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Photo finish at Diamond Lake Y.C. Regatta
Bud Leonard (7999) and Jean Woolverton (8587)

WELLS' WANDERINGS

By Ted Wells



Winter Work Made Easy • • •

Even if you are sweltering in a heat wave at the moment, now is a good time to get ready for the winter overhaul that seems to be an inevitable part of small boat racing. The gadgets in the photographs above have been developed to make this work as easy as possible.

Photograph No. 1 shows a dolly which gets the boat down to a convenient working level and permits moving it around easily. This dolly is about sevenfeet long and fits the bottom of the boat a little behind Frame No. 2 and a little ahead of Frame No. 5. The bolsters are well padded and came in the crate in which the boat was shipped to me from Varalyay.

Photograph No. 2 is a closeup of the swiveling casters and the position lock. One of these position locks is located at each end of the dolly. These locks are essential in keeping the boat from wandering around when working on it, partic-

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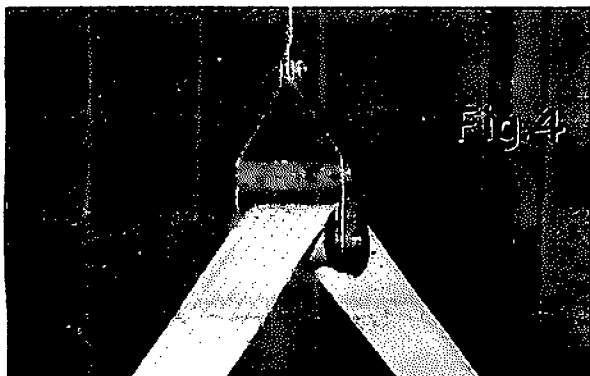


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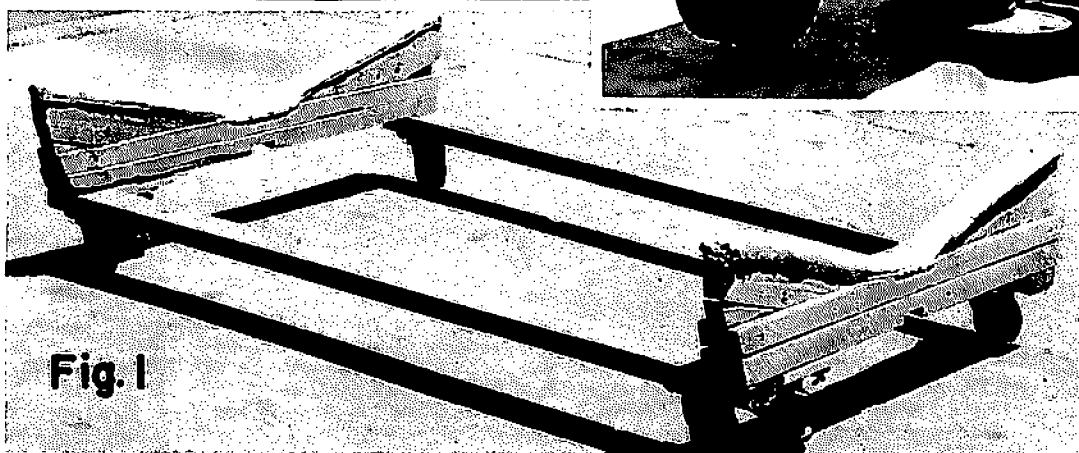


