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**TERRY WHITTEMORE**, from the Quassapaug Sailing Club, Connecticut, displays the sailing form which won third place at the 1954 U. S. Nationals. Carl Hole is crewing.

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## — THE SCORE —

Numbered SNIPEs-10131  
 Chartered Fleets — 394

**NEW FLEETS.** We are mighty pleased to welcome the fleet #115 of Sheepshead Bay, L. I., N. Y., back into the Association after an absence of 15 years. Jesse Aronstein, 1924 Homecrest Ave., Brooklyn 29, was the spark-plug back of the movement and a charter has been re-issued to him as captain of the fleet. With 7 boats, they are looking for more for next season, so, if you live in the vicinity, get in touch with Jesse.

Carl E. Fowler, Silver Lake, Michigan, is trying to get a new fleet established there before next season. There is a lot of interest and they need boats--especially second-hand ones. There is always a good demand for old snipes in good condition and reasonably priced and many more fleets would be formed if interested parties knew where they could get them.

—Edward McIntosh, 192 Silver St., Dover, N. H., thinks that "Snipes have the best organization and are most keenly competitive of any class in the world" and hopes to sell some of his friends on the boat and a new fleet. —The Fair Haven Yacht Club on Lake Ontario is seriously considering Snipes for its junior sailors who are about to graduate from Prams. However, many of the parents do not want to start with new boats and want to buy second-hand ones. H. C. Estabrook of the Oswego Falls Corp., Fulton, N. Y., is investigating the market. —The above facts prove there is a market for old boats, so why not advertise them in the Bulletin at the special new classified rates? If you know of any boats sitting around unused, encourage the owners to sell them to someone who wants them. Let's get them in circulation where they will do the Association--and your hobby--some good!

Walter MacKinley is the captain of the newly-found Dobson Yacht Club Snipe Fleet #392 of Sydney, N. S., Canada. They have ten boats and were quite active this season.

Charter #393 went to Pajussara, Brazil. The boys of Club de Regates Brazil and Iate Club Pajussara (an old rowing club and a new yacht club) of Maceio, Alagoas, formed this new fleet. They race before Pajussara Beach, a fashionable sea resort.

The most recent charter was #394 issued to the Academia Naval de Cuba. The Academy is located at Mariel, a little harbor 18 miles west of Havana and they are starting with 5 new boats. That sounds like tough competition someday!

**RULE BOOKS.** 1954 Rule books were mailed early in June. If you are entitled to a copy and, for some reason did not get it, contact your Fleet Captain, or notify headquarters.

**NEW REVISED MEASUREMENT SHEETS.** The 1952 sheet was brought up to date in August 1954 and copies are now available for future use. Changes made in the last two years are clearly marked, as, bow changes after #9100 and overall length after #9800. These sheets are not sent out promiscuously and must be ordered by appointed measurers.



Nothing improves the morale of skippers more after a close and exciting race than the award of some recognition for winning top positions. The above reproduction of a snipe decal is the ideal answer to the question of what to do. They

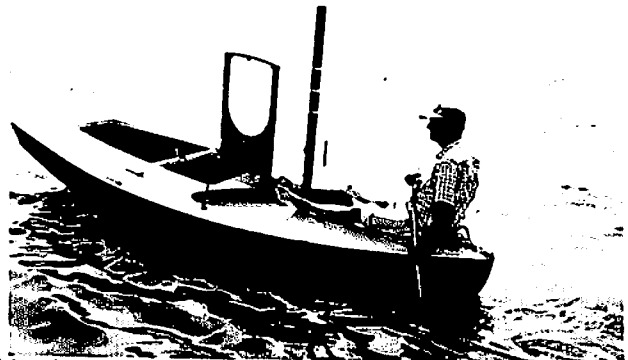
are available in dark blue and bright red backgrounds, thus suitable for first and second place awards. They can be placed on the bow, either side of the splash-boards or boom, or on the transom, and such a display of coups lends considerable color and interest to a fleet.

P. L. Y. C. #110 of Akron has followed this practice for several years, awarding the winners of both Class A and B these decals at the noon luncheons on Sunday, and it has been so successful that we want to encourage other fleets to do the same. If enough interest is displayed, SCIRA will buy in a large quantity, thus getting a good discount, and offer them to racing committees at 12 1/2 cents each, or 8 for a dollar. Talk it over with your officers, and, if interested in the plan for next season, give us some idea of your requirements. It is a cheap form of regular recognition—and also a lot of fun! Actual size of decal is 1 3/4 by 1 1/4 inches

### ATTENTION—*all fleet captains!*

#### ON THE SUBJECT OF DELINQUENT DUES!

This is the final appeal for you to collect all delinquent dues for 1954 and to get all members of your fleet in good standing. After a member has been suspended for non-payment of his dues, he can not be re-instated until the following spring and then only upon payment of his dues in arrears and for the coming year. He is ineligible to sail in any official point score races and, if he can't show a paid-up card when registering for an event, he must be denied entry blanks. It is up to the Fleet Captains to enforce these fundamental rules and thus protect the sport and class. SCIRA'S fine success over 23 years has been due to universal acceptance and strict observance of all rules by all members. Better get them now!



This picture is the answer to the oft-asked question "Does Mills sail a Snipe?" Here he is in action on his boat #7878.

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FIND SAILORS AND YOU'LL FIND GIRLS! Here Miss Vicki Norwood (left) of Atlanta chats with Mrs. Steve Wilson, Omaha Neb., who crews for her husband, and Miss Hattie Carver of Green Lake, Wisconsin, who sails her own boat.



Billy Roberts, 1954 Junior National Champion (left), and his crew, Wert Fox, display their winning number at Mentor Harbor, Ohio. Both boys are from the Privateer Yacht Club in Chattanooga, Tenn.

