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Dear Snipe Class Member,

In recent months I have become very frustrated with the *extent* of the practices of the #1 sailmaker in my industry. In their effort to promote their sails they have gathered up a large number of the top sailors in our class and given them sails and on occasion covered their regatta expenses*. These sailors have ably demonstrated how they can beat our class members on the race course.

Sailmaking has become a difficult and expensive industry. As manager of our Snipe division I rely on my participation in the class to satisfy most of our development and promotional needs. The service I offer to my customers and other class members comes with the complete backing of Sobstad Sails. I do also discount sails to a few people who can assist me in these areas as their efforts support our goals of product improvement.

I was the only Snipe sailmaker that thought the US Nationals was an important enough event to attend. I got third in the event after leading the whole way but choking in the final two races. And what did the #1 sailmaker do? They sent their squad and won. Being number two is tough, but I feel that the Snipe class deserves a sailmaker that will compete with them but also work for them. My involvement promises you the very latest in tuning and equipment updates. With Sobstad you can be assured that we will be competing with you and *not* against you.

Sincerely,

Craig Leweck

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THE COMMODORE'S BULLHORN

Congratulations to Wolstenholme and Williams, winners of the 46th International Snipe British Championship. This series was sailed in a variety of conditions that challenged everyone and produced true champions. A hardy hip-hip-hooray is in order for Doug Clark and Alex Stout, the new U.S. Champions, and for John Macrae and Pam Paufler who swept the Wells series.

At the recent U.S. Board meeting Chairman of the Long Range Planning Committee, Means Davis, reported on their findings from 1989-1990. Some of their findings and suggestions are practical and others very interesting that require more discussion and input from the membership. Although inactive for a few years this committee is again functioning.

Suggestions from the LRPC that could possibly reduce costs and simplify the boat thereby making it easier to sail and sell are: standardization of the mast step—all masts could then be made the same length and be interchangeable between boats. Standardizing centerboard trunk heights would make centerboards interchangeable. Specifying one position for gudgeons on the transom and pintles on the rudders would make rudder replacement easier. One wonders why such changes have not been implemented in the past. Such changes would benefit both builders and sailors in the future.



In 1990 Bill Buckles reported that Snipes could be built for \$3,500.00 U.S. (hopefully this is still true) if masts are not tapered (saves 30% of the cost with no difference in performance), if expensive hardware is not used, and if many of the mast and sail trim controls are left off the boat. This basic Snipe is essentially as fast as the fully rigged Snipe and much easier for the beginner to sail. These basic Snipes would be excellent for building fleets. We in fact can compete with the mass produced, production boats trying to capture the two person dinghy market. In some areas the demand for used boats is high. When used boats are not available please encourage potential Snipe sailors to purchase a basic boat and give them a suit of used sails.

A worldwide concern is the short life span of Snipe jibs. One sailmaker has suggested that the Class limit each boat owner to one suit of sails per year. Sailmakers would then be forced into producing jibs that would last at least one season. Everyone would ultimately be playing on a more level field. What do you think?

If you have any topics that should be discussed at the World Board meeting in Porto Alegre, Brazil, please contact a Board member soon with your concerns or ideas. Because of your input the Snipe is currently the premiere two person racing dinghy. The time tested success of our Class is due primarily to the suggestions of every Snipe sailor past and present.

Your Commodore, Terry Timm

FROM THE CLASS OFFICE

Thank you to all who I have been in contact with this past month for your patience and support. The Snipe office is up and running, but there's always that adjustment period. A big thank you to Tom, Gina, David and Regina Payne for their help and support in trying to describe the office in 3 days. To Shawn Burke, Will Van Cleave and Craig Beardsley in Flowery Branch and the majority of the members of the Mission Bay Fleet who all helped load/unload the U-Haul truck that brought the Snipe office to the West Coast (it's amazing what free pizza and beer will do!). To the Crook family of Canada for being the first to submit a requested article! And to the Snipe sailors we saw in Tennessee who made our 4 day trip across country not look so long!

--jwb

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AROUND THE SNIPE WORLD

NEW FLEETS IN PORTUGAL

Portugal's National Secretary Gil Guedes de Quiroz reports two new fleets have been organized. Fleet 826 in Clube Naval de Leca and Fleet 827 in Clube Nautico de Almada.

BAHAMAS REPORT

Rear Commodore Jimmy Lowe reports a good turn-out for the Bahamas Junior Nationals and the possibility of a new fleet forming on another island.

THE COVER:

Weather mark rounding action during the Crosby Series, 1993 U.S. Nationals

THE COUNT: Ten numbers were issued this month: Eight to Argentina, one to the U.S., and one to the U.K.

NUMBERED SNIPEs: 28648

CHARTERED FLEETS: 827

SAIL EXPO '94

February 5-13
Atlantic City, NJ

The Snipe Class will be displaying two boats this year, one fiberglass and one wood. We need help in gathering material and manning the booth. We need: A wooden Snipe in display condition; Trophies that show the history of our Class; Exciting Video tape; Access to VHS tape editing facilities and expertise. If you have anything to help in our display or would like to volunteer time, please call:

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NEWS FLASH!

Snipe Sailors Rick Merriman and Casey Schnoor and crewman Chuck Simmons won the U.S. Match Racing Championships-Prince of Wales trophy at Minnetonka Yacht Club, October 18-23, sailed in Ynglings and representing San Diego Yacht Club.

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WORLD SNIPE FESTIVAL 1994 JAPAN

Past Commodore Matsumoto has announced these dates:

Masters World

July 27-31, Gamagori

Junior World

August 2-7, Mikkabi

Womens World

August 11-15, Yokohama

OTHER QUALIFYING/WORLD REGATTAS

1994 Western Hemispheres-Uruguay

U.S. Qualifying Regatta--Don Q
Regatta--Miami, March 18-20

U.S. 1994 National Championships--

June, Dallas, Texas

1995 World Championships-Rimini,

Italy

DOUG CLARK AND ALEX STOUT U.S. NATIONAL CHAMPIONS!

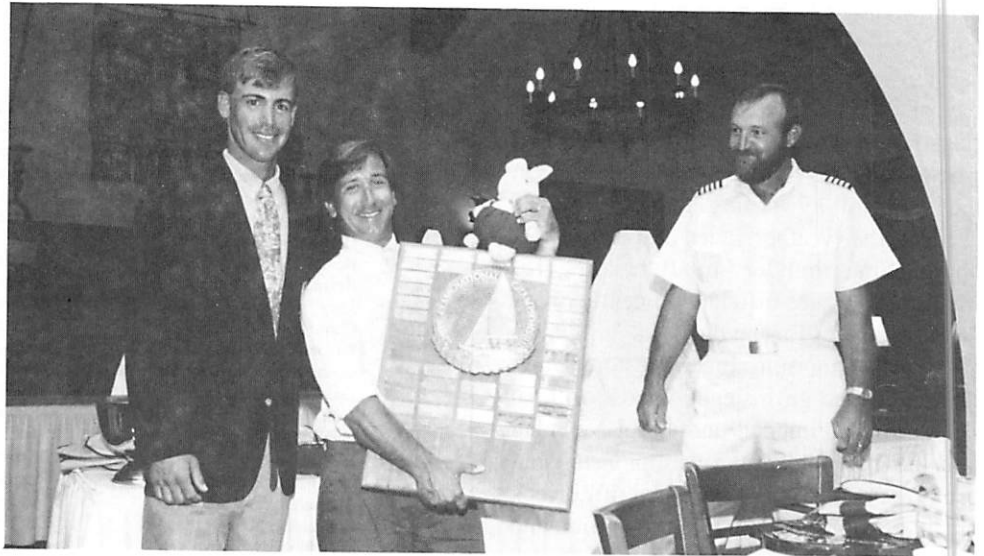
In opera it is said that the program isn't over until the fat lady sings. For Doug Clark and Alex Stout of Annapolis, MD., it can be said that in the 1993 US Nationals, the gal sang just in time. Saving their best for last, this duo belted out a major performance on the final day to become this year's class champions. Along with the glory of the Heinzerling Trophy, they also claimed the Crosby Trophy, representative of the winner of the elimination series. It has not been since 1986 that the same team has won both prizes.