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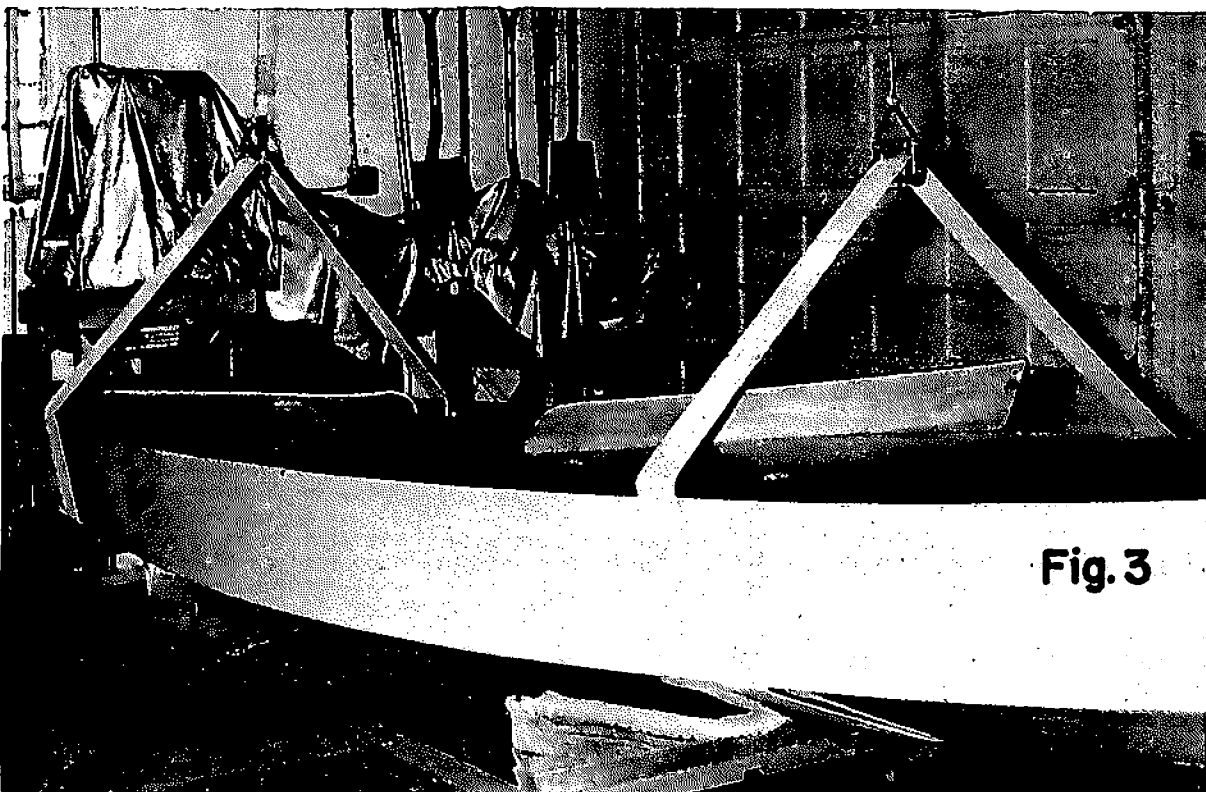


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OWEN E. DUFFY COMMODORE OF S.C.I.R.A.

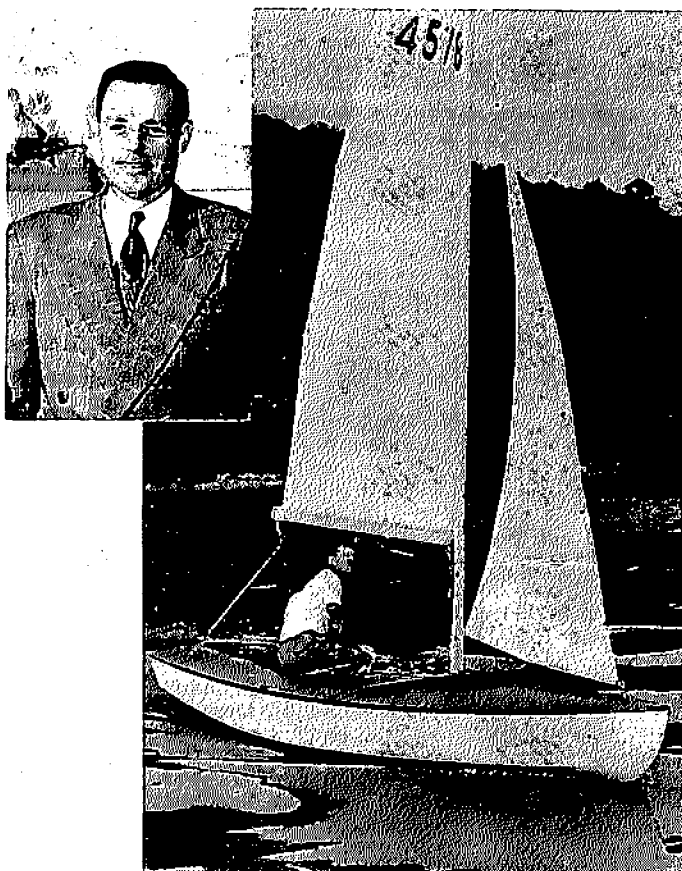
It is with the deepest sorrow that we must tell all Snipe skippers that Commodore Owen E. Duffy of Chattanooga, Tenn., has passed away. His death came on August 9th, less than one day after he was stricken with respiratory polio. He was 41 years old and is survived by his wife and five children. When not working on Snipe affairs he was a highly successful businessman in Chattanooga.