# Dr. CLEMENTE INCLAN KEEPS CUBAN NATIONAL TITLE

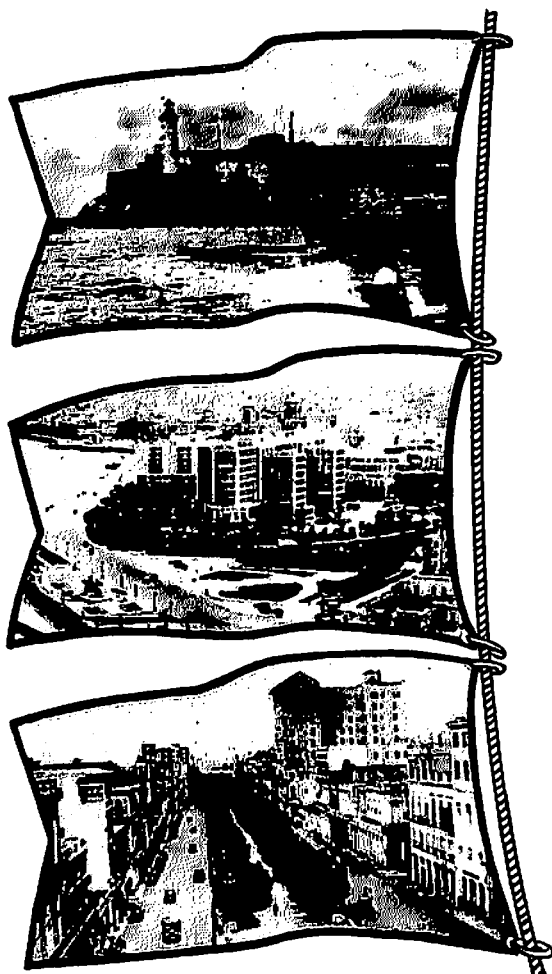
## JORGE BUSTAMENTE RUNNER-UP

Once again, Dr. Clemente Inclan, who is rapidly becoming "the Ted Wells of Cuba", has proven himself to be of real championship caliber. In a fleet of 26 boats, including five from Santiago de Cuba and three from the Mantanzas Fleet, Dr. Inclan won the Cuban National Championship for the second consecutive year in a thrilling final fifth race. Carlos Bosch from Santiago was leading the series until that race, but, when he finished in tenth place, Dr. Inclan was right there to claim the title. As the 1953 Cuban champ, he represented Cuba at Monaco last year, and in 1950 he won the Western Hemisphere regatta. He finished behind Ted Wells in second place in the same event in Clearwater in 1952. Jorge Munoz Bustamante, Cuban champion in 1949 at Larchmont, finished in second place in the Nationals this year and Jorge Mantilla, also well-known in snipe sailing circles, finished third with Carlos Bosch fourth. The races were so close that they were practically tied up for first place and final decision was made by SCIRA point-score figures.

Victories by these men presage a very hot and exciting contest at the 1954 Western Hemispheres in Havana Nov. 15-20th. With Dr. Inclan and Jorge Bustamante representing the local talent, you can be sure that they will do their best to wrest the Hayward Trophy away from the United States. In 1952, five nations--Bermuda, Brazil, Canada, Cuba, and the U. S.--competed in a regatta now famous for its camaraderie and sportsmanship. It is hoped that the entry list will be larger this year and the Havana Fleet #22 at Miramar Yacht Club will endeavor to make the event even more successful and memorable than in 1952. All sailors are invited to watch the champions race and Gonzalo Melendez, Manzana de Gomez 238, Havana, will be pleased to furnish complete details upon request. What could be nicer than a little Fall vacation in Havana?



Each year, Commodore Manuel Rasco, Jr., of the Miramar Yacht Club, Havana, donates a new SNIPE to the Club Snipe Fleet Champion. The top picture shows Commodore Rasco presenting the snipe (in the background) to Paul Argilagos, the 1954 winner. Below is Mr. Rasco with the new winner and those of the years 1951, 1952, and 1953. A very fine custom, indeed!



## *¡Vamos a la Regata!*

### WESTERN HEMISPHERE SNIPE CHAMPIONSHIP

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## JOHN ROSE CHAMPION OF MICHIGAN



Rose and Waring assume the Michigan Victory Pose.

Twenty-six Snipes from 6 fleets participated in the very successful sixteenth annual Michigan State Snipe Championship Regatta on Eagle Lake. John Rose, 19 year-old Grand Rapids sailor, piloted his coral pink Snipe HORNET to victory and the title. Brooks Applegate, who competes for the Portage Lake (Michigan) and Grand Rapids Yacht Clubs, gave Grand Rapids a clean sweep of the two top posts by nabbing second place. John Sundberg of Diamond Lake took 3rd. Rose and his crew, Bill Waring, took 6th, 5th, and 4th in the three heats with CONSISTENCY (there's that word again!) the only factor in winning.

The first race was a light nothing, blowing at 0 to 3 mph. from nowhere to anywhere. One of those races where the boats just sit and rock back and forth on a wave made by a motor boat! Buddy Leonard edged out Jack and Bob Pfaff, the defending champions, by a half boat for first place. Bill Ticknor of Gull Lake took third. The afternoon race was called off for lack of wind.

The next day, Sunday August 29th, the wind picked up to 10 mph. John Sundberg took the lead early and was never headed. Brooks Applegate and Bob Frahm fought for second and third places on a downwind finish.

The third race had about the same conditions with Grand Rapids showing the way. John Nagle got a first with Frahm close on his tail. Butch Rosenbaum, the little man to watch out for (Butch is 14 years old), came through with a fine third for Gull Lake.

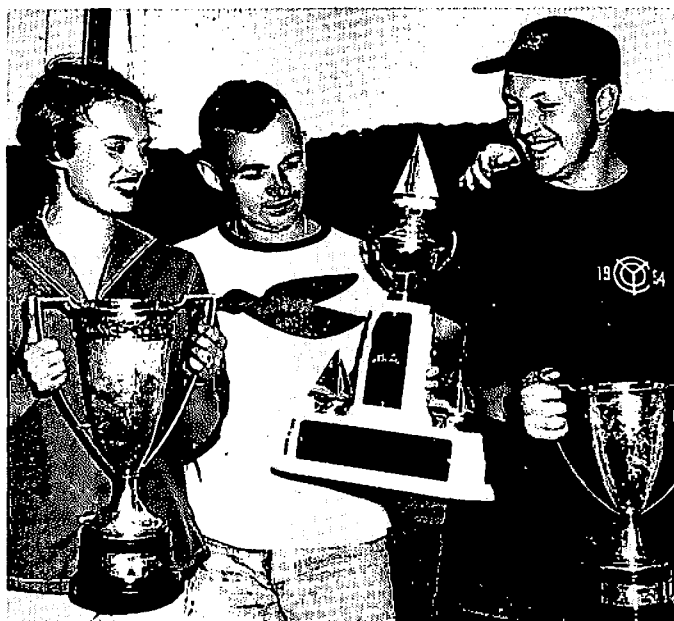
On the whole, the regatta was a great success, and we at Grand Rapids only hope we can do as well in 1955.

NO.	SKIPPER	CLUB.	RACES	1	2	3	Fin.
7181	Rose	Grand Rapids	6	5	4	1	
10010	Applegate	Portage Lake	4	2	11	2	
8588	Sundberg	Diamond Lake	9	1	8	3	
3994	Frahm	Grand Rapids	14	3	2	4	
7131	Wurster	Diamond Lake	8	4	7	5	
9299	Pfaff	Eagle Lake	2	7	12	6	
7999	Leonard	Diamond Lake	1	18	6	7	
6715	Nagle	Grand Rapids	16	13	1	8	
9314	Rosenbaum	Gull Lake	5	DSQ	3	9	
8585	Scheuneman	Diamond Lake	10	15	5	10	
9729	Baxter	Grand Rapids	7	14	9	11	
9370	Murphy	Indian Lake	12	6	15	12	
7377	Singer	Eagle Lake	21	8	10	13	
7902	Ellsasser	Diamond Lake	18	11	14	14	
9297	Ticknor	Gull Lake	3	24	22	15	
8364	Green	Indian Lake	19	10	23	16	
9525	Hess	Eagle Lake	DNF	12	13	17	
9240	Rowe	Diamond Lake	DNF	9	20	18	
8049	Hasty	Eagle Lake	20	17	16	19	
7020	Krause	Diamond Lake	13	23	18	20	
4349	Nichols	Wawasee Lake	15	16	25	21	
9184	Lundt	Eagle Lake	11	22	24	22	
9371	Weissert	Indian Lake	17	21	21	23	
4381	Harrett	Grand Rapids	DNF	20	17	24	
8668	Holt	Eagle Lake	DNF	19	19	25	

—Bill Waring.

