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1995 US NATIONALS REPORT

This year's Nationals had not one winner, but many. While this windy event was won by a very professionally trained team supported by Brand X, the real success stories came from several other top ten finishers using Sobstad.

2nd - Our Sobstad rep Craig Leweck, with his wife Lisa, had not lost a regatta all year. Even though the Nationals in San Francisco were going to be a very windy event, Craig decided to team with Lisa rather than find a heavier crew. His mission was to learn how to sail light and fast when it's blowing so as to help the many light couples in the Snipe class. In the end it was a 5th race PMS that stood between them and victory. At 20 lbs. lighter than any other team in the top 5, they win our Moral Victory Award!

3rd - Balancing the duties as a young Naval officer with his sailing, Willie Graves did not have much time to prepare for the Nationals. In June he signed on a great crew in Lisa Griffith, chartered a local boat and chose Sobstads sails. Utilizing the Sobstad Performance Guide, they quickly found the pace. Despite a first day of over early's and broken jibsheets, they had the perseverance and speed to work their way up to an impressive finish.

7th - If the event had a dark horse, it would have been Lee Griffith. On top of just being appointed the US National Secretary, Lee was using a boat he had never seen, sailing with a new crew who had never been in a Snipe and using Sobstads for the first time. Too many loose ends? Wrong! With Sobstad's technical support, Lee and Kris were contenders. They win our Average Folks Do Well Award!

9th - Top ten finishes on San Francisco Bay are for those who were raised on the ocean, not an inland lake. Lake Lanier transplant Mike Lenkeit, now of San Diego, has worked hard to break through this glass ceiling. Using every event this Spring to prepare for the Nationals, teammate Alexandra Phillips and Mike became another light squad that overcome the odds for success.

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THE COVER: Gonzalo "Old Man" Diaz and Todd Anderson prepare to gybe at the wing mark at the US Nationals in San Francisco Bay. Geri Conser photo.

THE COUNT: 20 numbers were issued this month. 10 to Argentina and 10 to Japan.

NUMBERED SNIPES: 28981

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REMEMBERING PAUL FESTERSEN

We are saddened at the loss of Past Commodore Paul F. Festersen who passed away August 5, 1995. Paul was Commodore of SCIRA in 1981 and continued on as SCIRA's legal counsel until his death. He was instrumental in securing the Snipe Class as a non-profit entity, and provided numerous tales of insight into our class. As taken from notes he wrote for the *Snipe Bulletin*, "The Commodore's sailing record sparkles with mediocrity. He was once champion of Iowa-Nebraska Fleet #309 (before Henry Davis was fully grown); and he claims to have won several obscure, ill-attended but nevertheless

sanctioned regattas. He excels at sailing in the wrong direction. As for SCIRA activities, Paul has been a local commodore, a district governor, a chronic board member and a general nuisance. The collective wisdom is that he be gotten up and out as soon as possible. The Concrete Duck, as he is often know, does have several redeeming qualities; their names are Sigrid, Anneliese, Peter and Else the Viking Princess. Each of the last three spent considerable time in gestation aboard Snipes 12875 or 20875." We will miss Paul and hope to continue to see the Festersen family on the water.

US SAILORS -- Western Hemisphere Qualifiers

2 spots will be challenged for at the 1995 North American Championships to be held at Lake Lanier, Georgia October 12-15. The top 2 American teams will represent the US at the Western Hemisphere Championships in Larchmont, New York next October, 1996. NA's entry form is in this Bulletin. The top 3 from the 1995 US Nationals held last month in Richmond, CA will complete the US team.

From the Rules Committee

The Board of Governors met in Rimini, Italy on July 6 & 7 and several of the measures adopted concern changes in sails and equipment that will be of interest to all sailors. These rules change proposals were published in the January issue of the Bulletin and occasioned quite a bit of comment. Not all the proposals were adopted: the ones that were are as follows. Look for them in the 1996 issue of the SCIRA rulebook.

Page 35: The "Instructions for Fleet Measurers" section is being re-written to reflect the fact that almost all Snipes are measured by class measurers today. Fleet measurers, where they exist, as still an important part of SCIRA, but the fact is that page 35 makes no mention of class measurers. Thus the change.

Rule 8:10: The last sentence referring to mainsail tack location is being moved to Rule 67.

Rule 8:15: Due to rapidly advancing technology in yachting equipment and supplies this rule has been changed to the following: "Carbon or aramid fibers or micro-grooved film shall not be used in hull construction. Exotic materials may be used in running rigging and fittings only if commercially manufactured and readily available on the open market at prices competitive with similar fittings and equipment of non-exotic material."

Here is an example illustrating the necessity of this change: Many of the cam cleats now being sold to sailors contain carbon fiber. These are indistinguishable from ones without the carbon fiber, yet under current rules they are illegal in the Snipe Class. No doubt many of these "illegal" are already in use on Snipes worldwide.

Rule 14: Changed to add the words "aft of station 1" to the "lack of flatness rule." This is to clarify for measurers the application of this rule. It is not a change.

Rule 26: New first sentence: "The centerboard must be restricted while racing in such a manner that no point on the bottom edge extends less than 12 inches (304.28mm) below the keel." This is to prevent boards being canted at an extreme angle that just allows one corner to reach the 12 inch minimum.

Rule 26: New last sentence: "Any type of retaining system may be used, provided such system allows the crew to extend the board completely when capsized without swimming under the boat." Any centerboard bridle not complying will have to be re-rigged.

Rule 35: Cancel last sentence ("a 60" mark showing on

either side of the mast step shall be moulded in the hull." Onerous for the builders and of no help to the measurers.

Rule 43: This rule being changed to require a permanent stop on the boom so that the foot of the mainsail cannot be overstretched.

Rule 54.1: Effective January 1, 1996 measurement certificates given to owners shall include a hull diagram showing ballast weight and location and moment of inertia."

This is the first step in documenting weight and MOI that may lead to shortening the weighing and measuring process at major regattas.

Rules 64 & 70: Changed to allow 10" (254mm) or 12" (305mm) sail letters and numbers. Rule 70 also being changed to eliminate one-letter national designations in order to comply with IYRU.