Duffy became interested in Snipe racing during the latter days of World War II through his father who was connected with the Attorney General's office in Washington and a close friend of W.F. Crosby Secretary of SCIRA. Owen, determined to get a Snipe Fleet organized, flooded local newspapers with publicity and photos to the point where at last four boats were sure. But he needed five and just could not seem to get the extra Snipe. Subsequently construction of another boat was undertaken by himself and when completed, it was registered in the name of Mrs. Duffy, somewhat to her surprise. However, it gave Duffy the fifth boat and a chartered fleet, No. 142 around which the very successful Privateer Yacht Club was formed. At present this fleet numbers around 25 Snipes and is the most successful of its kind in all the southern states. Its success is in direct proportion to Commodore Duffy's efforts.

In 1950 he was elected by SCIRA's Board of Governors to the post of Rear-Commodore. In 1951 they moved him up to the next post, Vice-Commodore. This year, in January, he was unanimously elected to the post of Commodore of the Association. His ambition was to see fleets of Snipes on every one of the TVA lakes and he was in constant correspondence with a great number of clubs, chambers of commerce and prominent people throughout southeastern states furthering the cause of Snipe racing. It was through his efforts that this Snipe Bulletin became possible. The first advertising was all secured by Mr. Duffy and he did much to see that the Bulletin was sent to people and places where it would do the largest amount of good in furthering interest.

His boat, humorously called the Walter Mitty, was built entirely by himself and she was a very fast Snipe. He raced regularly at the Midwinter Championships at Clearwater and this year finished 4th out of the large fleet. He promoted the Southern Snipe Championships at his home fleet and in races this year he finished first. This was the first one of these regattas and was highly successful.

He developed and perfected several specialties in Snipe hardware to make Snipes easier and simpler to handle among them a jam cleat rig to be attached to the boom in such a way that the sail was virtually self-trimming. Through the firm of Duffy



Above is photo of the late Commodore Owen E. Duffy as he appeared just after his election in January. On the right he is shown sailing "Walter Mitty".

and Roberts considerable numbers of these cleats were sold all over the world.

In losing Owen Duffy, the Snipe Association and every Snipe skipper has lost a great friend, worker and rooter for all the good things a Snipe stands for. With due respect to all other commodores of SCIRA, Commodore Duffy did more actual promotion and work for Snipe than nearly all the others put together. He took the job of Commodore seriously and the great growth of the class during 1952 is a direct reflection on his tremendous efforts.

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ularly when sanding or polishing it. The casters shown are Bassick No. 4611, four-inch swivel truck casters and the position locks are Bassick No. F400 truck locks.

Photograph No. 3 shows an apparatus which permits turning the boat over single handed in the garage. The straps are four-inch wide cotton webbing sewed to make endless belts. Photograph No. 4 shows a closeup of the strap and one of the rollers over which the strap runs as the boat is being turned over. The rollers are about an inch and one-half in diameter.

The hoisting system which ties in with Photographs 3 and 4 consists of two cables which pass over pulleys attached to the ceiling of the garage, over to a wall and down to a war surplus bomb hoist. This particular type of hoist is probably no longer available, but any type of drum hoist is satisfactory or the cables may be hooked to a Sears Roebuck block and tackle as shown in Photograph No. 5. This particular block and tackle is used to hoist an eight-foot dinghy up to the ceiling; however, by using all of the pulleys available it would be satisfactory for hoisting a Snipe.

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The hoisting system can also be used to lift the boat from the dolly to a trailer and back. The most important thing is to be sure that the pulleys are securely fastened to the garage rafters and that any cables or ropes used are not just some cast-off junk. A Snipe doesn't bounce well on a concrete floor.