## BRUCE HUSTON MAKES CLEAN SWEEP

*Wins New York State Championship  
Also Briody and Retzhaupt CUPS*



TRIPLE WINNERS — Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Huston of Sodus Bay Yacht Club get help from runner-up Al Kroeger (right) of the host Newport Yacht Club in holding trophies won at the New York State Snipe Regatta.

Two fifth places were the best Bruce Huston and his snipe "Slip Stick" from Sodus Bay Y. C. could do in the finale of the triple Snipe regatta on Irondequoit Bay, but with his two first day wins, they were all he needed. When the points were added up, Huston and his wife, Helen, who crews for him, stood at the top of the lists for all three trophies at stake--the new New York State Snipe Championship trophy, the Briody Cup, and the Retzhaupt Cup.

This event is conducted each year under the auspices of the New York State Snipe Association and the system of awarding prizes is quite interesting. Points in the first three races go for the Briody Trophy while points in the last three races count for the Retzhaupt Cup. Then high total points for all four races determine the N. Y. State title. Huston outpointed the 31 other snipe skippers in all four races sailed off the host Newport Y. C. for the two days to become a three-time winner in District # 5.

Chuck Webster in his "Feather" from Oak Orchard Y. C. won the third race in light shifting winds and was ahead in the 4th and final race when a private puff that was speeding him down the Bay suddenly ran out and left him sitting there while 16 boats went past him. Bob Vreeland, of Newport, and Rear-Commodore of SCIRA, won this one.

Al Kroeger of Newport, who renamed his boat from Crazy to Holiday and sailed it for the first time in this regatta, was runner-up in the four races for the state title. He had a 2nd, 11th, 4th, and 3rd. Carl Toth of Paradise Point Y. C. near Syracuse was third in total points with a 5th, 3rd, 10th, and 2nd. Fourth was Vreeland, with Frank Danenberg of Newport fifth and Webster sixth. Runner-up for the Briody Trophy was Webster with Danenberg third, Al Kroeger fourth, Toth fifth, and Vreeland sixth. Vreeland was second for the Retzhaupt races with Toth third, Al Kroeger fourth, Danenberg fifth, and Jackson Cummings of Paradise Point sixth. Howard Fletcher of Olcott Y. C., Commodore of the New York State Snipe Association, presented the awards.



"Did you hear about the two little "octopusses" that were walking down the street hand in hand in hand in hand in hand? They were just a couple of crazy, mixed-up squids!"



# GREAT LAKES CHAMPIONSHIP WON BY ALAN LEVINSON OF WAWASEE, IND.

*Carl Zimmerman 2nd and Jack Pfaff 3rd.*

## INDIAN LAKE WINS DUNPHY TROPHY

After months of talking and planning, and days of work, the week of July 20th was upon us, and time for the boats to appear for the Great Lakes Championship and Dunphy Team Races. Tom Wurster, going to summer school, was the first to arrive on Wednesday with his boat, and by Thursday evening, the fun really started with 9 boats arriving faster than a crew of 10 could check them in. Before the night was over, all 9 had been measured in and the sails stamped. Friday, the day of the first race, was clear, and all morning long the boats rolled in until 29 were accounted for. At 12:30, Leon Irish of Green Lake (Mich.) came tearing up to the desk to ask if he was too late to register--he had thrown a wheel on his trailer and been delayed making repairs.

The first race finally started at 2 o'clock Friday P. M. with 30 boats on the starting line. The sun shone brightly, and the wind was so soft it barely moved the flag on the flag-pole. Half way through the first leg, what wind there was shifted to such a degree that the boats which had worked carefully to windward, suddenly found themselves leeward of the fleet, while the leeward boats were in excellent position but had overlaid the mark. Alan (Buzzy) Levinson of Wawasee YC. (who had stayed fairly well in the middle of the fleet) came to the fore and, after being challenged briefly by Leon Irish, (sailing a beautiful boat which he had built himself), rounded the windward mark in the first position and was never headed. Portage Lakes Y. C. of Akron, which had entered three boats, then made a clean sweep of the next three places with Larry Wheeler second, Carl Zimmerman third, and Ham Johnson fourth.

The first race Saturday A. M. was also sailed in light, shifty air. Buddy Leonard of Diamond Lake was first at the windward mark, closely followed by Jack Pfaff of Eagle Lake with Carl Zimmerman third and Freddy Weissert of Indian Lake in fourth spot. The second leg was a broad reach, and, when the lead boats stayed too close to shore and were becalmed near the end of the leg, Buzzy Levinson, who was in fifth place but had stayed out from the shore, passed all the leaders but Leonard and finished second with Zimmy on his tail for a third place.

The final race Sunday A. M. was sailed with good steady wind. Levinson quickly emerged in front, closely followed by Zimmerman and Pfaff with the rest of the fleet well behind. That was the race, for Buzzy remained in front with Zimmerman and Pfaff finishing in order. And thus a Levinson won the Great Lakes Championship again, but not without some local help. He arrived at the regatta without a crew, but was ably assisted by two of the Gull Lake skippers--Roger Brusse crewing for him in the first two races and Woody Boudeman in the last one. The name of Levinson has appeared several times on the Chalmer Burns Trophy and this was Alan's second win--big brother Frank has also had two wins.

The two team races for the Dunphy Trophy were held Saturday P. M. The first one was a windward-leeward and a real sitter, with all boats stalled at the starting cannon. A light breeze finally drifted across the line and the windward boats got off to a fair start. Once again, Buddy Leonard got to the windward mark first, closely followed by Lloyd Green of Indian Lake. The defending champions, Zimmerman and Wheeler, spent a great deal of time and effort helping each other by trying to out-manouver the contending boats, and, as it turned out, it was time they could ill afford. Halfway through the run, the breezes shifted once again, so that the boats which had led at the windward mark finished in the second ten while the boats from the rear went slamming past. Bruce Murphy of Indian Lake won the race and, when his team partner, Weissert, finished in the fourth spot, the Indian Lake Club was in excellent position, for Zimmerman and Wheeler took an 8th and 10th respectively.