Rule 65: This rule is being changed to: 1) allow use of polyester film (mylar) laminates in jib construction, subject to approval by the Rules Committee; 2) as of Jan. 1, 1996 require all jib leeches to be reinforced with at least one additional layer of cloth of the same weight as the body of the sail or the equivalent leeches to be sewn or glued; 3) quote all cloth weights in sailmaker's yards (28x36) rather than square yards - a paper change only so that we and the sailmakers use the same terminology; and 4) allow a 2 sq. ft. (1858 sq. cm) window in each sail.

Rule 66: A measurement rule to ensure that main roach measurements are taken in a uniform manner by measurers worldwide. "Main leech roach shall be checked with enough tension to remove wrinkles."

Rule 66: Add the luff of the jib to other measurements taken with a "direct pull of 8 lbs (3.6kg).

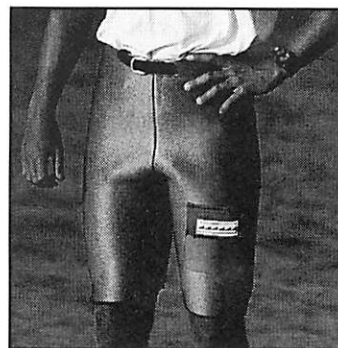
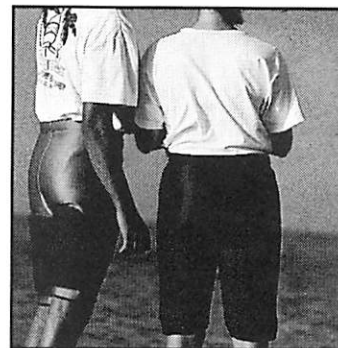
Rule 67: This sentence from Rule 8.10 is being added: "The tack of the sail shall be so located that bolt ropes do not deviate appreciably from a straight line." Also "Bolt ropes can be cut back at the tack no more than 10 in. (254mm)" is being added.

Rule 72: Rule being changed to allow removable jib luff wires. There are several advantages: 1) one luff wire for all jibs will make it unnecessary to change mast rake when changing jibs, 2) jibs will fold and travel better.

Sheet "F" Bow radius wording: "Bow radius shall not exceed 1 in. (25.4mm) at any point above the actual or extended chine intersection." This is to clarify for measurers the application of the bow radius rule.

Proposals for minimum paddle size and to allow kinetics to be used in winds exceeding 12 mph were defeated.

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It's Hart Again as US National Champ



"I never thought I'd look forward to the weather leg"

was the mantra of the crews union during the US National Championship held at Richmond Yacht Club on San Francisco Bay August 12-19. 41 teams made the pilgrimage to San Francisco to pay final homage to Jerry Garcia and sail to leeward of the Golden Gate.

The senior nationals began with a chalk talk on the ins and outs of San Francisco Bay complete with U-2 surveillance photo of the Richmond sailing area. Striations of wind and current lines and local knowledge were revealed through local experts with Bart Hackworth as host. Skippers were seen taking notes and writing important current times on their decks prior to days racing.

Crosby

The hunt for the Crosby trophy began with 41 boats on the line in breezes of 12-15, to the right of Angel Island. Lessons from the previous nights lecture found the group heading left toward the breeze and watching the current. Will Graves and Lisa Griffith took the first race with Craig and Lisa Leweck, Chuck Tripp and Stacey Dumain, Jeff and Becky Lenhart and Jack Franco/Rob Lindley rounding out the top five. The second race was again a drag race to the left with Doug Hart and Steve Stewart taking finishing honors with Henry Filter and Carol Newman in 2nd.

The second day of the Crosby started with a roar. The wind was straight out of the north and howling. The only option was for the race committee to move the course to the right at sheltered "killer" Kellers Cove. The first race found Hart/Stewart rounding the weather mark with a slight lead, and then off to a gigantic lead, as if they were shot out of a slingshot. The reach provided an end to the ride as Doug "went right when the boat went left" during the gybe and Steve looking for his skipper as the boat went sideways. Lee Griffith and Chris Dyer took the lead with Jim Grubbs practicing a "chicken gybe" (tacking rather than gybing) and the others doing their best to round the mark upright. At one point, shore side spectators counted 8 boats upside down. Hart/Stewart were able to right their boat immediately and eventually sailed their way to 2nd. Filter/Newman hiked into the lead and Griffith/Dyer finished third.

The last race of the Crosby found many

sailors sailing straight in, as they had already qualified for the Heinzerling. The hardy who continued on found themselves starting in breeze in which most of the fleet thought was at the top end of the scale. Although the fleet found the top three finishers of the prior race in the same positions in this race, everyone who sailed had their own survival story.



The screaming reaches had everyone talking after the races.
Geri Conser photo

Heinzerling

The fleet again was sent to "killer" cove for the first race of the Heinzerling. After one recall, the fleet was off barreling through large chop and heavy breezes. Filter/Newman took the lead at the weather mark and never relinquished it. Their reaching performances were spectacular, and they had no problem upwind either. Hart/Stewart rounded the weather mark about 7th and put their pole up, screaming to leeward of everyone and rounding the gybe mark in 2nd. Numerous capsizes both upwind and downwind made the course a demolition derby at times. The only altercation came during the second race at the gybe mark with Henry Filter giving Jim Grubbs room, and slightly out of control, Grubbs bumped Filter, forcing him to capsize, then running into Filters centerboard, placing

a large hole in the bow of Grubbs boat. Bent masts, one broken, a broken rudder and several "badges of courage" on mainsail heads from the shallow waters of Richmond were the only casualties of the heavy air days.

Race 2 of the Heinzerling found Franco/Lindley and the Lewecks exchanging positions numerous times on the race course. Franco grabbed the upwind legs and the Lewecks took off on the reaches. At the finish, it was Franco/Lindley followed by the Lewecks, with Dave Tillson and Watt Duffy placing third.