DATES for PRESIDENT'S CUP

The Snipe division of the President's Cup Regatta, scheduled for Sept. 13-14, will be officially sanctioned by SCIRA. There will be two races on the 13th and one on the 14th. Headquarters and facilities for launching boats will be at Washington Sailing Marina which is also registration headquarters. Columbia Yacht Club will usually have a few local Snipers around to talk about sailing conditions or lend a hand where necessary.

R.L. (Bob) Busby, 4614 42nd St., N.W., Washington, 16, D.C. is the man to contact regarding accommodations, entries, etc. His phone is WO 6958. Snipes from any fleet, anywhere, are eligible. Entries must, of course, have membership cards in SCIRA for this year.



DON SCARFE AGAIN CHAMPION OF CANADA

Start of one of the races for the Canadian Nat'l. Championship held on Halifax Harbor by Armdale Y.C.

During the week of July 28 to August 2, the Snipe Fleet of the Armdale Yacht Club were hosts for the Provincial, Maritime and National Championships of Canada. Each series consisted of three races, triangular courses, held on the choppy waters of Halifax Harbor.

Twenty-three Snipes from four Fleets participated; 15 from Armdale Y.C., 4 from Northern Y.C., 3 from Royal Cape Breton Y.C. and 1 from Bras D'Or Y.C. Evenings were given over to dances, sing-songs and a weiner roast making the week, as a whole, a great success.

Don Scarfe of Armdale assisted by Ken Edwards in their newly constructed Snipe, Rab, registered 3 firsts to win the Provincial title over 23 contenders. Walter Piers, sailing Cheerio finished second with a 9th, 3rd and 2nd.

The Provincial series was followed by the Maritime Championship and Harvey Doane and Ted Lane in Mabs copped the series with a 4th, 2nd and 1st. In second spot was Walter MacKinley of Royal Cape Breton. Winds were very light for this series.

The last two days of the meet featured the National Championship races and Don Scarfe of Armdale retained the title he won last year in North Sydney. The Scarfe boat had to come from behind to win as Harvey Doane lead the series after two races. In the third race there were brisk winds and Scarfe's boat took the lead at the outset, followed by ten



On the right we have Don Scarfe, the winning skipper and E. M. Edwards. crew. Twelve boats competed.

boats in a group. During the windward leg Walter MacKinley of Royal Cape Breton took the lead, a position he must hold to force a tie in the series. He entered the final race one position behind Scarfe. The MacKinley boat held the lead until the run to the finish when Scarfe passed to windward and won the race by eleven seconds. Doane finished a third to eke out second position from the Cape Breton skipper.

Tom Murphy, Fleet Captain of Armdale Fleet was elected National Secretary for the coming year. The National Championships for 1953 are to be held at Sydney during the last week in July.

By Tom Murphy

Summary, Canadian National Championships

Don Scarfe, Armdale	3	1	1	1
Harvey Doane, Armdale	1	2	3	2
Walter MacKinley, RCBCYC	2	3	2	3
William Martin, Armdale	5	4	5	4
Walter Piers, Armdale	6	5	4	5
E. Henderson, RCBCYC	7	7	8	6
S. Forsey, Northern YC	11	6	6	7
D. MacKenzie, RCBCYC	9	8	7	8
K. MacLeod, Northern Y.C.	4	11	10	9
B. Dunlap, Bras D'Or YC	8	9	9	10
S. Astephen, Northern YC	10	10	11	11
C. Gallop, Northern YC	13	-	0	12

OLSONS WIN MIDDLE ATLANTIC CHAMPIONSHIP

The revived Middle-Atlantic Snipe Championships were held by Potomac River Fleet, No. 60, July 19--20, at Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Dennis Olson (Beth to all Snipe skippers) of Beachwood, N.J., was an easy winner with three first places by a big margin each time. Dick Torpey with two thirds and a second, jockeyed himself into the second spot. Dick is from Money Island Fleet. Bill Rushlow, of the host fleet, had lead Torpey with two second place finishes until the last race when he got a poor start to finish sixth which put him in third place for the series.

