by the end of the year. Terry Timm is taking steps to eliminate these deficits for the future.

Rules: Brainard Cooper needs a new US Chief measurer. There is new sailcloth on the market that is indistinguishable from dacron. The Rules Committee will revisit the high tech material rule. The RC is interested in thoughts on adopting a 6 minute starting sequence. There will be a worlds measurement clinic to standardize world measurement. Anyone may attend.

US Constitution Committee is ready for our legal consultants.

Women's Nationals: Lisa Foulke Pline organized the regatta and perpetual trophy.

US Finances: Buzz Levinson and Jerry Thompson have both aided the US finances in separate ways; either funding merchandise orders or soliciting donations from former Commodores. With our overall membership declining and expenses remaining the same, we need to look to other ways to adjust our finances. A dues reduction was discussed by the US Board, and tabled. What was passed was a voluntary silver and gold membership aimed at the regatta sailors who travel regularly and reap more SCIRA benefits than those who only sail within their fleet. A silver membership is \$60 or \$20 more than regular US membership. You will receive a silver ring to go behind your yearly decal. A gold membership is \$100 or \$60 more than regular US membership and entitles the sailor to 20% off SCIRA merchandise and a gold ring. Any amount over \$40 is tax deductible. SCIRA USA will prepare a packet for all fleet captains and District Governors and possibly a mailing to all US sailors.

1997 Worlds: Terry Timm encouraged all sailors to come watch and also announced several boats that will be for sale after the regatta.

Don Hackbarth asked all sailors to support crew membership.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45pm.

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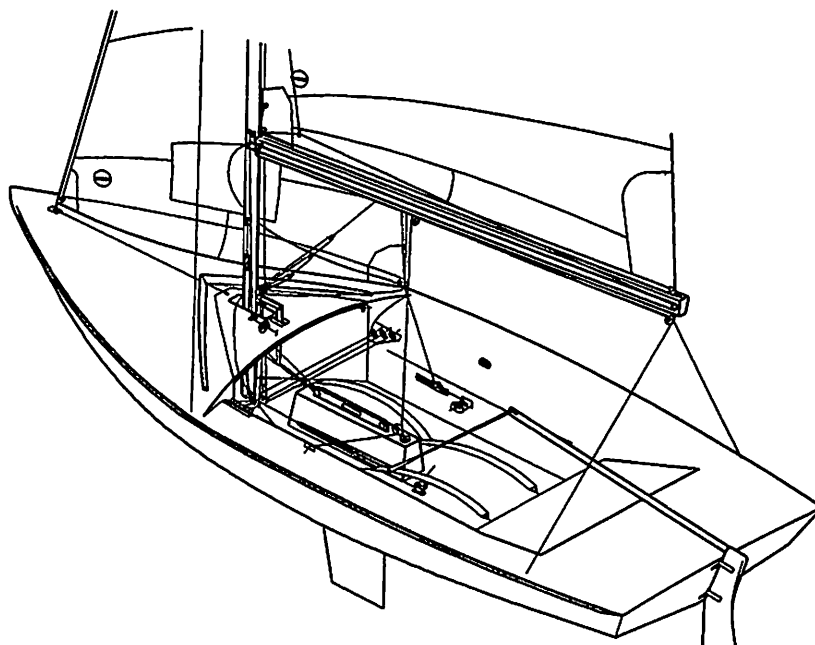
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