The second team race was won by a Gull Lake boat--the first time that has ever happened. It was sailed in very light air and the winning boat was skippered and crewed by the VanderSalm brothers, aged 13 and 11 respectively and in their second year of sailing. But Bruce Murphy followed his fine first with an excellently sailed fifth and when his partner Weissert came in 14th, the title was theirs. In this race, Wheeler took a 2nd and Zimmerman a 9th, giving the defending champions a final 2nd place. 3rd place went to Leon Irish and Bud Ely of Green Lake, Michigan, a relatively new Snipe fleet with all the boats used in this fleet being made by members. Their 3rd was earned by virtue of a fine 2nd by Ely and a 6th by Irish in the first race, and in the last race, Ely finished 7th, but their cause was dampened somewhat by the 22nd spot taken by Irish.

We were well pleased with the attendance, for 30 boats represented 10 different fleets and 13 teams representing 9 fleets participated in the 5 races. Grand Rapids, Diamond, Indian, and Gull Lakes had 2 teams each, while PL-YC #110, Green Lake, Wawasee, Eagle, and Peoria had 1 team each.

The regatta was blessed with beautiful weather--no hint of rain, but, aside from the last race, the winds were very light and shifty. Friday evening the sailors and their guests enjoyed a get-acquainted picnic at the Fred Sherriff home, and then were entertained at a corn roast at Art Stone's home on Saturday evening. At the Friday picnic, former SCIRA Commodore Carl Zimmerman conducted an election of officers for District #3.

We all had a wonderful time--we talked sailing--lived sailing--and dreamed of sailing for three days. Now it is all over for another year, and only the sunburn remains to call attention to the activities of a grand week-end.

### GREAT LAKES CHAMPIONSHIPS.

No.	SKIPPER	CLUB.	RACES	1	2	3	Fin.
7346	A. Levinson	Wawasee YC.	1	2	1	1	
6775	C. Zimmerman	Portage Lakes YC.	4	3	2	2	
9299	J. Pfaff	Eagle Lake YC.	5	5	3	3	
7999	B. Leonard	Diamond Lake YC.	8	1	6	4	
9902	H. Johnson	Portage Lakes YC.	3	10	7	5	
9371	F. Weissert	Indian Lake YC.	7	4	12	6	
8644	L. Wheeler	Portage Lakes YC.	2	11	14	7	
3994	R. Frahm	Grand Rapids YC.	10	6	11	8	
7131	T. Wurster	Diamond Lake YC.	6	8	17	9	
9370	B. Murphy	Indian Lake YC.	11	12	13	10	
6715	J. Nagle	Grand Rapids YC.	9	20	9	11	
10010	B. Applegate	Portage Lake (Mich)	19	18	4	12	
9588	L. Irish	Green Lake (Mich)	13	25	5	13	
9590	B. Ely	Green Lake "	17	14	16	14	
9603	T. VanderSalm	Gull Lake YC.	21	9	21	15	
7181	J. Rose	Grand Rapids YC.	16	13	23	16	
9732	D. Thede	Grand Rapids YC.	22	22	10	17	
4845	T. Shank	Gull Lake YC.	20	21	15	18	
9362	J. Call	Wawasee YC.	27	26	8	19	
8364	L. Green	Indian Lake YC.	14	17	27	20	
9240	B. Rowe	Diamond Lake YC.	24	7	dns	21	
8049	L. Hasty	Eagle Lake YC.	23	16	20	22	
9804	J. Keyser	Gull Lake YC.	12	29	22	23	
4227	A. Ash	Indian Lake YC.	15	30	19	24	
9184	M. Lundt	Eagle Lake YC.	18	28	18	25	
6447	A. Zinn	Gull Lake YC.	25	15	24	26	
4556	S. Salzenstein	Peoria YC.	28	19	25	27	
4828	R. McMasters	Peoria YC.	26	23	28	28	
5635	B. Hayes	Wawasee YC.	29	27	26	29	
10005	R. Virgil	Diamond Lake YC.	30	24	dns	30	

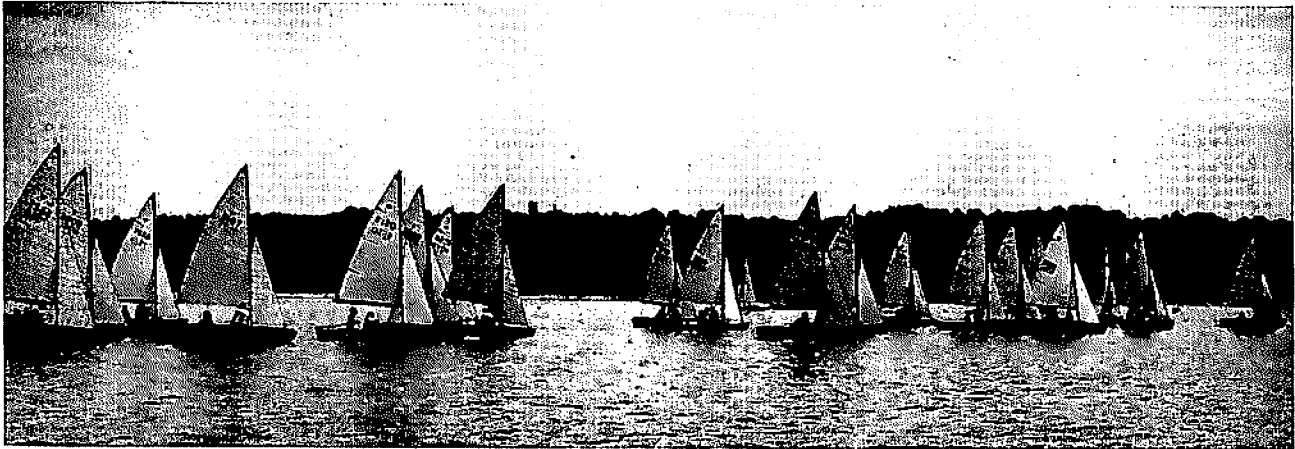
### DUNPHY TEAM RACES.

POS.	CLUB.	SKIPPER.
1	Indian Lake YC.	Murphy and Weissert
2	Portage Lake YC, Ohio.	Zimmerman and Wheeler
3	Green Lake YC., Mich.	Irish and Ely
4	Gull Lake YC.	VanderSalm and Shank
5	Wawasee YC.	Levinson and Call
6	Gull Lake YC.	Keyser and Zinn
7	Grand Rapids YC.	Thede and Rose
8	Diamond Lake YC.	Rowe and Virgil
9	Indian Lake YC.	Green and Ash
10	Eagle Lake YC.	Pfaff and Hasty
11	Grand Rapids YC.	Frahm and Nagle
12	Diamond Lake YC.	Leonard and Wurster
13	Peoria YC.	Salzenstein and McMasters

By Edna Rosenbaum.