The races were sailed in winds of from 15 to 25 miles an hour and one race had variations of from 5 to 15 miles an hour. No fouls or other mishaps in the series helped along good feeling. An experienced race committee conducted the events in a smooth manner and even the weatherman cooperated by holding off on sudden, short rain squalls until after the end of each race. What Washingtonians refer to as "liquid humidity": The flying saucers didn't arrive until following week.

rive until following week.

Launching and entertainment facilities were supplied by Columbia Yacht Club. The host fleet served lunch just before the presentation of trophies of which there were enough for all hands. Memento trophies were given to all.

The Middle Atlantic Championship originated in Baltimore and was held at Baltimore Y.C. Shortly afterwards the Baltimore Fleet disintegrated and the trophy, presented by Commodore John O. Young, died a premature death and was laid in state on the winner's mantlepiece for three long years. SCIRA then requested that it be put back in competition. After some letter writing, the Baltimore people and the sponsor agreed to this and the trophy was sent to Potomac River Fleet. Thus, the first all Snipe regatta was staged in Washington and turned out very well although there were only nine entries. Next year, with improved publicity, it will make a bigger and better event.

By Charles S. Dills.

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HARRY LEVINSON WINS AT DIAMOND LAKE

Diamond Lake's annual regatta of July 26-27 was the usual howling success with a total of 56 boats starting in two sections to avoid congestion.

The fleet was divided into odd and even numbers for the set up of the elimination race. This idea worked very well. In the odd numbered fleet Jean Woolverton of Diamond Lake won by a few feet over Bud Leonard, also Diamond Lake. In third place was Nate Whiteside of Glen Lake, national and international high point champion for 1951. Meanwhile in the even numbered fleet Bob Smith of Corey L. won by a safe margin. Harry Levinson of Lake Wawasee was in second place and behind him was Bob Pfaff of Eagle Lake.

The first official race was on the morning of July 27th. Bud Leonard and crew Ed Smith came from far behind to take first place. In second place was another Diamond Lake boat guided by Herb and Lenny Tucker. This time in third was Frank Levinson. Over in the other division, Bernie Rowe of Diamond Lake won top honors while Dick Virgil, also Diamond Lake in second place. In third was a young boy named Lyle Hasty from Eagle Lake.

Sunday afternoon the final race got under way. The Levinsons didn't fool around. Harry took first place with Frank right behind him. In third spot

Summary, Diamond Lake Regatta, July 26-27
Diamond Lake Yacht Club, Cassapolis, Mich.
First Division

Harry Levinson, L. Wawasee,	4	1	1
H. Tucker, Diamond Lake,	2	3	2*
Frank Levinson, L. Wawasee	3	2	3*
F. Weissert, Indian Lake	5	10	4
J. Woolverton, Diamond L.	9	7	5
Bud Leonard, Diamond L.	1	18	6
B. Lieberman, Diamond L.	14	4	7
B. Pfaff, Eagle Lake	7	12	8
B. Smith, Corey Lake	18	5	9
M. Nichols, Wolf Lake	23	6	10
J. Tillman, L. Wawasee	16	8	11
R. Francis, Diamond Lake	8	19	12
B. Singer, Eagle Lake	12	14	13
J. Wolf, Diamond Lake	11	17	14
J. Hans, Eagle Lake	15	13	15
W. Haselwood, Eagle Lake	6	26	16
C. Root, Corey Lake	21	9	17
J. Conzidine, Eagle Lake	13	16	18
L. Lowe, Diamond Lake	10	21	19
B. Slekman, Diamond Lake	17	15	20
N. Whiteside, Glen Lake	28	11	21
B. Beutter, Eagle Lake	19	20	22
W. Krause, Diamond Lake	22	24	23
W. Ash, Indian Lake	25	22	24
L. Smith, Corey Lake	24	25	25
T. Wurster, Diamond Lake	27	23	26
G. Rutledge, Eagle Lake	26	dnf	27
M. Ziker, Diamond Lake	29	dnf	28
E. Ellasesser, Diamond Lake	30	dns	29
H. Slutsky, Diamond Lake	dnf	dns	29

Second Division

D. Virgil, Diamond Lake	2	2	1
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Trophy Winners at DLYC, 13th Annual Invitational Regatta standing l. to r; Harry Levinson, Herb Tucker, and Frank Levinson, 1st, 2nd & 3rd in first division. Dick Virgil, Sr., Bernard Rowe and Lyle Hasty, 1st, 2nd & 3rd in second division. Kneeling, crews Buzz Levinson, Lenny Tucker, Don Fiedeke, Dick Virgil, Jr., Juanita Rowe and J. Hasty.

was Herb Tucker of Diamond. The other division was moving along with Jim Hoehn of Diamond heading the fleet to the finish line. Dick Virgil was second again. Dr. Milo Lundt of Eagle Lake was third.