Mentor Harbor Yachting Club, Mentor, Ohio, played host to this year's edition of our class championship. Ted Pinkerton and his small but loyal local fleet along with the critical support of MHYC, successfully ran a great regatta and displayed the beauty and benefits of Cleveland. Forty-nine entrants were impressed with the first rate facilities of ample dry storage and parking, two hoists with launch ramp, sufficient dock space, pool, showers and friendly staff and volunteers.

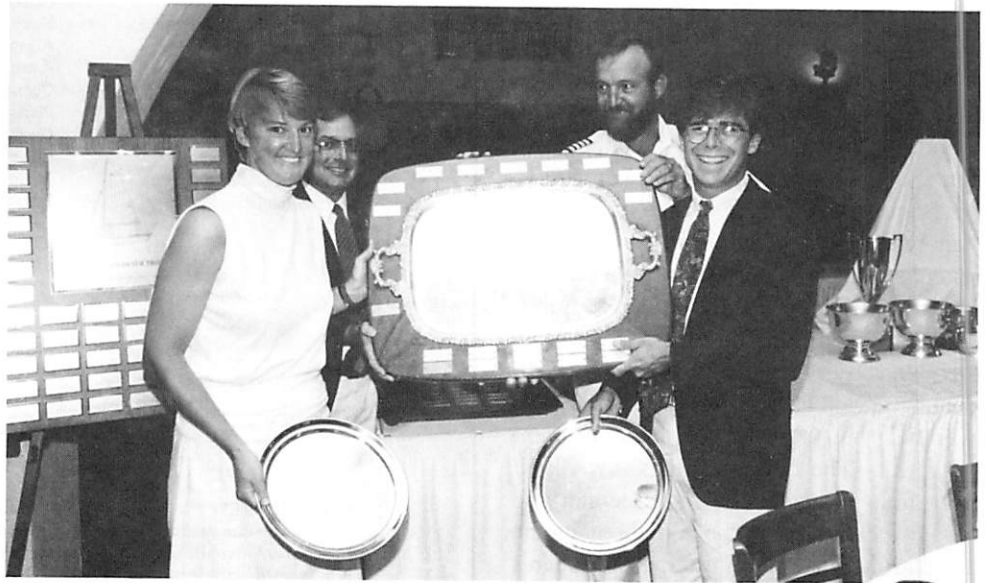
The local wind prediction for the event was for the best breeze to be early. Really early. First start was at 8:30 a.m., bringing on a near business-like approach to the morning routine. The risk to this schedule was that if the wind was not up in the morning, the fleet would lose faith. And they did. It wasn't until the last two days of the event that the morning mission paid off. Unfortunately, the afternoon breeze never dissipated during the week as predicted so a more reasonable mid-day start time would have worked.

The entrants were divided into four flights for the four race Crosby series which began on Saturday. After a brief skippers meeting the fleet set out in light to moderate winds and bumpy seas that would be the theme for this year's championships. Day one saw close scores among the predicted favorites: Henry Filter/Nancy Green, 2-1; Craig/Lisa Leweck, 1-2; Peter Commette/Connie Suddath, 1-3; and Doug Clark/Alex Stout, 2-2. Both Leweck and Clark burst out of the blocks on Sunday with bullets, leaving a race four showdown were their respective flights would meet for one final race.

Clark capitalized on a good start and took the first wind shift across the fleet and into the lead. Leweck got stuck in the pack



Doug Clark and Alex Stout display the Heinzerling Trophy at Mentor Harbor Yachting Club.



Pam Paufler and John Macrae are all smiles after sweeping the Wells Series. Means Davis photo.

U.S. SNIPE NATIONALS ----- CROSBY SERIES		top 15 of 49
FINISH	FLEET	POINTS
1. Doug Clark/Alex Stout	Annapolis	5.5
2. Craig/Lisa Leweck	Mission Bay	6.5
3. Peter Commette/Connie Suddath	Miami	8.75
4. Andrew Pimental/Carol Newman	Narragansett Bay	14.75
5. Bryan Fishback/Lorie Stout	Annapolis	15.75
6. Henry Filter/Nancy Green	Cottage Park	18.75
7. P.J. Schaffer/Marsi McLaughlin	Narragansett Bay	21
8. Argyle Campbell/Robyn Smith	Newport Harbor	22
9. Bart Hackworth/Jon Rodgers	San Francisco Bay	23
10. Scott Nixon/Whitney Rugg	Annapolis	25
11. Hal Gilreath/Allan Carseadden	Annapolis	26
12. Pedro /Mimi Lorson	Sea Cliff	31
13. Jerry Thompson/Sherri Eldridge	Alamitos Bay	32
14. Lucas/Augie Diaz	Miami	33
15. Gonzalo Diaz Sr./Aaron Haller	Miami	34

behind the leader, but worked the inside route on the run to beat the group into second place. Leweck and Clark were now tied on points, but Doug managed to put a boat in between just before the finish to win the Crosby.

Calm winds greeted the fleet for the first day of the championships. Postponement flags lasted through to the early afternoon when a suddenly strong easterly landed. On the verge of a warning gun, the judges checked the weather radar and saw a fast approaching thunder squall heading for Mentor. The race officials prudently abandoned the races for the day.

Tuesday's morning breeze restored faith in the fleet and gave steady winds for three races. Andy Pimental and Carol Newman took the first bullet of the championship, but could not match the consistency of Leweck or Clark who ended the first day in first and second. Clark survived a tough start to finish second behind the team of Bart Hackworth and Jon Rodgers, with Peter Commette and Connie Suddath in third. With the Championship on the line, the final result would be determined in the last race of the series.

For Clark to win, he had to either beat Leweck or make sure they sailed a drop race. For Commette to win, he had to finish more than two places better than Leweck and better than one place over Clark. For Leweck to win he had to survive the odds. He didn't. Pimental rounded the first mark in the lead, followed by Clark and Leweck with Commette well back. Clark managed to sail over the group after the jibe mark and went on to win. The final standings saw Clark/Stout first, Pimental/Newman second, and the Lewecks third. The top three in the standing qualify for the Western Hemispheres to be held next year in Montevideo, Uruguay.

The Wells Series saw John Macrae and Pam Paufler take control from the start and never let go. Gonzo and Gonzo III Diaz followed scored consistent seconds, with Peter Fenner and Natalie Bristol rounding out third.

A few of the Special Junior crews from the Junior Championships traded places with their "special" crews for the Senior Nationals, although Mark Ivey, Lucas Diaz and Morgan Watt decided they liked the back of the boat better and toughed it out in the big leagues.

Hats off once again to Ted Pinkerton and Mentor Harbor Yachting Club for a great National Championship series! See you in Dallas for next year's Nationals.