The second day of the Heinzerling provided more normal San Francisco breezes and the race course back to the normal position. The right side seemed to be favored now, with the current playing a major factor. The Lewecks

1995 Perpetual Trophy Winners

Perpetual trophy

Heinzerling - Champion of the United States
Portage Lakes - Champion Crew of the United States
Slauson - 2nd Place Skipper & Crew of the Heinzerling series
Wells - Champions not sailing in the Heinzerling fleet
Crosby - Winner of the qualifying series
Griffith - High Point of combined Crosby and Heinzerling
Carolyn Nute - top placing married couple
Eleanor Williams - Top placing female in Heinzerling
Masters Endurance - Oldest skipper entered in Championship
Owen E. Duffy - Junior Champion of the United States
Gilreath - Champion crew of the U.S. Junior Championship

Winner, fleet

Doug Hart, Steve Stewart, Mission Bay
Steve Stewart, Mission Bay
Craig & Lisa Leweck, Mission Bay
Gonzalo Diaz, Sr., Todd Anderson, Miami
Henry Filter, Carol Newman, Annapolis
Doug Hart, Steve Stewart, Mission Bay
Craig & Lisa Leweck, Mission Bay
Lisa Leweck, Mission Bay
Gonzalo Diaz, Sr., Miami
Sebastian Casalaina, San Francisco
Miriam Casalaina, San Francisco

and Hart/Stewart split both races and went into the final day points ahead of the rest of the fleet. Final days races proved 10-12 knots. The first race of the day had the "Z" flag flown catching a few overearly including Team Leweck, Thompson and Grubbs, all in the hunt for the top 5. Hart/Stewart scored the first of 2 bullets for the day. The Championship came down to the final race. The Lewecks led the entire race but needed to place 2 boats between Hart/Stewart to win. At the finish, Leweck crossed first and luffed to block Hart in an effort to let Franco/Lindley, who were in 3rd, finish. Leweck was too close to Hart and fouled him, having the Lewecks do their 720 and re-finish the race. Hart/Stewart sewed up the Championship!



hungry sailors with sustenance and the Wednesday night beer can regatta provided entertainment for the tired sailors from the deck of the clubhouse. Peggy Lenhart won the 'oldies but goodies' night t-shirt contest, pulling a shirt from the 1975 Winter Circuit. Daily firsts were coveted bottles of California wine, quickly consumed by fellow competitors. A suggestion was made to exchange bottles of Advil for the wine for some of the aches and pains felt during the long windy races. Scott Rovanner is a regatta chairman who can't be matched! If he wasn't escorting photographers and spectators to the course, he was chilling & tapping the keg, vacuuming, cooking burgers, getting rental tables and moving members boats to accommodate the Snipe trailers. Can we convert this Fireball sailor to Snipes? **Junior Championship**

Wells

The Wells contenders were tough! Gonzalo "Old Man" Diaz and local crew junior sailor Todd Anderson, started off conservatively, but finished with 3 straight firsts. There was no need to sail the last race. The father/son team of Ned and Matt Niccolls finished second followed by the rest of the San Francisco fleet not in the Heinzerling and Gene Patrick of Portland.

photo essay of Will Graves and Lisa Griffith during a capsize. "We were only in the water for 10 seconds, thanks to Lisa" Willie said. Geri Conser photo.

Social

The San Francisco fleet went all out for this regatta. Well known artist Jim DeWitt was commissioned for a painting of a Snipe which was turned into the regatta t-shirts. Raffle prizes were drawn with everyone a winner (there were enough for all competitors). Geri Conser, marine photographer extraordinaire, was on the water taking photos and produced some of the best yet! Daily breakfasts were provided as well as crew lunches and after sailing beer and hors d'ouvres. Nightly dinners provided

The Junior duo of Sebastian (Yano) and Miriam Casalaina won their second consecutive US Junior National Championship title in their own home waters.



With 5 straight firsts, they were virtually unmatched in all the conditions handed them in this years Championship. John Warnock, Jr. and Lisa Williams of Mission Bay, brought in 2nd place honors with 11 points and Chad Freitas of Richmond finished 3rd with 13 pts. Four junior/senior teams competed with Dustin Kays and crew Don Hackbarth taking top honors in their division. Conditions ranged from 8-10 in the morning races to 18-20 in the afternoon giving the junior teams all ranges.

—Team Biehl

Equipment at US Nationals

Hull Manufacturers

McLaughlin	16
Persson	14
Eclipse	4
Phoenix	3
Jibe Tech	2
Thor	1
Chubasco	1

Sails

North	17
Sobstad	16
Ullman	8

Masts

Sidewinder	16
Proctor	13
Cobra II	8
Cobra	4

Weight of Top 10 Crews

Hart/Stewart	310
Leweck/Leweck	285
Graves/Griffith	300
Mayol/Grange	320
Tillson/Duffy	340
Franco/Lindley	320
Griffith/Dyer	305
Filter/Newman	305
Lenkeit/Phillips	295
Gales/Baker	310