The final tabulation found Harry Levinson of Lake Wawasee on top of the first division. Herb Tucker and Frank Levinson were tied for second place but Frank gave Herb second place even though he had won the toss. He claimed that Herb had beaten him in the first race and was therefore entitled to the second spot. This was an act of great sportsmanship and will be acknowledged as such in the Midwest area and I'm sure all over the United States.

Dick Virgil won top spot in the other division and Bernie Rowe was second. Both were Diamond Lake men. In third was an up and coming skipper who will tend to be an obstacle for the other boats in the years to come. He was Lyle Hasty of Eagle Lake.

The regatta was a success from all points, everyone enjoying it immensely.

By Bud Leonard.

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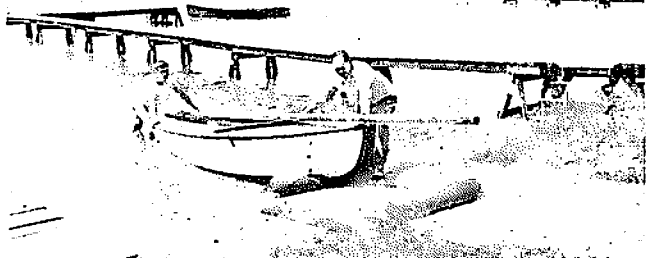
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Len Smith Wins Pacific Coast Champs

Len Smith, skipper, and Neal Gobar, crew, of Alamitos Bay Snipe Fleet have won the 1952 Pacific Coast Championship with a 5th, 1st and 3rd. Sixteen boats of the Snipe class took part. Outside of the SCIRA given perpetual trophy, all others were given thru the generosity of the City of Santa Monica. Regatta was run by the South Coast Corinthian Yacht Club.

Len Smith's was the one boat that fouled in 1951 when he had to drop out of the series. He won this year by excellent sailing and the errors of others.

The first race, July 19, was started in a breeze from the west of about 10 miles an hour. At windward mark, about two miles from the start, two boats tangled and one wound up on the mark. The next leg was a broad reach and the final, a run back to the finish. First to finish was Jim Clinton, of Alamitos Bay, followed by Paul Merrill, also Alamitos. Tom Frost of Newport Harbor was third. Smith was fifth.

The second race was the following morning. Again the same as last year, three boats were late for the start. Funny thing was that the last boat to start won the race. Wind was from the south. Fog closed in and no one could see the windward mark. At last someone found it and the others followed. It was a nice long run down to the leeward mark and all finished fairly close. Len Smith from Alamitos was in first place with Roger Smyth, defending champ, second. Hugh Snook of Lake Merritt sailing a real old time Snipe, No. 544, was in third spot. Wind was two to five miles an hour.

The third race was windward-leeward with things really piling up. At the windward mark, the first 4 boats were disqualified by RC for going around the mark the wrong way. The wind was really blowing by now and the boys got a ride down wind to the next mark. No more boats rounded incorrectly on the second lap but it was too late by then. Roger Smyth had the race all sewed up as he was second both times at the windward mark and Len Smith was 7th or 8th. Smyth might have won if he had not been "disq." on that first marker. Walt Gleckler won the third and Jules Voerge of L. Merritt was second. Len Smith was third but his points gave him the championship.