--Craig Leweck

U.S. SNIPE NATIONALS HEINZERLING SERIES

	SKIPPER/CREW	FLEET	PLACES	POINTS
1.	Doug Clark/Alex Stout	Annapolis	6-3-3-2-(10)	17.00
2.	Andy Pimental/Carol Newman	Narragansett Bay	.75-5-8-(24)-5-.75	19.5
3.	Craig/Lisa Leweck	Mission Bay	2-2-6-.75-9-(11)	19.75
4.	Peter Commette/Connie Suddath	Miami	3-9-5-2-3-(13)	22
5.	Bart Hackworth/Jon Rogers	San Francisco Bay	(17)-4-9-13-.75-3	29.75
6.	Hal Gilreath/Allan Carseadden	Annapolis	5-8-(17)-6-7-7	33
7.	Henry Filter/Nancy Green	Cottage Park	12-.75-(15)-9-11-4	36.75
8.	Bryan Fishback/Lorie Stout	Annapolis	17-10-.75-14-(20)-5	46.75
9.	Jerry Thompson/Sherry Eldridge	Alamitos Bay	(20)-6-17-19-YMP-2	50
10.	Chris Klotz/J.R. Francis	St. Petersburg	7-12-10-(17)-16-6	51
11.	P.J. Schaffer/Marsi McLaughlin	Cottage Park	(24)-15-12-11-10-8	56
12.	Gonzalo Diaz Sr./Aaron Haller	Miami	15-13-2-20-(25)-12	62
13.	Lucas Diaz/Augie Diaz	Miami	22-22-(25)43-4-16	68
14.	John Jackman/Steve Stewart	Mission Bay	14-14-16-7-(23)-19	70
15.	Pedro/Mimi Lorson	Sea Cliff	9-(27)-23-16-8-14	70
16.	Willie Graves/Bryan Hutchinson	Mission Bay	(PMS)-7-21-23-12-9	72
17.	Lee Griffith/Kate Heywood	Pine Beach	8-19-4-(26)-19-23	73
18.	M. VanWolfswinkle/Bart	Newport Harbor	(32)-24-18-5-13-15	75
19.	Bill Buckles/Karen Lorenz	Cleveland	13-17-22-8-(26)-17	77
20.	Scott Nixon/Whitney Rugg	Annapolis	11-14-12-DND-21	77
21.	Jim/Lynn Grubbs	San Francisco Bay	11-16-11-(27)-22-25	85
22.	Robert Dull/Ann Renzy	Annapolis	19-21-(24)-10-18-24	92
23.	Dick/Maureen Mitchell	Cuba Lake	(29)-28-7-21-27-20	103
24.	Argyle Campbell/Robyn Smith	Newport Harbor	16-18-30-18-21-(DNC)	103
25.	Mark Ivey/Russ Fox	Alamitos Bay	25-26-13-25-YMP-(29)	106
26.	Eric Reinke/Karen Ray	Annapolis	27-20-28-(31)-15-18	108
27.	Joel Zackin/Beh Vanwaghen	Quassapaug	21-25-(31)-15-31-30	122
28.	Rick/Kate Wood	Portage Lake	26-23-20-(28)-28-26	123
29.	Alex Pline/Lisa Foulke	Cleveland	23-29-27-(30)-YMP-28	131
30.	Jno Disch/Jen Dial	Cleveland	30-32-(DSQ)-22-30-22	136
31.	Charlie/Michele Bustamante	Miami	18-30-26-(32)-DNC-32	138
32.	Sam Mollet/Brain Mollet	Portage Lake	(31)-31-29-29-29-27	145

WELLS SERIES

	SKIPPER/CREW	FLEET	PLACES	POINTS
1.	John Macrae/Pam Paufler	Winchester	.75-.75-.75-.75-(DNC)	3.75
2.	Gonzo Diaz/Gonzo III Diaz	Miami	2-2-2-2-(6)-.75	8.75
3.	Pete Fenner/Natalie Bristol	Dallas	(6)-3-3-3-2-2	13
4.	James Lipp/Mike Kaim	--	(9)-4-4-6-5-8	27
5.	Bill Adamsen/Maryann Rix	Wichita	7-5-5-(10)-9-4	30
6.	Shelly Gall/Ray Gall	Hoover	3-8-9-(11)-3-7	30
7.	Darryl/Susan Waskow	Pine Beach	4-9-(13)-4-10-6	33
8.	Don Hackbarth/Marita Christensen	Atlanta	5-(11)-10-5-4-10	34
9.	Ralph Swanson/Jason Welin	Winchester	(11)-10-6-8-7-5	36
10.	Gregg Mylett/Deirdre Gammon	--	(13)-7-8-7-8-9	39
11.	Morgan Watt/Bob Hill	Acton Lake	8-12-14-(DNC)-11-3	48
12.	Terry McSweeney/Meg	Cleveland	10-(DNC)-17-9-12-12	60
13.	Bill Worster/Mark Hardenbergh	Cowan Lake	12-13-11-13-(14)-13	62
14.	Freid Elliott/Cindy Stephens	Lake Ray Hubbard	(15)-6-7-DNC-DNC-DNC	62
15.	Peter Ilgenfritz/Lynn Bethel	Cleveland	14-14-12-12-(15)-11	63
16.	Mo McSweeney/John Gemedine	Cleveland	(DNC)-DNC-DNC-14-13-14	75
17.	Ted Pinkerton/Jeff Pinkerton	Cleveland	(DNC)-DNC-DNC-DNC-DNC	85

JUNIOR NEWS

IVEY & DIAZ TOP U.S. JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

The U.S. Junior National Championships were sailed prior to the U.S. Senior National Championships at Mentor Harbor Yachting Club in Cleveland, Ohio, on Lake Erie. The U.S. Junior National Championships (Commodore Owen E. Duffy Memorial Trophy) and the Special Juniors, a category for a junior skipper and adult crew, sailed the same course and started together, but were scored separately. The competition was spirited with Mark Ivey of California with crew Matt Krug of Cleveland, the winners of the junior/junior competition, and Lucas Diaz, with his father Augie crewing, from the Coconut Grove Sailing Club in Miami winning the junior/senior event.

The first day of sailing greeted the competitors with light winds out of the northwest and the Race Committee was only able to run two races. The second day featured strong winds, as high as 20 mph, initially from the northwest. The start of the first race and the first leg was sailed in a rain storm that made visibility difficult with the sailors working hard to find the weather mark. The third race of the day and the final race of the five race series was started with northeast winds, which provided great sailing conditions.

The Championships concluded with a fantastic buffet dinner and trophy presentation. Those that participated, junior and seniors alike, had a great time and learned much in the process.

U.S. JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

PLACE	SKIPPER/CREW	FINISHES	POINTS
1.	Mark Ivey/Matt Krug	.75-.75-CNF-.75-.75	7
2.	James Lipp/Mike Kaim	2-2-2-3-2	11
3.	Jim Ward/Jay Mueller	3-3-.75-2-3	11.75

SPECIAL JUNIORS

PLACE	SKIPPER/CREW	FINISHES	POINTS
1.	Lucas Diaz/Augie Diaz	2-2-.75-.75-.75	6.75
2.	Bart/Martin VonWolfswinkle	3-.75-3-2-3	11.75
3.	Whitney Rugg/Scott Nixon	4-6-2-4-2	18
4.	Gonzalo III/Gonzo Diaz	5-3-4-5-3	21
5.	Lee Sackett/George Sackett	7-5-5-3-5	25
6.	Adrian Diaz/Gonzalo Diaz	.75-4-DNS-DNC-DNC	27.75
7.	Mark Aljets/John Sepanski	6-8-DNS-DNC-DNC	37



1993 Junior National Trophy Winners



Special Junior winners. Whitney Rugg, Scott Nixon, Bart, Martin VonWolfswinkle, Lucas and Augie Diaz

JUNIOR EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

LA CORUNA, SPAIN

The 1993 European Junior Championship, hosted by Real Club Nautico La Coruna, Spain, attracted 18 boats from 7 countries.