1995 U.S. National Championship

Heinzerling Series

Skipper/Crew	Sail #	Fleet	Finishes	Total
1. Doug Hart/Steve Stewart	28687	Mission Bay	2-(7)-3-1-1-1	7.25
2. Craig/Lisa Leweck	28672	Mission Bay	4-2-1-2-(24p20)-3	11.75
3. Will Graves/Lisa Griffith	27568	Mission Bay	9-(14)-2-3-2-7	23.
4. Kurt Mayol/Jeff Grange	27534	Alamitos Bay	3-5-6-9-(14)-4	27
5. Dave Tillson/Watt Duffy	25048	Mission Bay	(11)-3-5-8-3-10	29
6. Jack Franco/Robert Lindley	28702	Alamitos Bay	8-1-(pms)-10-10-2	30.75
7. Lee Griffith/Chris Dyer	27054	Barnegat Bay	5-9-11-(12)-5-8	38
8. Henry Filter/Carol Newman	28094	Annapolis	1-8avg-(21)-4-20-6	38.45
9. Michael Lenkeit/Alex Phillips	28686	Mission Bay	10-8-4-(11)-9-9	40
10. Robin Gales/Jeff Baker	28225	Lake Washington	14-4-7-6-(16)-12	43
11. Bart Hackworth/Paul Kerner	25992	San Francisco	6-10-14-13-4-(16)	47
12. Jim Grubbs/Chad Freitas	28446	Lake Washington	7-(pms)-8-7-(22p20)-5	49
13. Tom O'Neill/Laurel Timpson	28678	Mission Bay	12-11-12-(14)-13p20-14	62
14. Jerry Thompson/Dee Schilling	24702	Alamitos Bay	dnf-6-10-5-(pms)-11	63
15. Jeff/Becky Lenhart	25715	Mission Bay	(22)-21-9-15-11-13	69
16. Blake Middleton/Leslie Osmera	26161	San Francisco	19-19-16-17-7-(24)	78
17. Fred Abels/Greg Pease	25460	Sea Cliff	20-13-18-(24)-18-15	84
18. Chuck Tripp/Stacey Dumain	24106	Alamitos Bay	16-17-19-20-13-(22)	85
19. Jamie Fontanella/Aimee Hess	25994	San Francisco	18-15-20-19-(23)-18	90
20. Mark/Karen Butler	25224	Mission Bay	15-(23)-15-22-22-19	93
21. Sean Biehl/John Warnock, Jr.	26104	Mission Bay	17-18-17-(27)-19-23	94
22. David Whitmore/David Hansen	25480	San Francisco	13-20-(29)-16-28-17	94
23. Standish/Anne O'Grady	28857	San Francisco	21-22-22-21-12-(25)	98
24. Packy/Julie Davis	28215	San Francisco	dnf-(dnc)-13-23-8-27	102
25. Yano Casalaina/Christian Jones	28445	San Francisco	24-12-31-18-25-(dnf)	110
26. Rhet Turner/Don Rossi	26912	Atlanta	23-24-23-25-21-(30)	116
27. Bob Bowden/Eric Wilcox	28223	Mission Bay	26-25-26-(32)-24-31	132
28. David/Susan Odell	27521	San Francisco	dnf-(dnc)-28-26-27-20	132
29. Don Hackbarth/Dustin Kays	28571	Atlanta	25-26-25-29-(31)-29	134
30. Doug/Bonnie Howson	25329	San Francisco	dnf-(dnc)-24-28-29-28	140
31. Gonzo/Gonzo Jr. Diaz	24776	Miami	dnf-(dnc)-30-30-30-21	142
32. Andrew Schmidt/Josh Rosenfeld	23583	San Francisco	(dnc)-dnc-27-31-26-26	142

Wells Series

1. Gonzalo Diaz, Sr./Todd Anderson	28814	Miami	3-2-1-1-1-(dnc)	7.25
2. Ned/Matt Niccolls	25993	San Francisco	2-(dnc)-2-4-3-2	13
3. David Yoffie/Priscilla Duffy	25976	San Francisco	(5)-3-4-2-2-4	15
4. John Callahan/Kris Greenough	23598	San Francisco	1-1-(8)-5-6-(dnf)	19.50
5. John/Vickie Gilmour	26752	San Francisco	(7)-dnf-6-3-4-3	21
6. Jonathan Knight/Steve Chapin	19600	San Francisco	6-(dnc)-3-6-dnf-1	24.75
7. Charles Heimler/Judy Yamaguchi	28447	San Francisco	4-4-(7)-7-7-5	27
8. Vince Casalaina/Julie Petersen	28856	San Francisco	(dnc)-dnc-5-dnf-5-dnc	36
9. Gene Patrick/Jesse Paulson	23593	Portland	(dnc)-dnc-9-dnc-8-6	41

Junior Championship

1. Yano/Miriam Casalaina	28445	San Francisco	1-1-1-1-1	3
2. John Warnock, Jr./Lisa Williams	26104	Mission Bay	2-(cnf)-4-3-2	11
3. Chad Freitas/		San Francisco	3-(cnf)-3-2-5	13

Junior/Senior

1. Dustin Kays/Don Hackbarth	28571	Atlanta	4-4-(5)-4-4	16
2. Jeff/Dick Loomis	24804	San Francisco	5-(6)-2-6-3	16
3. Elissa Hemus/Charles Heimler	28447	San Francisco	6-5-(dnf)-5-dnf	22
4. JV/John Gilmour	26752	San Francisco	7-7-dnf-7-(dnc)	28
5. Matt/Ned Niccolls	25993	San Francisco	(dnc)-dnc-dnc-dnc-dnc	32

Crosby Series--top 10 of 41

1. Henry Filter/Carol Newman	28094	Annapolis	(6)-2-1-1	3.5
2. Doug Hart/Steve Stewart	28687	Mission Bay	(7)-1-2-2	4.75
3. Will Graves/Lisa Griffith	27568	Mission Bay	1-3-8-(dnc)	11.75
4. Chuck Tripp/Stacey Dumain	24106	Alamitos Bay	3-(10)-9-6	18
5. Lee Griffith/Chris Dyer	28812	Barnegat Bay	(14)-12-3-3	18
6. Robin Gales/Jeff Baker	28225	Lake Washington	(11)-8-7-4	19
7. Bart Hackworth/Paul Kerner	25992	San Francisco	10-4-10-(dnf)	24
8. Jim Grubbs/Chad Freitas	28446	Lake Washington	15-5-4-(dnc)	24
9. Kurt Mayol/Jeff Grange	27534	Alamitos Bay	9-11-(14)-5	25
10. David Tillson/Watt Duffy	25048	Mission Bay	13-6-6-(dnc)	25

European Cup and UK Nationals

After a break of some 14 years, the International Snipe European Cup returned to British shores at Harwich Town Sailing Club. 28 crews from six nations participated, held alongside the British Snipe Nationals which ran from July 31 to August 4.

The regatta was generously supported by Total Heat who provided fuel for committee and rescue boats, trophies and welcome pack goodies at registration. Blake's Paints also kindly donated prizes.

The European Cup is held every two years and does not require pre-qualification, so club sailors who might not get the opportunity of sailing in a World or European Championship can still sample the excitement of international competition. The regatta included five under 19 teams with the youngest competitor Janet Hoy, just eleven years of age.

An increasingly strong wind blew from the North east all week and would take its toll by the end of the regatta. Reigning National Champions Peter Wolstenholme and Alan Williams posted their intent winning the first race from Spain's Eduardo Pastor and Luz Maria Gonzalez. Chris and Sue Surridge held off Patrick Biddulph and Matthew Silver for third, setting up an incident filled tussle between the two crews.

In the second race, Wolstenholme/Williams and Pastor/Gonzalez again came first and second. Gary Lewis, a five-times Snipe National Champion was third with Biddulph/Silver fourth.

Stone International Open 35th Anniversary Regatta

The Anniversary of the Stone Open attracted less than expected entry. The terrible weather being experienced no doubt contributed to the low figure of 21 Snipes.