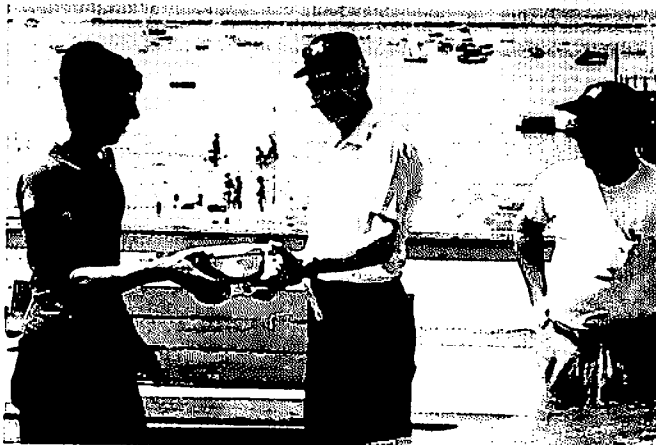
# — SEA CLIFF REGATTA VERY SUCCESSFUL —

## JOE REMLIN FROM CEDAR POINT RETAINS HIS TITLE

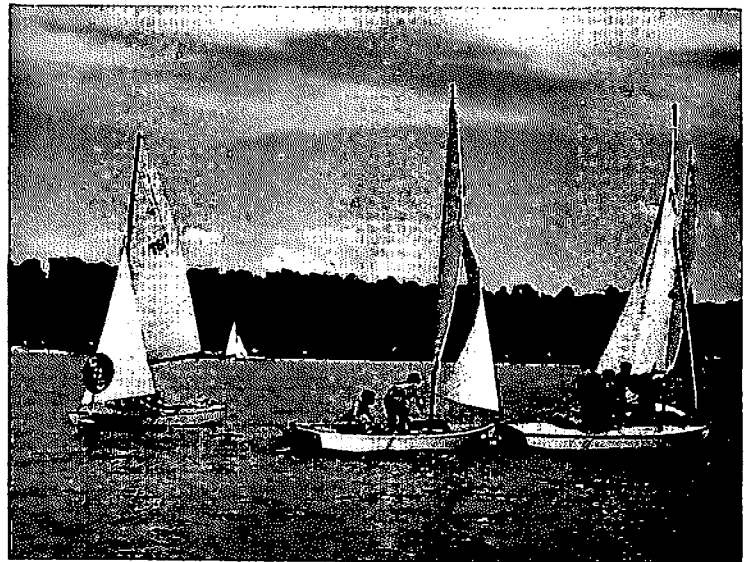


Terry Whittemore in Snipe #7432 leads the fleet in one of the Sea Cliff races.

—Manhasset Bay Fleet photos.



Race Committee officials hand trophy to Joe Remlin, skipper of FBI II, and winner of the Sea Cliff Invitational Regatta.



STANDING ROOM ONLY AT THIS BUOY!

The Sea Cliff Snipe Fleet at Sea Cliff, L. I., N. Y., held their annual Snipe Invitational Regatta July 10-11th this year and 32 craft from various fleets on Long Island Sound, Eastchester Bay, Great South Bay, and Connecticut lakes (even Lake Erie was considered as tributary waters and James Dixon of Mentor Harbor, Ohio, talked his way in) sweated out three races in light airs, but otherwise dreamy weather.

The winds were so light and variable that the Race Committee barely managed to get the two races on Saturday and the final race Sunday morning completed. But Joe Remlin, skipper of FBI II, from Cedar Point and the winner of the 1953 regatta, defended his title successfully with a 10th, 1st, and 3rd places and retained possession of the trophy. But it was no easy task, for Harry Allen of Lake Quassapaug led with a 1st and 2nd in the first two races and bowed out only at the last minute when fluky winds shoved him back into 12th position on the finish line.

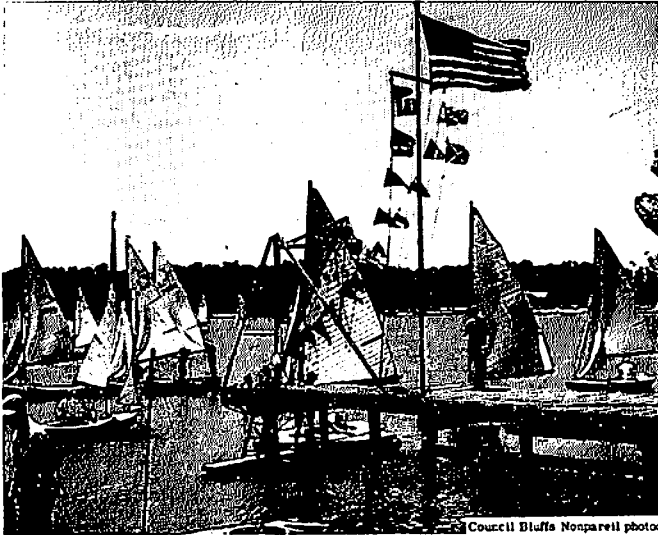
Sea Cliff was quite happy with the success of their big event, especially pleased with the 8 entries from Lake Quassapaug, Connecticut, which is quite some distance away—a good 8 hour trailing trip. They gave the rest of the skippers a good work-out and were well rewarded for their efforts, for they won four of the first seven places in the final standing, taking the 2nd, 3rd, 6th, and 7th positions. This regatta certainly proved the oft-claimed fact that Snipers love good competition and will go a long way to get it.

—Rosemary Curley.

### FINAL RESULTS--SEA CLIFF REGATTA.

NO.	SKIPPER	CLUB	RACES	1	2	3	Fin.
7588	Joe Remlin	Cedar Point	10--1--3				1
8800	Harry Allen	Quassapaug	1--2-12				2
9321	George Schwenk	Quassapaug	5--7--5				3
8641	Bengt Johnson	Sea Cliff	2-13--4				4
8698	Jim Dixon	Mentor Harbor	7--4--8				5
9333	Clyde Gischel	Quassapaug	8--5--6				6
7432	Terry Whittemore	Quassapaug	16--3--1				7
9107	Roger Swanson	Winchester	11--6--7				8
4144	Tom Steward	Sea Cliff	3-22-10				9
7617	Barse Miller	Manhasset	4-16-18				10
9489	John MacMahon	Cedar Point	12-11-15				11
7439	Rosemary Curley	Sea Cliff	6-23-11				12
6977	Jean Blanchard	City Island	9-DNF-2				13
7000	Ted Cronyn	Manhasset	13-12-18				14
7800	Joseph S. Lea	East Chester	15--9-23				15
9448	Luke Czarny	Quassapaug	24-8-17				16
7856	Bob Chatfield	Quassapaug	18-19-13				17
3993	George Christman	Sea Cliff	20-18-22				18
8000	Hal Winston	City Island	17-21-14				19
9130	Edmund Trunk	Sea Cliff	14-24-19				20
8051	Dave Rodgers	Quassapaug	DNF-10-20				21
8078	Dick Sainburg	Quassapaug	26-14-21				22
7885	Howard Watts	Middlebury	28-15-24				23
8427	Carol Bassett	Manhasset	29-DNF-9				24
9872	George Austin	Winchester	19-20-DNF				25
6385	Tom Legere	Winchester	23-17-DNF				26
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# WELLS WINS MISSOURI VALLEY REGATTA



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**OFF TO THE RACES....** as the fleet sails out of the dock area at the fifth annual Missouri Valley Regatta.