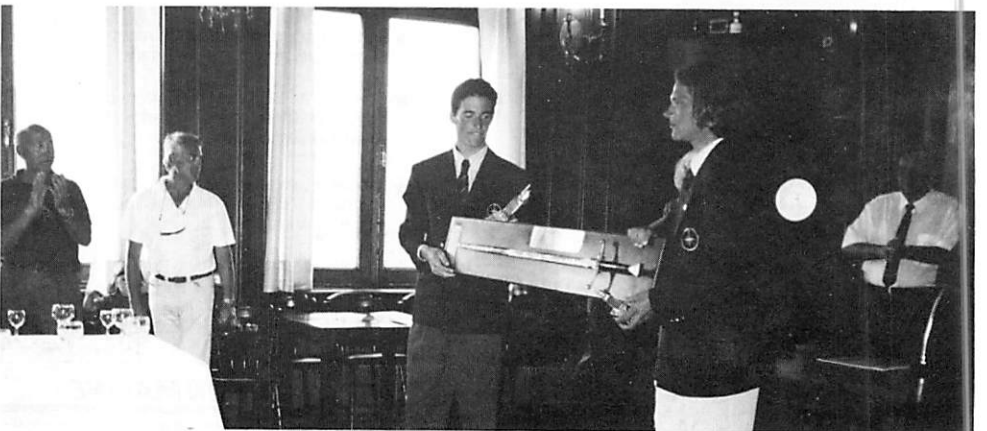
The six races were sailed over excellent laid courses with competent and disciplined organization. Measuring was conducted under the control of Jose Canga Iglesia, a member of the European SCIRA measuring committee.

Denmark's Thomas Nielsen took the first race, with Pauline Book of Norway claiming second. Racing back to back, Portugal's Diego Cayolla took race two with Norway's Simen Lofterod in second.

From race 3 to the 6th, South Europe took control of the award table, distributing the first places of each race between Portugal and Spain. In no way did this reflect an uncompetitive championship, positions frequently changed throughout each race.

The evening gatherings, under the watchful eye of club President, Aurelio Fernandez, made for great camaraderie which continued throughout the four days both on and off the water. A most successful championship allowing the juniors to mix and circulate which can only be good for their future years as they grow up into the senior league.

--John Broughton, European Secretary



Winners Diego Cayolla and Duarte Araujo hold the 2-handed sword designed by Wilkinson Sword Co. for SCIRA UK and the European Jr. Championship

1993 EUROPEAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

PLACE	SKIPPER/CREW	COUNTRY
1.	Diego Cayolla/Duarte Araujo	Portugal
2.	Sergio Araujo/Bernardo Napoles	Portugal
3.	Pauline Book/Karl Otto	Norway
4.	Carlos Leite/Rui Cunha	Portugal
5.	Francisco Gil/Francisco Jimenez	Spain
6.	Juan Magro/Nicolas Serrano	Spain

SNIFE. CLASS.

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
U.S. Nationals
Mentor Harbor Yachting Club**

The meeting was called to order by Peter Fenner, U.S. National Secretary on Sunday, August 22, 1993 at 7:00 p.m.

The site for the 1994 U.S. National Championships will be Rush Creek Yacht Club, Dallas, Texas.

There was discussion on a proposed jib cloth weight. Peter Commette suggested an odd number of sailmakers be asked to form a committee to discuss the issue. Several sailmakers had already been asked to comment on the subject. Peter Fenner said the proposal would be published in the Bulletin and the Rules Committee would write the proposal, but solicits input from members for consideration.

The USOC granted SCIRA U.S. \$5,000. toward our top athletes. Debbie Willits Funsch helped secure a

container with the funds to help transfer boats to and from the Worlds in Porto Alegre. We do not know if we will be granted the same monies for the Western Hemispheres in Uruguay in 1994.

A committee is being formed to look at new District boundaries.

Qualifiers for the Western Hemispheres in Uruguay in 1994 are: U.S. Nationals (Mentor Harbor) - top 3 competitors. Northern California Open (Sept. 18,19, 1993) - top competitor. Don Q (Miami) - top competitor

No bids have been received as yet for the 1994 North American Championships

Upcoming World Championships scheduled are: 1995 - Italy, 1997 - Mission Bay Yacht Club submitted a bid Western Hemisphere - no bids have been received at yet. It is to be in North America.

A Promotion Committee has been formed and is at work.

Sail Expo '94 - Darryl Waskow requested any trophies,

poster, etc. be sent to him for the Snipe Display.

IYRU Meeting in Toronto, first week in November. Phil Richmond will attend, and Pete Fenner invited anyone interested to attend on behalf of the Snipe Class, as Board members will be in Porto Alegre.

Nationals - format discussion —more races, shorter races; Monday -Friday series with travel on weekend. Juniors on weekend prior; 5 races for Crosby (Peter Commette commented on the Board looking into changing format, suggested fleet captains decide who should compete in Heinzerling and Wells, and delete the Crosby); Babysitting service requested; Freid Elliott commented that Rush Creek will have one race area

Deeds of Gift - Phil Richmond thoroughly studied the Deeds of Gift, suggests that any new Deeds request that the ownership be given to SCIRA to avoid potential estate problems.

A Masters Championship bid is needed for 1994. Meeting adjourned 7:35 p.m.

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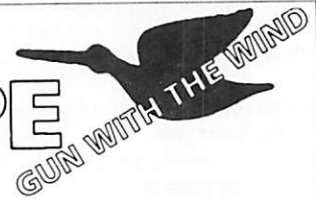
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A FEW HIGHLIGHTS FROM 92

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP Kokkola, Finland.	No 1 & 4
South European Championship Gijon, Spain	No 1 & 2
Open Scandinavian Championship Kolding, Denmark.	No 2, 3 & 4
Norwegian Championship Sandefjord, Norway.	No 1 & 4
Spanish Championship Santiago la Ribera, Spain.	No 1,2,3,4 & 6
Danish Championship Greve Str., Denmark.	No 2,3 & 4
Snipe Gold Cup Juelsminde, Denmark.	No 2,3 & 4
Spanish Masters Santiago la Ribera, Spain.	No 1 & 3
Prinseza Sophia Cup Mallorca, Spain.	No 1 & 4
Trofeo S.M.El Rey Malaga, Spain.	No 1 & 2
World Masters Vilamoura, Portugal.	No 1,2 & 3
Pacific Coast Championship San Francisco / USA	No. 1 & 2
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U.S. BOARD MEETING
Mentor Harbor Yachting Club
Cleveland, Ohio, August 20, 1993

The meeting was called to order by U.S. National Secretary, Peter Fenner at 5:50 p.m. Those in attendance were: Terry Timm, Commodore; Peter Fenner, U.S. National Secretary; Dan Williams, Rules Committee Chairman; Chuck Loomis, Rules Committee Vice Chairman; Means Davis, Past Commodore; Don Hackbarth, Board Member; Fred Rozelle, Board Member; Darryl Waskow, visitor; Freid Elliott, visitor; Jerry Thompson, Nominating Committee Chairman; Jerelyn Biehl, Executive Director.

1. Peter Fenner introduced and welcomed the new Executive Director, Jerelyn Biehl.

2. U.S. National Secretary's Report

Proposal to have start/end dates for Executive Director's as follows: August 15 start date for Jerelyn Biehl; September 1 end date for Tom Payne. m/s/p—Dan Williams, Don Hackbarth

Peter would be submitting \$1,170 in phone bills incurred in the Executive Director search, expensed to SCIRA.

There is some concern on our tax exemption status for monies donated in name to the Perpetual Fund. The Board then voted on the following resolutions for Grants from donations: a. Kurt Mayol/Laurel Timpson—\$4,205.00 grant. b. Peter Commette—\$1,335.00 grant. m/s/p—Don Hackbarth, Dan Williams.

There was no Treasurer's report on the financial condition. Pete did receive a list of SCIRA members to date for the U.S. Nationals.

3. Rules Committee—Dan Williams

Dan requests comments in writing from Board members on his letters dated March 10 and June 1 regarding changes to the Constitution and Bylaws by September 15, 1993 in anticipation of the Worlds in Porto Alegre.

The Rules Committee recommends changes in our current rules referencing advertising per IYRU. Dan to mail recommendations.

Proposals for 1996: a. Jib cloth weight; b. Minimum paddle size; c. Bridled board vs. hooked board.