Summary Pacific Coast Championships

Len Smith, Alamitos Bay	5	1	3	1
Walt Gleckler, Alamitos Bay	6	4	1	2
Jules Voerge, Jr. L. Merritt	8	5	2	3
Roger Smyth, Santa Monica	4	2	dis	4
Tom Frost, Newport Harbor	3	dnf	4	5
Charles Merrill, Alamitos	2	11	11	6
Michael Jager, Los Ang. Harb.	7	4	1	7
Jim Clinton, Alamitos Bay	1	10	dis	8
Ray Hopkins, Santa Monica	13	6	9	9
Jack Steele, Los Angeles Harl	4	8	7	10
Phil Ramser, Los Angeles Harl	2	7	dis	11
Hugh Snook, Lake Merritt	11	3	dis	12
Arch Higman, Alamitos Bay	10	12	8	13
Kim Munholland, Alamitos	dis	9	6	14
Don Reiman, Alamitos Bay	9	14	10	15
J. Noteboom, Santa Monica	15	15	dnf	16

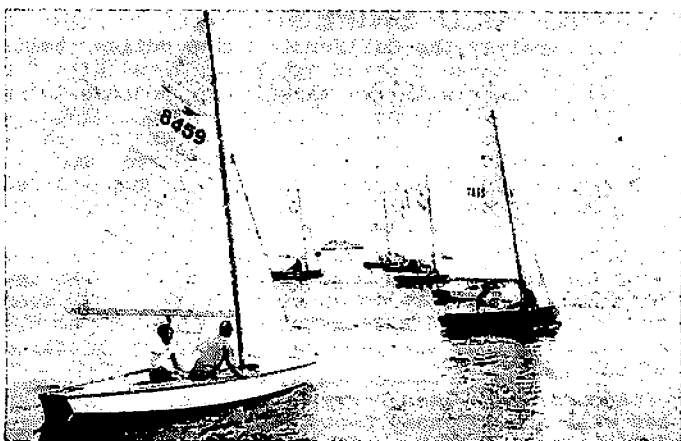
By Ross Sinclair

L.I. Sound Champion is Terry Whittemore

Terry Whittemore, Lake Quassapaug's hope, won the series for the Long Island Sound Individual Championship handily with a 4th, 2nd and 1st place for the three races held off Compo Beach, Conn., by the Cedar Point Yacht Club. The races were held the 26 and 26 of July. In all 27 Snipes took part. Joseph Remlin was second and Harry Allen, third. Both are from the host club. Ray Kaufman of City Island disqualified himself in the third race for wrestling with one of the turning marks. Thirteen of them did not come out at all for the third race, preferring to get started for home ahead of the Sunday jams. Here is the summary:

Terry Whittemore, Lake Quassapaug,	4	2	1	1
Joseph Remlin, Cedar Point	1	6	2	2

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Start of the second race at Cedar Point YC. Regatta was plagued with light airs.

Harry Allen, Cedar Point	2	5	7	3
Ray Kaufman, Eastchester Bay	5	1	dis	4
Hi Upson, Lake Quassapaug	6	10	3	5
Rodney Long, Winchester, Mass.	16	4	4	6
Pat Hurley, Cedar Point	12	7	5	7
George Cane, Eastchester Bay	14	3	dnf	8
George Schwenk, Lake Quassapaug	15	9	6	9
Harold Lyness, Port Jefferson	17	12	8	10
J. McMahon, Cedar Point	21	17	dnf	11
David Rogers, Lake Quassapaug	19	23	dnf	12
Earl Marshall (unknown fleet)	24	18	dnf	13
Mike Ryland, Cedar Point	20	19	dnf	14

Other boats not finishing or not starting the 3rd race are as follows: Jack Watson, Cedar Point; Nancy Ford, Cedar Point; Jos. Margulies, Eastchester; Jack Pyatt, Quassapaug; Jim Nolan, Cedar Pt; Sue Hitz, Cedar Pt; Hal Winston, Eastchester Bay; Thos. St. John, Quassapaug; A. Lamport, Cedar Pt; Bob Chatfield, Quassapaug; Ellis Myers, Cedar Pt; C. Bowles, Cedar Pt; J. McDonald, Quassapaug

COMING RACE DATES

Aug. 30-Sep. 1	SOUTHWESTERN Championships, Dallas S. C., Dallas, Texas.
Sept. 3-7	MANHASSET BAY RACE WEEK, Gerry Van Amerongen, 39 Rose Ave., Great Neck, L. I., N. Y.
Sept. 6-7	NEW JERSEY STATE Championships, Beachwood YC, E. D. Gaunt, Beachwood, NJ
Sept. 13-14	LAKE LOTOWANA Trophy, Missouri Y. C., Lee's Summit, Mo. Bill Wicker, 3411 Gilham Road, Kansas City, Mo.
Sept. 13-14	PRESIDENT'S CUP REGATTA, Potomac R., Washington, D. C., Robert L. Busby, 4614 - 42nd St., N. W., Washington.
Sept. 13	FALL SERIES - Lake Quassapaug, Each weekend through October. John Darby, P.O. Box 430, Naugatuck, Conn.
Nov. 25-28	WESTERN HEMISPHERE Championships, Clearwater Y.C., Cliff McKay, Clearwater Y. C., Clearwater, Fla, USA.