Ted Wells shook off a virtual three-way tie going into the last race to waltz home the winner of the final heat and the entire event at the Iowa-Nebraska regatta, Lake Manawa, Iowa, July 10th and 11th. 24 snipes from six states vied for two trophies and watched Wells and Dwight Westholt, Kansas City ace, run off with the honors in light and tricky breezes at this fifth annual affair.

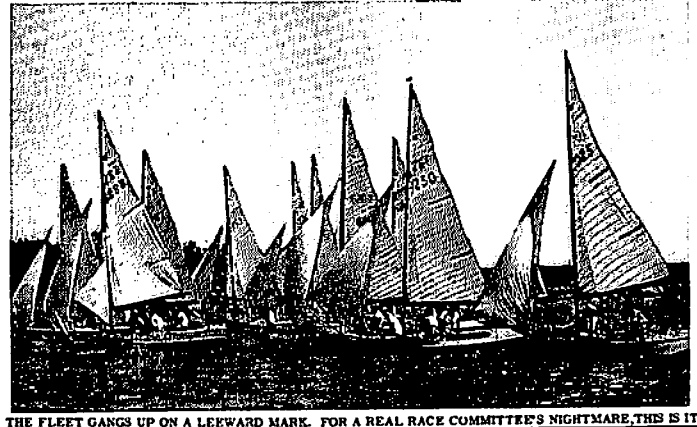
Westholt carried off the special Omaha Centennial Trophy by handily winning the first heat. Wells picked up the Nonpareil Perpetual Trophy and a television set to cart back to his new home in Wichita.

In the first heat Saturday, O'Brien Bros. from the host fleet held down the lead for two laps only to be overtaken by Westholt in the final stanza. Wells was third. Westholt jumped off to an early lead in the second race of the day, pressed at times by Wells, Gilreath, Williams, and the O'Brien Bros. Again the lead boat was overtaken, however, this time right at the finish line, where a three-way photo finish saw Wells first, O'Brien second, and Westholt third, all by inches. Gilreath, defending champ, was fourth and Williams fifth.

Ties for practically the first five places were noted at the end of Saturday's racing, and the discussion was carried on during the cocktail party, banquet, and dance that followed at the Elks Country Club headquarters. Wells and Westholt were tied for first place with a 1-3 each, with the O'Brien Bros. just two points behind with a 2-2. Joe Ramel of Kansas City and Gilreath were tied for fourth and fifth place with a 4-7 each. However, Wells got down to business at the start of the final heat on Sunday and Eddie Williams was the only one to make it interesting for him at the wire. They were nip and tuck around the entire course with Wells across first by a boat length. In this final stanza, O'Briens' fifth placed them second over-all and Westholt's seventh put him in third. Gilreath's third place placed him fifth in



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total standing while John Rix, another former Iowa-Nebraska champ, was seventh over-all.

## FINAL RESULTS.

SKIPPER	CLUB	RACES	1	2	3	PTS.
1 Ted A. Wells	Wichita, Kans.	3--1--1				4644
2 O'Brien Bros.	I.N.S.A.	2--2--5				4338
3 D. Westholt	Kansas City, Mo.	1--3--7				4200
4 Eddie Williams	Kansas City, Mo.	6--5--2				4042
5 Harold Gilreath	Wichita, Kans.	7--4--3				3969
6 Joe Ramel	Kansas City, Mo.	4--7--4				3894
7 John Rix	Wichita, Kans.	8--6--6				3539
8 Bob McClung	I.N.S.A.	5--8--8				3474
9 Gordon Freyder	I.N.S.A.	12-12-10				2843
10 Art Hoffman	Wichita, Kans.	10-11-15				2537
11 Bill Ames, Jr.	Wichita, Kans.	18-10--9				2514
12 Jim Paxton	I.N.S.A.	9-16-14				2378
13 John Douglas	I.N.S.A.	11--9-DNF				2213
14 Earl Simpson	I.N.S.A.	13-13-17				2144
15 Floyd Hughes, Jr.	I.N.S.A.	15-15-13				2136
16 Steve Wilson	I.N.S.A.	17-17-12				1993
17 Cleve Slauson	Peoria, Ill.	14-DSQ-11				1885
18 Sam Card	Denver, Colo.	19-14-18				1742
19 Harry Richardson	I.N.S.A.	16-18-19				1638
20 Sidey Bros.	I.N.S.A.	21-20-16				1466
21 Bob Hanson	I.N.S.A.	23-21-20				1165
22 Hy Sturges	I.N.S.A.	20-19-DSQ				1161
23 Bob Mockler	I.N.S.A.	22-23-22				1046
24 Ted Morse	I.N.S.A.	DSQ-22-21				1017