4. Nominating Committee - Jerry Thompson

Committee recommends Peter Fenner to continue as U.S. National Secretary for another term. m/s/p—Jerry Thompson, Dan Williams.

5. Long Range Planning Committee - Means Davis

Means referred to a handout the Committee had prepared regarding their efforts. The committee is not targeting issues to be done now, but in 5-10 years. The main issues are: Simplify boat; Make it cost effective for a beginning Sniper; We are an International Class.

Concern to look at: a. Rules: fixed points for Snipes. Mast step location - height; Height of mast; Centerboard trunks - consider establishing a length for boards; the three mast intersections (shrouds, jib stay, spreaders) must be within 4". This was passed at the Worlds in Norway. Other: Jib cloth weight; centerboard - bridled vs. hooked and restraint; screw stop at band for adjustable outhauls. b. Districting: formalizing communication (require District Governors to attend Nationals). c. Bulletin Committee d. Class Roster.

Summary: LRPC has no recommendations for changes in 1993. They will most likely propose ideas for 1996 on class promotion, mast step height and length and the centerboard concerns. Means wanted to thank Bill Buckles and Phil Richmond for their efforts on behalf of the Committee, and recommended continuance of the Committee. There was a motion to have Means Davis continue on as Chairman of the LRPC. m/s/p—Dan Williams, Terry Timm

OLD BUSINESS

1. 1994 U.S. Nationals site: Freid Elliott

Freid Elliott presented a proposal for Rush Creek Yacht Club to host the 1994 Nationals in Dallas, TX. The Club proposed: end of June dates; Registration fee \$100, with minimum 55 boats; One course for all competitors with races based on 40,50,60 minute courses; Regatta would be in one week with Juniors starting on Friday. Trophies (top skipper/crew finishes) 8-Junior trophies, 5-Crosby trophies, 10-Wells trophies, 10-Heinzerling trophies.

A discussion of the Nationals proceeded with discussions on length, format, etc.

2. U.S. Sailing & U.S. Olympic (USOC) funding \$5,000 fund was granted to SCIRA U.S. to fund our top skipper and crew. The money was given to Peter Commette to organize a container to transfer boats to the Worlds in Porto Alegre and back. Representatives at the Worlds will be: Commette, Mayol, Pimental, Hackworth.

3. New District Boundaries. Pete Fenner to create a redistricting committee

NEW BUSINESS

1. Qualifying events for the Western Hemispheres in Uruguay, 1994; 1993 U.S. Nationals - top 3; Northern California Open, September 18&19, 1993 - top competitor; Don Q Regatta, Miami - top competitor.

2. No bids have been submitted for the 1994 North Americans or Masters

3. 1996 Western Hemispheres - no bids received from the U.S.; **1997 Worlds** - Mission Bay Yacht Club submitted a bid.

4. IYRU 1993 meeting in Toronto, 1st week in November. m/s/p for Phil Richmond to attend for SCIRA as all Board members will be in Porto Alegre

5. New format for U.S. Nationals (see above discussion)

6. Promotion & Advertising - Don Hackbarth & Darryl Waskow

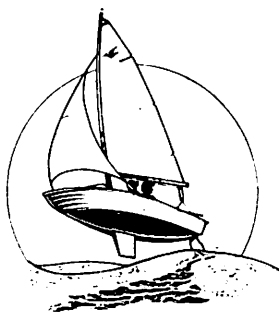
Don and Darryl referred to handout on their efforts on promotion & advertising. Sail Expo '94 exhibit. September 10 deadline, cost \$1,550/split with Lightning Class. We need to commit to display size, and 1 or 2 boat display.

Our ad in Sailing World's issue of Sailing Medalist prompted 100 responses. Those prospects were mailed a 3 page promotion pamphlet with officer and fleet captain lists.

To put the program Don & Darryl outlined into place it would take a minimum level of \$12,000 per year to institute. Issues to focus on include: Bulletin costs and focus; Freebies - open houses, follow-up; Costs - ads, brochures; Target - racing sailors

We need a promotion & advertising program in place for Perpetual Fund donors, to show the future of the Snipe Class. Means Davis to form a committee.

Follow-up - we need to have a regional focus involving District Governors and Fleet Captains. Meeting adjourned 10:40 p.m.



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ADAMS AND NEWMAN TAKE NORTH AMERICANS

When the Oakville Snipe Fleet decided to schedule the 1993 North American Championship to begin on a Friday, the thirteenth, we knew we were tempting fate. Sure enough, the winds of Lake Ontario were not amused and kept 42 boats from all over the United States and Canada waiting most of the day. Late in the afternoon a light sea breeze came up and a race was begun. Peter Commette and Connie Suddath, defending champions, led all around the course. The second and third place boats shifted amongst the fleet, but Ed Adams and Carol Newman finished second with Jack Franco and Mark Ivey third. The wind quit after the race and tows were organized in order to make the scheduled Fleet 321 party at the home of Snipe Class supporters Don and Peggy Hains. It was a long, hot day and the sailors managed to "kill the keg" as well as make a serious dent in the food supply.

Day 2 was a copy of the first day, but with the wind up one hour earlier allowing for two races. Peter Commette and Connie Suddath were on their way to leading the first race when they went back to restart after half-way up the weather leg. Dick Kneulman, returning to the Snipe after a stint in the EtcHELLS 22, with crew Kathy Pask, led around the course to a fine win. Ed Adams and Carol Newman were a solid second with David Starck and Jill Swanson from Buffalo third.

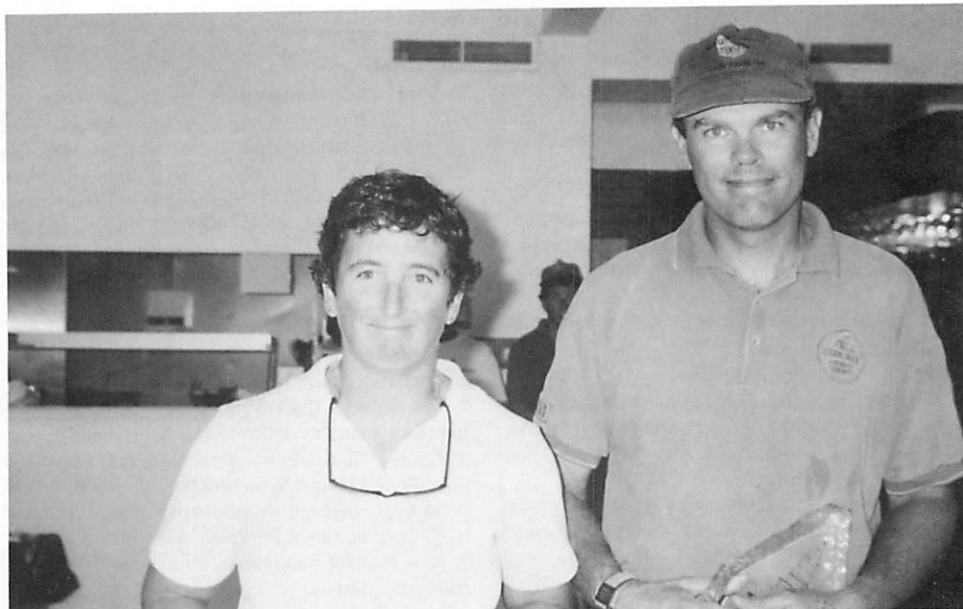
The second race Saturday saw Peter and Connie make no mistakes and they won it in fine style. Adams and Newman continued their consistent results by being second again. Leigh Savage and Marc Nutter from Detroit sailed fast to round out the top three. The fleet returned to a steak dinner at BHYC, along with the patented, "No Survivors" Green Can, invented by Fleet 321. It must have been good because the empty can was flying from the club mast the next morning.