Throughout the weekend, June 10-11, the heavy cloud did not break or the wind settle down, it just fluctuated between a force 3 to a slight zephyr, most unfriendly. Also, the rain would not be left out deciding to put in an appearance on the odd occasion.

The Race Committee undertook an excellent job with such conditions, for the competitors it was most fortunate that past National Champion David Crispin was responsible for setting the Olympic courses where his experience came to the fore.

Old timers Gary Lewis and Neil Martin showed the fleet that they were "still in charge". Though Chris and Sue Surridge, together with Patrick Biddulph let it be known they were challenge.

Under the organisation of Fleet Captain Eric Broughton the regatta ran on well oiled wheels. The Anniversary Dinner was well attended, followed by a liquid evening in true Snipe style. Though the weather did mess about during the racing for Prize Giving it did become reasonable allowing an alfresco presentation to be made.

—Gareth Davies
Stone Fleet 372

Top 6 of 21

Skipper/Crew	Fleet	Points
1. Gary Lewis/Paul Marshall	Budworth	3.5
2. Neil/Randi Martin	Budworth	7
3. Patrick Biddulph/M. Silver	Blue Circle	7.75
4. John/Debbie Love	Budworth	8.75
5. Chris/Sue Surridge	Blue Circle	8.75
6. Anne Romain/S. Monteil	Le Havre	21

Stone Buoy: Gary Lewis/Paul Marshall
International: Patrick Biddulph/Matthew Silver
Old Spice: John/Debbie Love
St. Lawrence: Gary Lewis/Paul Marshall
Junior: Paul Adamson/Andrew Piggott
Foreign Crew: Anne Romain/Sebaston Monteil
Marlow Ropes Lady Helm: Anne Romain

In the back-to-back third race, Surridge/Surridge and Biddulph/Silver's boats touched in pre-start manoeuvring. Biddulph was fourth at the finish but Surridge protested. Aware that an unsuccessful counter-protest could not be discarded, Biddulph retired. Wolstenholme and Pastor continued their dominance of first and second and Andy Thomas, finally getting to grips with his self-built Snipe, came third with Danish crew Marianne Halfden-Nielsen who was Denmark's 470 crew at the Barcelona Olympics. Juniors Maxim Romain and Stephane Collana of France were fourth.

Wednesday the unrelenting wind finally took its toll of equipment. John Williams' shroud pulled out, bending his mast and shattering his deck. Jonathan Simpson broke his tiller and John Love's rudder stock split. Wolstenholme/Williams were again first, Thomas/Halfden-Nielsen second, Gary Lewis came third as Biddulph got his fourth place.

The class rallied round after the carnage of Wednesday

and with the smell of epoxy thick in the air, all 28 boats were launched fit for Thursday's race.

Wolstenholme/Williams' metronomic consistency gained them another first after Gary Lewis forfeited a good lead, capsizing at the wing mark. Pastor/Gonzalez came second with Thomas/Halfden-Nielsen third. Brian and Ian Gregory went like a rocket to finish well n seventh.

After an evening of the now legendary Bar-Boat racing, barn dancing and an organised pub-crawl, competitors dragged themselves out of the final race on Friday. Wolstenholme/Williams underlined their mastery of the Snipe with their sixth straight win. Biddulph/Silver's second place finally eclipsed the challenge of Surridge who fell back to eleventh. Thomas/Halfden-Nielsen came third with Lewis fourth.

Peter Wolstenholme and Alan Williams victory was their third straight win and fifth Snipe Nationals in all. They are the first Britons to win the European Cup.

—Richard Lambert

Skipper/Crew	Sail#	Country	Total
1. Peter Wolstenholme/Alan Williams	26671	UK	3.75
2. Eduardo Pastor/Luz Maria Gonzalez	19991	ESP	14
3. Andy Thomas/Marianne Halfden-Nielsen	28945	UK	15
4. Patrick Biddulph/Matthew Silver	18385	UK	21
5. Chris/Sue Surridge	28398	UK	23
6. Maxim Romain/Stephane Colonna	28678	FRA	26
7. Gary Lewis/Matthew	27106	UK	26
8. Richard Lambert/Nicky Williams	28639	UK	38
9. Danoal Blayo/Tanguy Leglatin	27013	FRA	41
10. Jean Christophe Caye/Fabien Beauchart	20564	FRA	43
11. Brian/Ian Gregory	20641	UK	46
12. Anne Romain/Domien Viennot	28682	FRA	59
13. Keith/James Harding	27001	UK	62
14. John Simpson/Ian Sinclair	22542	UK	68
15. Alan/Janet Hoy	19328	UK	70
16. Rober/Matthew Barnes	27330	UK	77
17. John/Deborah Love	24145	UK	83
18. Henryk Sadzik/Alex Francis	24152	UK	88
19. Graham Campbell/Frankie Ramm	10070	UK	89
20. Don Elliott/Edward Leach	22778	UK	90
21. Ted/Adrienne Thompson	20330	UK	93
22. John Evling/George Mees	22471	UK	93
23. John White/Catherine Dyce	27329	UK	100
24. Henryk Sadzik/Agnieszka Gaj	21909	UK	112
25. Paul Adamson/Andrew Piggott	24359	UK	117
26. Jerry/Robin Desmond	26090	UK	120
27. John Williams/Nick Westbrook	23626	UK	122
28. George Bailey/Margaret Campbell	22473	UK	138



Nordic Championship

The Scandinavian Championships (or Nordics as we prefer) were held in Marstrand, just north of Gothenburg on the Swedish west coast on July 26th - 28th by GKSS. The weather was sunny and warm with winds between 3 and 15 knots. 40 boats from Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Finland attended.

Day 1 had a slowly veering south-easterly wind and a north-going current. The left side of the course paid off in the first race, due to more wind and less current. The second race was maybe a bit more subtle with a marked veer, but the left was still the place to be. Swedes Fredrik Segerstrom/Richard Obelpichler opened strongly with two firsts (Fredrik was 4th at the Worlds, sailing with Carl Temeus).