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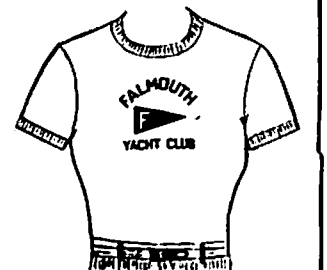
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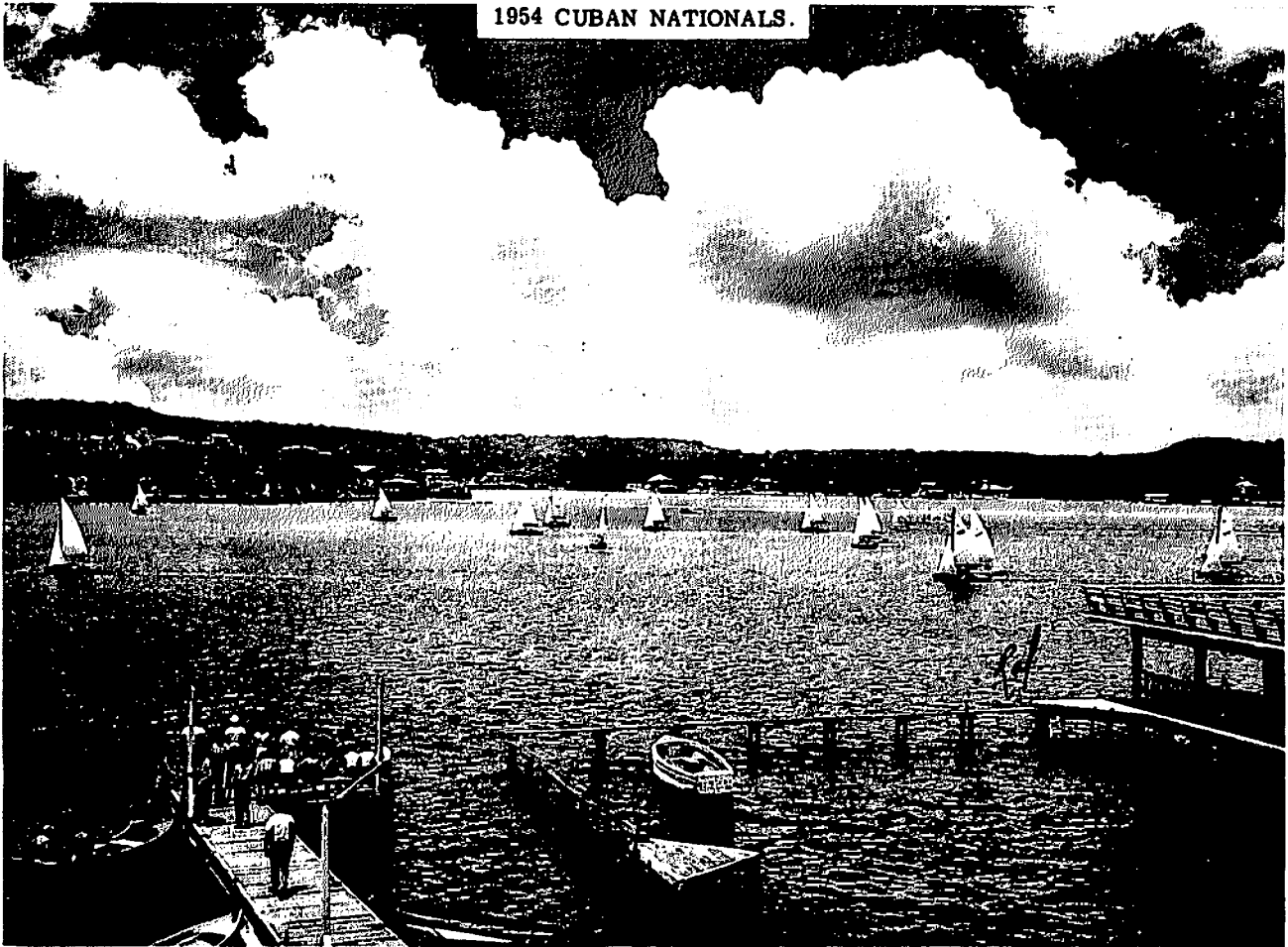
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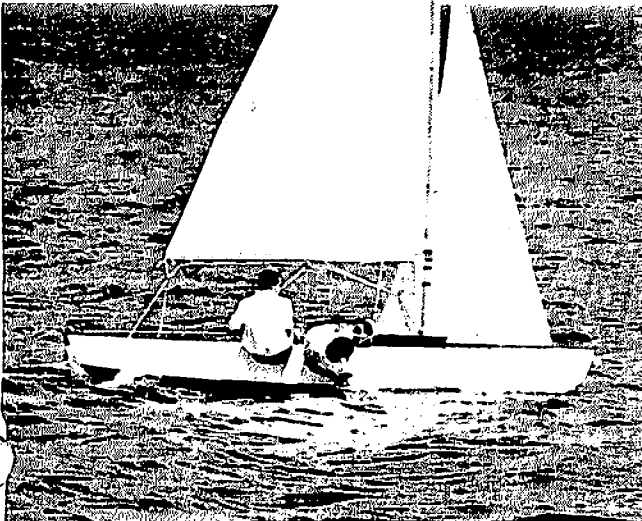


Twenty-two snipes from three fleets participated in the fourth annual regatta at Santiago de Cuba. Dr. Clemente Inclan of Havana won the Bacardi Trophy for the third consecutive time.

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# Wells Wanderings

by  
Ted Wells



## QUESTIONS LEFT OVER FROM THE NATIONALS.

A lot of people seem to be confused on the reason for locating the mast at any particular fore-and-aft position; probably because there is considerable variation in the position of the masts on the boats owned by good skippers who show up at the Nationals. Some people feel that their own boat goes better to windward with the mast 4 to 5 inches back from the forward limit and, in justification for this opinion, point out the fact that a number of boats sailed by top skippers have their masts located in this position.

It is my personal opinion that the mast can be anywhere in the front 4 or 5 inches of the range allowed, and it will make no difference whatever in the performance of the boat in normal wind velocities. The only advantage of putting the mast all the way forward is to reduce weather helm, both on a beat and on a reach, when sailing in high winds. In this part of the country--when we have any water to sail on--we generally have to sail most of the time in 25 to 30 mph winds, and therefore we normally place our masts at the forward limit. In many parts of the country, skippers are not faced with this problem, and I think that it makes no difference where they place their masts.

After the last race in the Crosby series in Fairport Harbor, where the winds started out at about 20-25 mph and finished up at about 30-35 mph, one skipper, with whom I had had quite an argument on the subject of mast location, came around and said, "I see what you mean now!"

The prize remark, however, I believe was when another skipper came around after this race and said, "Do flat sails really help any in a wind like that?" The answer to that is, of course, that if you are young enough, husky enough, and heavy enough, you can get by with a medium or full sail in quite a high wind; but it certainly makes life much easier for the average person to use a flat sail in a high wind.

Another thing that always astonishes me is the number of persons who will go out in a wind like the one in that particular race with the sail raised all the way to the top of the mast. It is amazing how much easier the boat handles and how much flatter you can hold it by dropping the boom to the bottom band or halfway between the bottom and the middle band on the mast.

Another interesting observation which can be made at any regatta is that it is invariably the top skippers who get out to the starting line the farthest ahead of the time before any race. I would guess that on an average the top one-fourth of the skippers are always among the first third of the boats to show up. I will admit that I have been awfully sad on occasion while beating my brains out for 30 or 40 minutes sailing around in a high wind while the race committee waited for the last guy to show up, but in general, it seems to me that one can start out a race in a much more relaxed condition after having had an opportunity to see what the wind and the waves are like and get a general feel of the conditions under which the race will be run.

And speaking of practice, if I ever had any doubts in my mind about the value of lots of practice, I certainly had them

removed to my complete satisfaction (or dis-satisfaction) at the Nationals. Wichita's Santa Fe Lake has been nonexistent since last year sometime, so the only sailing that we have had a chance to do has been at regattas away from home. Sailing in an occasional regatta simply does not get the job done as far as keeping the skipper tuned up is concerned, and no amount of fussing or fiddling with a boat or the sails will tune up the skipper.

I have received quite an interesting comment from a snipe sailing friend of mine in England, Dr. Clark Penman. He mentioned that one of the newest English racing classes has a very fancy system to rake the mast slightly aft while going to windward and then to rake it forward when on a run or a reach. In this class, they seem to think that it improves the performance of the boat considerably, and, of course, in a snipe with loose rigging, exactly the same thing is accomplished automatically. I had always thought that the only advantage of loose rigging was in permitting the jib to be trimmed flatter on a beat without interference from the side stay, but maybe there is more to it after all.

Each country is entitled to send its two top skippers to compete at Havana. Tom Frost and Ted Wells are thus eligible to represent the U. S., but Tom is a freshman in college this Fall and is unable to get away. Therefore, Terry Whittemore, ranking 3rd in the Nationals, is the next in line and has accepted the opportunity with pleasure. He, his wife, and brother Bob, who will crew for him, will fly down to Havana. Ted will be accompanied by his wife, Marge, and Fred Schenck will be on hand to crew for him. Fred married the charming girl who accompanied the California group to the Nationals in September and the trip will be a delayed honeymoon. One of the wedding presents was a fine new Varalyay Snipe presented to the happy couple by the bride's parents, so Fred expects to show up as a skipper next season. Fred stated at Mentor that, when he got married, he was going to be the boss or know the reason why. Now, of course, he knows the reason why! In the meantime, Francis Seavy in 4th place and Guy Roberts in 5th stand by as alternates. In any case, the U. S. will be represented by its best sailors. B. M.