Day 3 dawned with the prospect of little or no wind but a light easterly come up and with only three races completed, there could be no postponement. Adams and Newman won, putting Commette and Suddath in second. Hal Gilreath and Alan Carscadden from Annapolis finished third. This first race, it payed to go out in the lake on the first and second beats. This did not apply in Race 2 where it worked to hug the shore. Matt Heywood and Mark Spicknall lead all the way around the course until the end when Commette and Suddath caught them to win. A very fine effort by Matt and Mark who were sailing well and fast. They were presented with special prizes by the Bronte Harbour Yacht club in the form of two carved wooden ducks. Fred and Jan Rozelle of Detroit finished off a consistent series with a third place result to be second overall. Ed Adams and Carol Newman finished fourth having made a tremendous recovery from a disastrous start to finish first overall in the series.

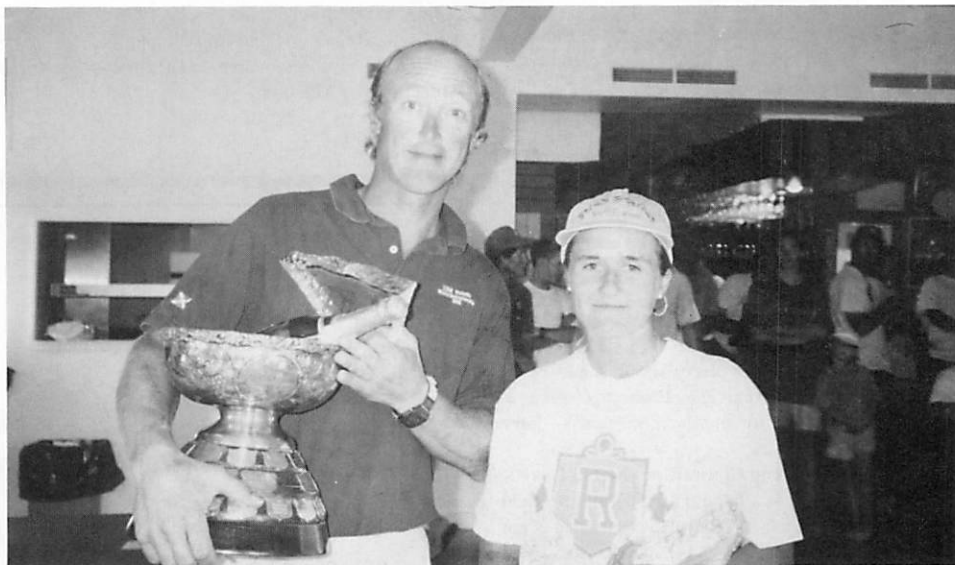
Ashore after the long tow back, the prizes were presented to the top ten finishers. The top Canadian boat was Dirk Kneulman and Kathy Pask who finished eleventh overall. Dirk received the Canadian National Championship trophy which he last won in 1977.

Special thanks for a job well done to the Bronte Harbour Yacht Club Race Committee under Bruce McIntosh. They did an excellent job under difficult conditions. Thanks as well to our Snipe friends and supporters everywhere who came to help and make the regatta such a success.

--Chris Hains



Carol Newman and Ed Adams, North American Champions. Gweneth Crook photo.



Canadian National Champions Dirk Kneulman and Kathy Pask ready to celebrate. Gweneth Crook photo.

North Americans/Ontario Open/Canadian Nationals

Top 20 of 42 entries

Results	Fleet	Country	Position	Points
1. Ed Adams/Carol Newman	Narragansett Bay	USA	2-2-2-1-4	10.75
2. Fred/Jan Rozelle	Detroit	USA	10-7-7-4-3	31.0
3. Rick Merriman/Nancy Greene	Mission Bay	USA	4-6-4-9-13	36.0
4. Hal Gilreath/Alan Carscadden	Annapolis	USA	6-4-8-3-19	40.0
5. Peter Commette/Connie Suddath	Miami	USA	1-37-1-2-1	41.25
6. Jack Franco/Mark Ivey	Alamitos Bay	USA	3-13-14-5-9	44.0
7. Jerry Thompson/Sherry Eldridge	Alamitos Bay	USA	5-15-11-8-6	45.0
8. David Starck/Ned Roseberry/Jill Swanson		USA	8-3-10-17-11	49.0
9. Bart Hackworth/Jon Rogers	San Francisco	USA	9-10-9-10-15	53.0
10. Lee Griffith/Kate Heywood	Pine Beach	USA	15-14-21-7-5	62.0
11. Dirk Kneulman/Kathy Pask	Oakville	CAN	18-1-5-24-17	64.75
12. John MacRae/Melitta King	Winchester	USA	7-5-18-12-23	65.0
13. Leigh Savage/Marc Nutter	Detroit	USA	21-12-3-21-8	73.0
14. John Jackman/Steve Stewart	Mission Bay	USA	11-11-12-13-26	73.0
15. Jan Brown/Don Behan	Oakville	CAN	12-17-31-6-7	73.0
16. Paul/Stasia Revere	Detroit	USA	28-8-6-15-21	78.0
17. Matt Heywood/Mark Spicknall	Barton Boat Club	USA	22-18-20-26-2	88.0
18. Rick/Kathleen Wood	Portage Lakes	USA	13-19-13-19-32	96.0
19. Jno Disch/Jen Dial	Cleveland	USA	14-28-28-14-18	102.0
20. Mark Capper/Dawn Satek	Alamitos Bay	USA	25-26-15-28-14	108.0

ITALIANS SELECT WORLD CREWS

Six races were scheduled to select two out of three Italian crews for the World Championships in Brazil. The first three, sailed in Acquafresca, Lake Garda, were run in light to medium wind with the team of Bari and Bertanzon (1-2-3) leaving Dematte and Larossa 13 points behind with a 3-2-7. The dominion of the Punta Indiani fleet was completed by the third place of Piazza and Lubich.

Monfalcone, Adriatic Sea, was the site of the other 3 races, however, due to bad weather on Sunday, the R.C. was forced to abandon the race, leaving only two to be sailed in winds of 12 knots. Giorgio Brezich with crew Marinella Gorgatto, won both races demonstrating superior speed and very good tactics. Michel and Turazza came to the top of the fleet again taking second place ahead of Bari and Plet.

--Antonio Bari

Results	Position
Acquafresca - of 23 boats	
1. Bari/Bertanzon	2-1-3
2. Dematte/Larossa	3-2-7
3. Piazza/Lubich	5-5-2
4. Brezich/Napp	7-6-1
5. Calliari/Calliari	4-4-7
6. Bernardis/Bernardis	1-9-9
7. Michel/Turazza	6-6-6
8. Braga/Parodi	10-3-12
9. Zamorani/Barbiani	13-14-4
10. Simoniti/Sorci	9-13-10

Results	Position
Monfalcone - of 20 boats	
1. Brezich/Gorgatto	1-1
2. Michel/Turazza	4-2
3. Bari/Plet	3-3
4. Braga/Parodi	2-8
5. Damatte/Larossa	5-7

The following is a final result of the Worlds selection with the third crew chosen

1. Bari/Bertanzon	9 pts.
2. Dematte/Larossa	12 pts.

STONE SNIPE OPEN

July 19 and 20

Excellent weather and Force 3-4 winds made the first day of racing interesting with many capsizes. The first race, for the Stone Buoy Trophy started with Matthew Smith and Eric Broughton pulling out in front. The race went to Matthew Smith.

The International Trophy, the second race, saw the wind abating slightly, making for easier racing. The race was again between Matthew and Eric, but challenged by the notorious "Jaws" sailed by Blue Circles Richard Lambert and Nicky Williams. The new lady members Cathrine Dyce and Dawn Stevens sailed well until a gust sent them over to get their first taste of the Blackwater estuary water. Matthew Smith crossed first with Eric Broughton second. One of the French entries, Jacque and Anne Romain took fourth for the Le Havre fleet. Saturdays regatta dinner was the usual noisy gathering with plenty of high spirits and great talk of achievement for the morrow, with the lounge bar packed and serious drinking. George and Sarah Mees came forward with accordion, flute and drums and the ribald singing commenced.