Day 2 had a light south-easterly breeze that during the day veered, weakened, veered some more, came back in strength and backed, died, came back again and backed to the initial direction and strength. Whew! This time it was Kristoffer Spone and Janette Krefting's time to shine. The

fast Norwegians (2nd at the Europeans '94 and 9th at the Worlds in Italy this year) took two bullets in the difficult conditions. Race 3, however, was later cancelled after some sailors filed an appeal for redress, due to the shifting winds turning the first and second beat into two beam reaches.

The final day had conditions similar to the first day. Kristoffer and Janette used their excellent speed to take two more bullets and the Championship was theirs. Fredrik and Richard was a close second and third was the rather inconsistent 2nd-year crew Christopher Scheie/Gro Christiansen from Norway.

Denmark and Finland were a bit off the pace with Sweden and Norway filling the top ten places. On their way to the European Youth Snipe Championships, Italian crew Enrico Solerio/Testi Alessio popped in and managed an 12th place, being the only non-Scandinavian contestants.

—Mattias Alm
SWE-27458

top 15 of 40

Skipper/Crew
1. Kristoffer Spone/Janette Krefting
2. Fredrik Segerstrom/Richard Obelpinchler
3. Christopher Scheie/Gro Christiansen
4. P-E Johansson/Anette Sjöo
5. Tomas Berg/Niclas Bengtsson
6. Geir V Svendsen/Jan Petter Gamborg
7. Tommy/Christina Sandberg
8. Mattias Alm/Fredrik Hansson
9. Bo Lindsjö/Ulrik Jonsson
10. P-A Johansson/Karin Petterson
11. Tomas Iversen/Anne Hansen
12. Enrico Solerio/Testi Alessio
13. Jan Strombeck/Niklas Pernvik
14. Simon Lofterud/Fabian Lovseth
15. Nikolai Myhre/Tomas Rasmussen

Country	Finishes	Total
NOR	9-3-1-1-1	5.25
SWE	1-1-6-5-2	8.5
NOR	2-2-20-8-3	15
SWE	3-9-23-3-6	21
SWE	6-4-2-25-10	22
NOR	4-7-9-2-37	22
SWE	8-17-3-4-8	23
SWE	5-12-5-12	33
SWE	5-11-13-11-7	34
SWE	10-6-10-10-28	36
DEN	20-5-22-9-4	38
ITA	22-16-7-6-15	44
SWE	12-21-11-7-25	51
NOR	7-14-19-15-16	53
DEN	13-15-12-23-19	59

Kitsilano Open/Western Canada Snipe Championship

Crews from the Seattle and Willamette fleets made the trek north to join members of Western Canada Fleet 25 for its first major regatta since the Vancouver-based fleet was reformed about 18 months ago. On Saturday, the seven-boat fleet enjoyed a westerly in the 6-12 knot range, as well as a healthy flooding tide. Sunday dawned gloomy and the day's only race featured a first beat that turned into a reach, a run that turned into a beat, then a brisk run back to the finish of the shortened race. Shortly afterward, the wind evaporated, the skies opened and the even came to a soggy no-throwout end. Even so, the visitors swore they had a good time, and the locals enjoyed the visiting top-flight competition.

Seattle's Ted Garman/Mark Choon quickly figured out English Bay's standard "head left for the beach" routine, and showed good speed to take the event handily. Not winning a race but never finishing below third, Duart and Jan Snow of Vancouver slipped into second place ahead of Gene Patrick and Jesse Poulson of Portland and Cliff Wright/J. Wright of Seattle. The Snows also won the Western Canada title.

—Duart Snow

1. T. Garman/M. Choon	25911
2. D/J. Snow	16345
3. G. Patrick/J. Paulson	23593
4. C/J Wright	28108
5. M/A. Wilson	17016
6. G. Norton/C. Jones	24750
7. J. Silva/K. Ho	20985

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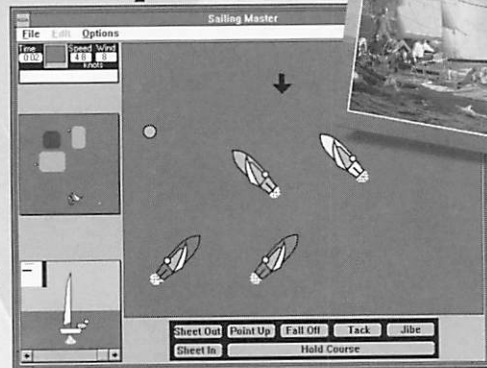
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U.S. Board of Governors Meeting

August 13, 1995

Richmond Yacht Club

The U.S. Board of Governors meeting was called to order by U.S. National Secretary, Peter Fenner, at 8:15 am on the deck of Richmond Yacht Club. Board members in attendance were: Peter Fenner, Lisa Pline, Bob Bowden, Lee Griffith, Rules Chairman Dan Williams, U.S. Chief Measurer Brainard Cooper, Rear Commodore Gonzo Diaz, Western Hemisphere General Secretary Don Hackbarth, Executive Director Jerelyn Biehl and District 1 Governor, Darryl Waskow.

National Secretaries Report

Peter Fenner discussed that US SCIRA membership has been declining over the past several years.

Fred and Jan Rozelle were commended for their tireless efforts over the past several years to make a full audit of SCIRA's books and with the work of Jerelyn Biehl have determined the current status of SCIRA US financial condition. Three separate accounts have been established: International, US and US Perpetual Fund.

SCIRA Rules Chairman Dan Williams will resign this December 31 after 20 years of service to the Class. The International Board elected Brainard Cooper to complete his remaining 2 year term. A new international committee has been formed to possibly restructure the Rules and Measurement committee functions.

The new event commitment process was put in place for the 1995 World Championships and it worked well with qualified sailors committing to the regatta. A replacement team was needed, and the system worked well with the next qualified team in place within 24 hours. We will continue to use this process for the next series of Championships.

World Championship results: Fenner was pleased with the US team in Rimini. 3 of the 4 teams were in the top 10 going into the last race with 2 teams having an opportunity to win.

Centerboard Committee: Fenner is the chairman of an International Centerboard Committee formed to investigate and evaluate the fiber board. The primary goal of this committee is to produce a board that will cost less money to build/buy. It will probably be lighter. The issue of boat weight is an entirely different issue and the International Long Range Planning Committee will study the impact. Centerboard Committee members include: Fenner, Brainard Cooper, Gonzo Diaz, Ola Nygard, Antonio Roquette, Jan Persson and Commodore Lowe. Currently, Jan Persson sells a aluminum board for \$450.00.