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## LONG ISLAND SOUND SNIPE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP TO QUASSA PAUG.

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Three fleets entered teams of three snipes each and, once again, Lake Quassapaug, in their second year of competition, won the event. The team was led by Harry Allen, who won all three races, and consisted of Allen, Clyde Gischel, and George Schwenk. The City Island entries, Ray Kaufman, Jean Blanchard, and Irving Margolies, came in second, while the Cedar Point group, Joe Remlin, Pat Coley, and Jack McMahon brought up the rumble seat. The wind on the last day was 30 mph. and the surf was even higher than at the 1954 Nationals. Special tribute to the girls, Kay Gischel, Jean Blanchard, and Pat Coley, is noted for the grand job they did in very rough going.

This victory, coupled with Allen's winning of the Sea Cliff Invitational Regatta in July and the good showing made by Quassapaug entries there, gives our local fleet a considerable shot-in-the-arm. We will have over 20 Snipes in our fall series, which begins the last week in September. The way our own fleet is growing never ceases to amaze me. **HOT DOG!** Prospects for next year look better than ever. We'll be seeing you then--and winning our fair share, I hope!

—Terry Whittemore.

### Bantam Lake Invitational Races

The Bantam Lake Yacht Club (Conn.) held its annual Snipe Regatta Sept. 18-19th and 17 Snipes participated on a lovely fall day following Hurricane Edna. Terry Whittemore won first place, Ray Tyler second, and Tom St. John, Jr., third.

### Harry Levinson New Maryland Champ!

The Maryland Snipe Championship was held on Deep Creek Lake in Western Maryland as part of the Deep Creek Yacht Club Regatta August 14-15th. The races were held in winds varying from 8 to 12 mph. the first day and 14 to 18 mph. the second.

Harry Levinson of the Columbia Yacht Club and the Potomac River Fleet, was crowned 1954 Maryland Champion. George S. Brown, age 13, of the host Deep Creek Fleet, was second and Bruce Wetmore, Potomac River, sailing a new fiber glass boat, was third in the final standings.

In the first race Saturday P. M., Levinson got a fair start with two boats ahead of him which he quickly passed on the first leg of a six leg, 3 mile dog-leg, which included three beats, one run, and two reaches. The battle for second was won by Bruce Wetmore twenty feet in front of Brown. Charles Dills, of Columbia Yacht Club, was fourth. The second race, with a longer course, started immediately after the first and ended up with all boats finishing in exactly the same order.

The third race, over the dog-leg course again, was sailed Sunday at 11:30 after a postponement of an hour because of rain. Levinson, after a late start, worked his way to the lead and held it until the fourth leg where Brown overtook him and held on to the finish. Levinson came in second, Wetmore third, and Bob Knipe, of Deep Creek, was fourth.

Trophies were awarded for first, second, and third places. A new feature was the Second Division Trophy which was awarded to the Snipe with the highest score which hadn't won a major regatta trophy in the last two years. Taylor Brown, age 11, of Deep Creek, sailed his boat, named the "ANTI-WELLS" (#796) to victory in this division.

Social events included a dinner-dance Saturday night at the club house. All hands expressed satisfaction with the event and have requested that it be continued. One source of regret was that Yvette and William Rushlow, the 1953 Maryland Champions, were unable to attend to defend their title.

— George S. Brown.

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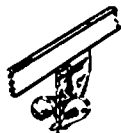
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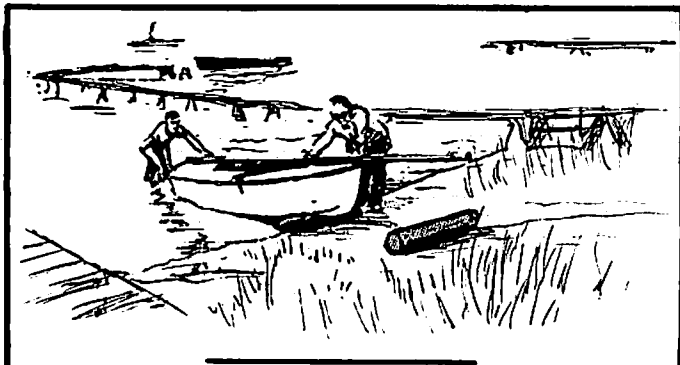
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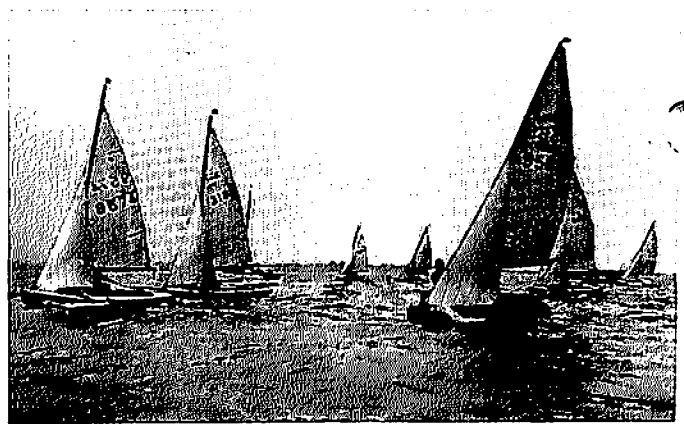


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Maldon Y. C. and Stone S. C. were hosts to the British Snipe Fleets for the National Championship on the River Blackwater on July 17th and 18th. Arrangements were perfect except for the weather which was so bad that regattas were cancelled at our main yachting centres. In spite of this, 27 boats came to the line for the first race. Capsizes, gear failure, and plain exhaustion brought the numbers down in each succeeding race, but 15 managed to survive to fight through to the end.

Ron Moody of the Stone Fleet sailed well and consistently to win the Championship. He had a 3rd, two 1sts, and a 2nd for 6165 points. D. Tomlinson of the new Broadstairs Fleet was in second place with a 1st, 10th, 2nd, and 4th for 5451 pts. A broken fairlead in the second race cost him a lot of points. Third place went to C. Christiansen, Commodore of the Stone S. C. He had two 3rds and tv 7ths, 5200 pts. The next three places were filled by Reg Coates, defending champion, of the Maldon Fleet; Clark Penman, Northwich Fleet, and Edmund Hine, Northwich Fleet.

At last the good work of the crews is being appreciated and given recognition. John McKinlay, Commodore of Maldon Y. C. , presented a handsome cup to be held by the winning crew for a year. This was gained by Titch Condor, who crewed for Ron Moody. Those two will represent Britain in the European Championship at Arcachon.

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