Sunday began the St. Lawrence Trophy with a bunched start and Matthew Smith, Frenchmen Simon Baker and Jacque Romain fighting for the lead. Fluky winds of Force 2-3 took Stones Peter Frost by surprise and in he went. John White showed great concern for yesterdays broken mast which he had hastily sleeved, but every few yards his confidence in the repair grew. The committee boat gun went to Matthew Smith and Matthew Baldwin.

The fourth and final race for the Old Spice Trophy started in very light wind. George Mees had a clear start with Nick McGonigle and Chris Surrige close on his stern. Eric Broughton had to retire from the race which opened up third overall to Jacque Romain or Chris Surrige.

George Mees took first, Nick McGonigle second and Chris Surrige third. The regatta had been an excellent weekends racing with appreciation to Fleet 372 under Fleet Captain Eric Broughton.

-- John Leeder, Maldon Snipe Fleet, England

Results-of 20 boats	Fleet
1. Matthew Smith/Matthew Baldwin	Budworth S.C.
2. Eric Broughton/Graham Carter	Stone S.C.
3. Chris Surrige/Sue Surrige	Blue Circle S.C.
4. Jacque Romain/Anne Romain	Le Havre France

Marlow Ropes Trophy- Highest Placed Lady Crew	Fleet
Cathrine Dyce/Dawn Stevens	Maldon Y.C.

Highest Place Junior Crew	Fleet
Maxim Romain/Stephan Colonna	Le Havre France

First Foreign Crew	Fleet
Jacque Romain/Anne Romain	Le Havre France



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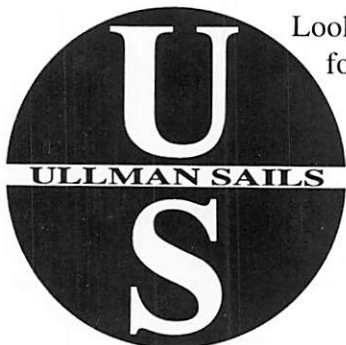
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*Kurt Mayol and Laurel Timpson
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Nationals. They finished 3rd overall.*

REPORT FROM SOUTH EUROPE

Portugal's National Secretary, Gil Guedes de Queiroz, worked hard and fast to arrange the South European Championship over June 10-13. With a variety of winds and good weather the competitors enjoyed the Portuguese hospitality and excellent racing. Portugal took control of the winning table in Paulo Sena Rodrigues taking a first, Pedro Melo a first; whilst, Tiago Roquete claimed four out of the six race series. Spain fought back with Angel Armada Alvarez sailing hard in the last four races endeavoring to wrestle back the Portuguese domination, while S. Euro. Secretary, Fernando Velarde tactfully raced to bring Spain to the fore.

The Championship was enjoyed by all competitors with much friendship between the countries.

South Europe has maintained a good attendance record for all Snipe racing. Italy is turning out high entry figures and close competition. Spain places great faith in a big entry for the first ever "European Masters Championship" to be raced at Santiago de la Ribera. This renown Spanish club has organized many Championships proudly boasting Europeans and World Masters amongst the long list of fame. This modern design club carries most advanced architectural of eye catching beauty. In preparation for the European Masters, September, the club will be

hosting over July 2-9 a truly mammoth Snipe regatta of well over 100 boats to test the race/social administration for the coming Masters.

The fourth S. Euro country is France. Though it's membership total does not come up to the hoards of Snipes in Italy, Portugal, Spain, her heart of generosity is just as big and genuine. Hosting the European Cup will be a drain on France's resources - BUT! Despite this fact France is extending her long arms of friendship and welcome to the Eastern Euro sailors by a tremendous gesture of generosity in an invitation to Brittany; where the 1993 Euro Cup is to be raced.

--John Broughton, European Secretary

EUROPEAN SECRETARIES MEETING

The annual European Secretaries Meeting, hosted by SCIRA France, opened in an aura of great expectation as the annual report outlined further progress and increased growth throughout the continent. Whereas Euro Snipe builders, spar manufacturers and sail lofts had not been noticeably added to in the run up to the 1990's, that has changed over the last three seasons. Boats are now being moulded in Denmark, Italy, Spain and U.K. with Finland, France, Norway and Sweden seriously making moved to build. Spars have traditionally come out of Denmark, with that now changing with the U.K. along having three prominent manufacturers experimenting and developing for the Snipe market. New names in sail lofts have surfaced which could possibly knock renown sailmakers off their long held perch! Class growth in Europe was now increased to such an extent that a larger commercial market has the confidence to become involved. This is to both the advantage of SCIRA and the marine market - providing profit margin is still restrained to sensible levels.

European Championship bids were fully booked through to 1996. In fact, with so many countries now wishing to formulate new regattas, the race calendar is overflowing. Hope is for a European climate change to extend the season into the winter months to absorb the ever growing list!

With so much inter-country mixing at regattas, the European membership is becoming as a family with each known to each. To benefit from this close knit relationship, the Secretaries discussed and agreed that for future major race meetings a central gathering point be named on the entry form. Here competitors can meet to talk plus pass along techniques, tactics, tuning, etc.

Also discussed over the table was inflation. This is creating rising costs of regattas both to organizers and competitors. Concern was shown advising reappraisal of all costing to be possible and beneficial. All countries are to look within to cut costs. Another item to surface was the Bulletin circulation throughout Europe. It is low in

comparison to the membership strength. As the publication is the World messenger and mouthpiece, the meeting concentrated on means of increasing circulation. In self-analysis, fault was laid at lack of Euro information and race reports being submitted. Secretaries were advised to submit more Euro material for publication.

The meeting terminated with continued confidence, but the realistic realization that there is no place for complacency. Pressure has to be maintained and applied to progress and perpetuate SCIRA over Europe. The momentum must be maintained.

—John Broughton, European Secretary

EVANS' RETAIN '93 CUP

Jeff and Julie Evans are once again the Governor's Cup-Illinois State Champions. The Regatta, sailed July 17 and 18, was shortened from the scheduled 5 races to 3 due to light air. Race one began on time Saturday in a diminishing north-east wind. Tim Dixon led at the first mark, but was overtaken by the Evans team by the leeward mark with the wind dropping to drifting conditions. Evans held the lead with Val and Matt Simhauser second and Clay and Becky Sanborn third. Upon waiting until 1600 hours, the races had to be abandoned for the day, but the fleet took to the pool and green cooler.

Sunday arrived with a refreshing southeast wind near 10 mph. The race committee, headed by Mark Lewis and LJ Powell, wasted no time and promptly set a course appropriate for back to back races. Tim Dixon took the lead again and managed to hold on until the finish with District 3 Junior Champ Mark Aljets second and Evans third.

Race three saw a challenge for the Governor's Cup with Dixon again leading at the weather mark, but Evans rolled Dixon on the reach and went on to win.

-- Tim Dixon

CLARK CLAIMS 2ND TRY AT 1993 DISTRICT 1 CHAMPS

Doug Clark and Alex Stout convincingly topped a strong fleet of 34 at the 1993 District 1 Championships/ New England Championships held at Cottage Park YC in Boston Harbor on June 12-12. The "real" D1 regatta was originally scheduled and attempted 2 weeks earlier at Sea Cliff, Long Island during the 1993 summer heat spell. In retrospect, the average winds were probably in the 5-10 knot range. The problem was that the winds were either virtually zero or 50 knots during the squall that passes

through as the only attempt at a race was being made resulting in a not insignificant amount of Snipe carnage.