New National Secretary: Peter Fenner will step down as US National Secretary on December 31, 1995. Lee Griffith has been elected to succeed Fenner in January. Minutes of the 1994 US Board were approved as published in the Bulletin.

Qualifying for International Events:

Junior Worlds 1996 - Spain: 1-1995 Jr. Nationals; 1-East Coast regatta to be held in Spring 1996.

Western Hemispheres 1996 - Larchmont, NY: 3-1995 US Nationals, Richmond, California; 2-1995 North Americans, Lake Lanier, Georgia.

1997 World Championships - San Diego, California: 3-US Nationals, Pensacola, Florida; 2-Pacific Coast Championships, San Diego, CA, Sept. 1996.

Executive Director

Fleet Activity: The US has several fleets with less than 5 members. Board decided to let them continue to exist with hopes of rebuilding these fleets. SCIRA has had several calls regarding new fleets in the Florida, Chicago and Virginia areas.

Deeds of Gift: Phil Richmond and volunteers are working on updating these. Board to give discretion to Exec. Director to add/remove trophies from Rulebook.

Finances and Promotion

Gonzo Diaz distributed and presented both his and Fred

Rozelle's financial proposals as well as the financial position of SCIRA US. SCIRA US is currently running a \$5,000. annual deficit. This is due mainly to a decrease in membership. In addition, after Rozelle and Biehl determined the financial status in 1994, a loan was borrowed from the US Perpetual Fund that needs to be repaid. After some investigation by Diaz, Rozelle and Biehl, it was determined that the amount owed to the Perpetual Fund was significantly lower than expected, based on prior years total amounts in the Perpetual Fund.

A motion was made "To decrease the amount USA operating Fund owes the US Perpetual Fund from \$11,500, transferred in November 1994 to \$7,500." m/s/p (Rozelle/Griffith) Also, "That US SCIRA pay the US Perpetual Fund \$7,500 by the US Board meeting in 1997 and that effective immediately, 2 signatures will be required on a document to transfer funds out of the Perpetual Fund, those of the Executive Director and the US Treasurer or the US National Secretary." m/s/p (Pline/Griffith)

To keep in line with the \$2.00 increase that was in effect for 1995 dues, a motion was made "To raise co-owners \$2.00 and family members commensurably." m/s/p (Pline, Griffith)

After much discussion of the possibility of raising dues, it was proposed by Gonzo Diaz that "Peter Fenner prepare a written statement providing options for financial health for the future of US SCIRA to be presented at the 1995 General Meeting for discussion." m/s/p (Diaz, Pline)

Sail Royalties will raise to \$10 per sail beginning in 1996, as International adopted the international royalty at \$5 per sail. Rather than diminish US income, we will keep our \$5 and add the \$5 International royalty.

Revenue Enhancement

Merchandise—Lee Griffith and Lisa Pline discussed two options for US revenue through the sale of merchandise: wholesale where SCIRA buy, inventory and mark-up merchandise with 100% profit; commission where SCIRA makes 1/2 as much vs. the commission method. A motion was made for "SCIRA US to pursue merchandise on commission basis with proceeds to go to the US Perpetual Fund, and SCIRA to control the selection, supply and design of merchandise." m/s/p (Pline/Diaz)

US Board Structure

Fenner discussed the proposed committees that will be formed immediately, with the named Chairman: Finance: Rozelle; Promotion and Fundraising: Pline; Membership: Bowden; US Board Structure: Griffith. A motion was made that "National Secretary appoint a finance, promotion and fundraising, membership and a US Board Structure Committees and they report and execute on issues as

directed by the Board and National Secretary." m/s/p (Diaz, Pline)

"District Governors be a part of the US Board as full voting members and part of above formed committees as of January 1, 1996." m/s/p (Diaz, Pline) 1 abstention

US Nationals

Format: Griffith and Sean Biehl created a survey about the Nationals format that will be handed out at this Nationals and inserted in the Bulletin for all US sailors input.

The US Board voted "To increase the registration fee to \$125, with \$100 going toward the organizing committee and \$25 toward SCIRA." m/s/p (Griffith/Pline) "A \$50 penalty will be assess to late entries for US Nationals." m/s/p (Bowden/Diaz)

US Board Structure committee of Griffith, Chairman; Fenner and Phil Richmond to discuss SCIRA's relationship with US Sailing.

Rules and Measurement

Brainard Cooper discussed the rules passed at the World Board meeting in Rimini in July.

A new measurement certificate for new boats issued after January 1, 1996 will be required.

Brainard Cooper was introduced as the new incoming Rules Chairman.

Adelaide, Snipe #1 needs a home. Darryl Waskow will investigate various museums that have been forwarded to SCIRA as possible homes.

Regatta Bids

Western Hemispheres - 1996 - Larchmont, NY. Regatta going as planned.

1996 US Nationals - Pensacola, Florida

1996 World Masters - Oslo, Norway

1997 US Nationals - District 1, possible Jersey shore in late July, early August.

1998 US Nationals - District 3 - National Secretary to talk to District 3 Governor to talk to other fleets in District for bids. A fax ballot can be taken.

1997 North Americans - Canada is interested in this regatta in conjunction with a US regatta.

1998 World Masters - Cordoba, Argentina

1998 Womens Worlds - Annapolis may be interested in bidding.

1997 Jr. Worlds. If Spain backs out, Crescent Yacht Club in Michigan may be interested.

General Membership Meeting - Fenner to create agenda. Paul Festersen, former Commodore and legal counsel passed away recently.

Meeting adjourned 1:30 pm.

For Sale: snipe merchandise:

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District Championships

Donaldson/Neuhoff Win District 3 Championship

Kirk Donaldson and Alex Neuhoff captured the District 3 Championship sailed July 8-9 on beautiful Gull Lake, Michigan. Forty boats attended the regatta.

Donaldson & Neuhoff scored two bullets on the first day of racing, in light but steady northeast winds. In the first race, they battled Matt Heywood and Chris Bickley, who took second; Jno Disch and Karen Lorenz who hung on to third and Jeff and Julie Evans, who finished fourth.