FLASH-WELLS WINS NATIONALS

Just as Snipe Bulletin goes to press the National Championships have closed. First ten boats, final scores are given here; 1st, Ted Wells, of Wichita, Kans., 7090 pts. Second, Morris Whitney, Clearwater Fla., 6,427 pts. Third; Francis Seavy, Clearwater, Fla. 6,233 pts. Fourth, Terry Whittemore, Lake Quassapaug, Conn. Fifth, Beth Olson, Beachwood, N.J. Sixth, Jules Voerge, L. Merritt, Cal. 7th, Jack Tillman, L. Wawasee, Ind. 8th, Billy Roberts, Chattanooga, Tenn. 9th, Thomas Lundquist, L. Chautauqua, N.Y. 10th, Garry Hoyt, Beachwood, N.J.

Morris Whitney, Clearwater, second in the Nationals, won the Juniors Championship.

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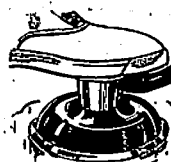


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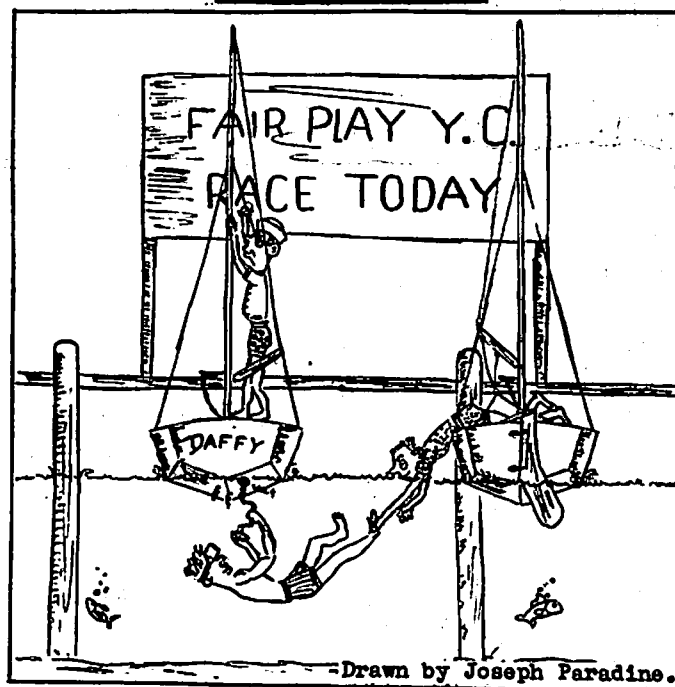
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SAVING OLD SNIPE

Lou Varalyay, the California Snipe builder, tells us that he is now putting out Fibre Glass kits for Snipes complete with the plastic. The process isn't complicated and anyone can convert an old, leaking Snipe into a modern fabric covered boat that can't leak - ever. No special tools are required and the job can be done indoors as sunlight is not needed to cure the resin.

Gonzalo Melendez, Cuba, has called to our attention the fact that on page 58 of the 1952 Association Rule Book, there is an error in third position for the 1951 World's Championships. Instead of Ole Botved in third, the name should be Jorge Mantilla of Cuba.

According to Jack Darby, L. Quassapaug's Fall Series will start Sunday, Sept. 13. It will run each Sunday through October, weather permitting. Lake Quassapaug is not far from Waterbury, Conn. Snipes from New Jersey, New York and New England are invited.



-Drawn by Joseph Paradine.

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J. Berkey, L. Wawasee	23	25	24
M. Yarger, Diamond Lake	?	?	25**
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* Tied for second place. See story

** Order of finish not given in summary. 56 Snipes took part. In above lists, right hand column is final position. The other two columns are first and second race