The conditions at Cottage Park were near ideal: 8-12 knots, moderate chop, seaweed, weird tidal effects...what else could you ask for? The racing was close with less than 5 points separating the 2nd through 5th place overall finishers. In fact, it wasn't until the second day that Doug and Alex broke away from the pack with solid 1-2 finishes to take the trophies.

--Art Rousmaniere

Results

Results	Position	Points
1. Jeff/Julie Evans	1-3-1	4.5
2. Tim/Joy Dixon	4-1-2	6.75
3. Clay/Becky Sanborn	3-4-3	10
4. Mark Aljets/John Sepanski	6-2-4	12
5. Val/Matt Simhauser	2-5-5	12
6. Donna/Paul Walliker	7-6-6	19
7. Lou Dixon/Jim Fulton	5-DNS-DNS	21

DISTRICT 1 CHAMPIONSHIPS

SKIPPER/CREW	FLEET	FINISHES	POINTS
1. Doug Clark/Alex Stout	Annapolis	1-2-3-1-2	8.5
2. Bryan Fishback/Lorie Stout	Annapolis	5-3-6-7-1	21.75
3. Andy Pimental/Terry Tyson	Newport	2-5-1-11-5	23.75
4. Ed Adams/Carol Newman	Newport	4-4-7-2-7	24
5. P.J. Schaefer/Pat Raymond	Newport	3-8-2-4-9	26
6. Hal Gilreath/Allan Carscadow	Annapolis	6-11-10-3-4	34
7. Ian Brown/Don Behan	Toronto	13-1-4-5-12	35
8. Art Rousmaniere/Mary Fiske	Winchester	8-14-5-8-3	38
9. Pedro/Mimi Lorson	Sea Cliff	14-16-8-10-6	54
10. Dave Lence/Todd St. John	Winchester	12-15-9-14-23	73

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GET INVOLVED TO BUILD AND MAINTAIN A GREAT FLEET

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I was fortunate to find one of the best fleets, of any sailboat, in the U.S. and the world. Little did I know that on any given day, for club races as well a major regattas, I would be sailing against some of the best sailors around. Past World Champions, and past and current National and North American Champions are all here in Mission Bay. How would I ever learn to sail a Snipe with this kind of competition?

In these past years, I have tried to take the initiative and get involved in the fleet. I helped on race committee when it was the Snipe fleet's turn for duty and volunteered as regatta chairman for our big (65-70 boats) Spring Invitational. This past year, I have served as Fleet Captain with a somewhat self-serving purpose.

With all this talent, why not tap into some for teaching clinics? Not a new ideas to this fleet, or others, but I tried to view the clinics from a viewpoint of what would help me improve my sailing. In the first clinic, Craig Leweck gave up about 3 to 4 hours on land with his boat and who'd us some of his go-fast secrets on tuning. Doug Hart discussed the rules, along with recent changes, in the second clinic. The third clinic took to the water with Chris Snow and Jon Rogers giving lessons on teamwork between skipper and crew. In the fourth clinic, Rick Merriman and Greg Morton discussed tactics and strategy in the classroom and held a heavy air clinic on the water. It turns out that what helped me and my crew, also helped other who were beginning to sail in this fleet.

Another self-serving question: How could I learn from other crews as a skipper, and how could my regular crew learn from some of the better skippers? The answer was the "Pick a Crew From a Hat" regatta, held one Sunday during a regular club series. The Snipe fleet threw all crew names into a hat and the skippers pulled names. If a skipper pulled his/her regular crew, the name was placed back into the hat and pulled again.

Crews were rotated every race. Sailing with others as skipper or crew really adds to your perspective with new ideas on how other perform on the water.

Where is all this leading? Don't wait for someone else to help you improve your sailing; take the initiative and get involved with your fleet. Ask the better members of your fleet to help some of the newer sailors. With all the activities we have in Mission Bay, I have yet to have anyone turn down a request

to put on a clinic, help with race committee, have a fleet meeting at a member's house, run a protest committee, etc. Most everyone wants to get involved, but the most important person to get involved is you!

—Jerome Fournier, 495 Fleet Captain

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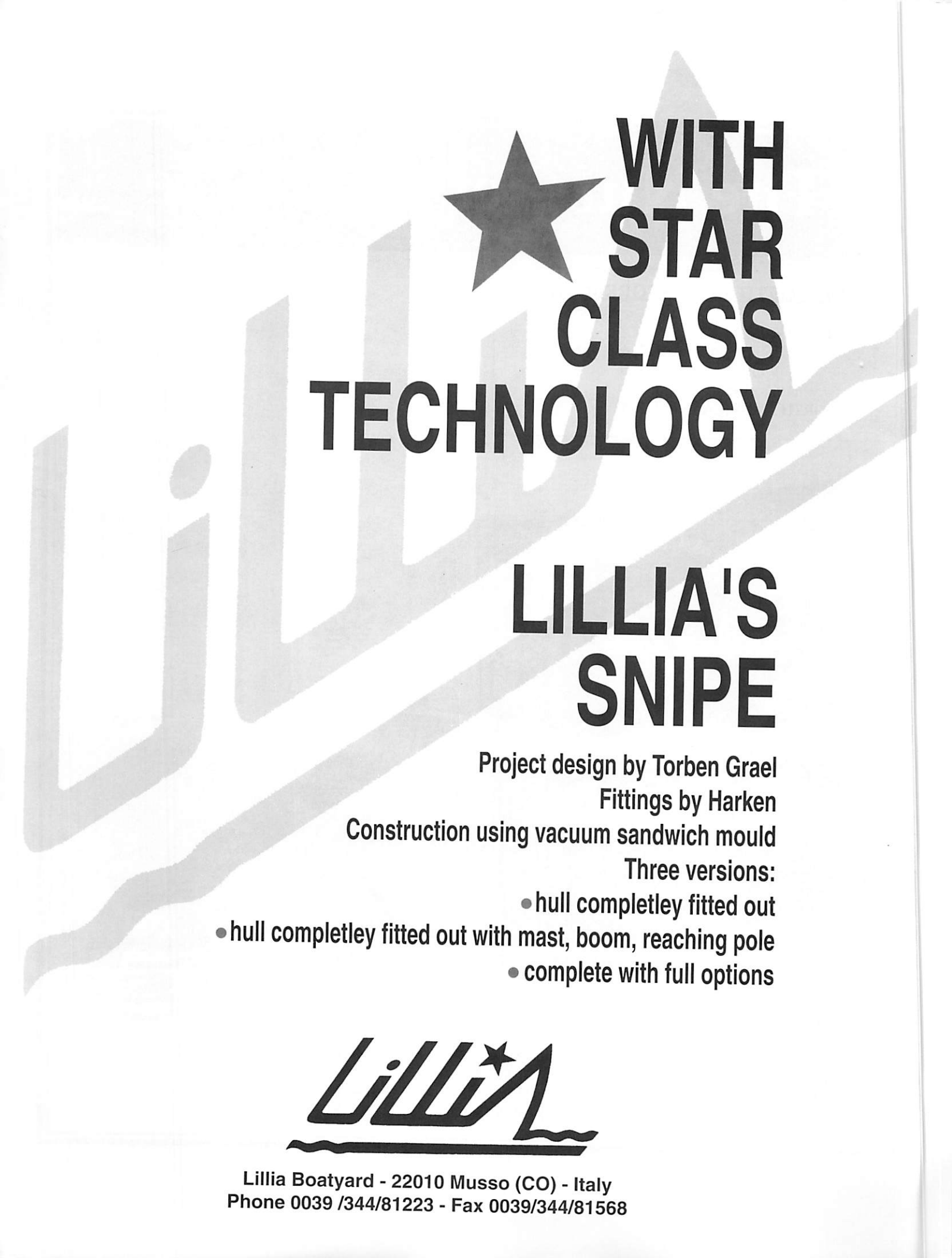
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