Donaldson and Neuhoff repeated the second race with a victory dueling it out with Jeff and Julie Evans, who took second; Rick and Kate Wood who battled to third; and Tom VanderMolen and Whit Pender, who made big gains on the last beat to take a fourth.

Saturday evening's festivities included dinner at the Gilmore - CCCA Car Museum. Everyone had the opportunity to tour the museum grounds, 7 barns housing more than 100 antique cars, on a London Double-Decker Bus. Snipers were also invited to drive several of the classic cars, including a 1959 Convertible Thunderbird. Dinner included barbeque chicken and ribs and lots of free beer. As for the late night activities, the world famous blender made an appearance at Camp Cleveland.

On Sunday, a stronger, westerly breeze challenged the fleet. Terry and Aubrey Timm had their boat dialed in to win the third and fourth races of the series. In the third race Rick and Kate Wood took second, Jeff and Julie Evans finished third to close the gap on Donaldson and Neuhoff, who took a fifth.

In the fourth race, Donaldson and Neuhoff scrambled through the fleet to take a second and win the championship.

Race Committee Chairman Eric Lind and his team did a great job in challenging wind conditions to make sure that the racing was a great success.

--Tom VanderMolen

District 3

top 15 of 40

Skipper/Crew	Finishes	
1. Kirk Donaldson/Alex Neuhoff	1-1-5-2	8.5
2. Jeff/Julie Evans	4-2-3-6	15
3. Terry/Aubrey Timm	13-6-1-1	20
4. Jno Disch/Karen Lorenz	3-5-4-12	24
5. Rick/Kate Wood	11-3-2-17	33
6. John/Emily Crookston	7-13-9-8	37
7. Paul/Stasia Revere	10-19-7-9	45
8. Josh Powell/Sue Kehias	5-12-8-21	46
9. JR Francis/Ernie Dieball	12-18-14-3	47
10. Tom VanderMolen/Whit Pender	17-4-11-15	47
11. Andy/Ellen Bartz	9-25-6-14	54
12. Troy Tolen/Mindy Ippel	19-7-10-20	56
13. John Sepanski/Chris Stahl	21-17-16-5	59
14. Rich/Carla Grant	22-10-17-11	60
15. Bill Buckles/Rich Kolensinski	16-22-21-4	63

District 3 Junior Championships

1. Alex Neuhoff/Kirk Donaldson	1-1	1.5
2. Joel/John Crookston	2-2	4
3. Chris Stahl/Troy Tolan	4-3	7
4. Aubrey/Terry Timm	3-5	8
5. Elizabeth/Mike Otto	8-4	12
6. David Johnson/Ted Hatton	5-8	13
7. Oshin Morgan/David Whyman	7-6	13
8. Pat Turner/Hank Pender	6-9	15
9. Nathan Stone/Steven Glista	9-7	16

District 4

Skipper/Crew

1. David Mendelblatt/Holly Kickliter	
2. Shawn Burke/Holly Gregory	
3. Keith/Betsy Crum	
4. Chris Klotz/Sherry Welch	
5. Craig/Mimi Beardsley	

Mendelblatt Takes District 4 Championships

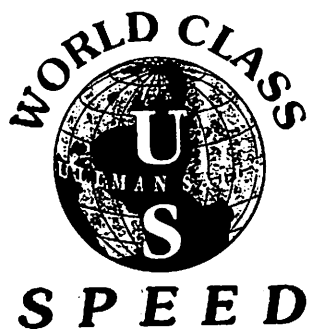
This year's D-4 Championship was held at the Melbourne Yacht Club on the Indian River in Florida. Thirty yachts registered with teams from Atlanta, Chattanooga, Miami, St. Pete, Charleston and of course, the Space Coast contingent. Brad and Diane Dunn from Birmingham took the long distance honors.

The intracoastal waterways at Melbourne are consistently a treat to sail. Smooth waters and an almost invariable 12-16 knot seabreeze fills in at around 11 am from the southeast. However, a stalled weather front put a damper on the usual conditions. Saturday saw only one race completed in light air. Everyone was glad to be ashore as a deluge fell immediately following our return to the dock. Sunday looked to be an instant replay of the previous day. But, as the rest of the state flooded, Dave Noble and his race committee did a great job dodging thunderstorms to get in the two races necessary to complete the three race championship.

From the middle of the pack, sucking bad air and ducking boats, I couldn't figure out what those guys up there were doing. A little research led to the following conclusion - Consistently good starts coupled with a knack for catching the many shifts in the light fluky conditions gave David Mendelblatt and his crew Holly Kickliter of St. Petersburg their first ever Snipe regatta victory (a convincing three bullet one at that!!) "It was great to win our first Snipe regatta against such good competition," said Mendelblatt. "A lot of the people who were there brought me into this class and showed me how to sail the boat: it's an honor to race against them and win."

After a nearly disastrous first race, Eddy Vidia and Kippy Bolz came back to clinch the D-4 Junior Championship.

—Gordon Hackstaff



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U.S. Annual General Meeting

August 15, 1995, Richmond Yacht Club

Peter Fenner, U.S. National Secretary called the annual meeting to order at 7:10 pm, welcoming all crews to the US Nationals.

Regatta Qualifiers:

1996 Western Hemisphere Championships - Larchmont, NY. 3 teams from the 1995 Nationals, Richmond; 2 teams from the 1995 North Americans, Lake Lanier, GA.

1997 World Championships - San Diego, CA. 3 teams from the 1996 Nationals, Pensacola, FL; 2 teams from the 1996 Pacific Coast Championships, San Diego, CA.

Future International Regattas:

1996 Jr. & Womens Worlds - Spain

1996 North Americans - Nassau, Bahamas

1997 North Americans - Canada interested

1997 US Nationals - District 1

International Board has changed rotation of major regattas. Starting in 1996, Junior and Senior Worlds will be held in odd years, Womens and Masters Worlds will be held in even years.

Rules Chairman: Dan Williams will retire at the end of this year after 17 years of service to SCIRA on the Rules Committee. Peter Fenner thanked and congratulated him and presented line drawings of the three boats that Dan had owned. Brainard Cooper was introduced as the next Rules Chairman.

Chief Measurer: Chuck Loomis will also retire as Chief Measurer, a position he has held since 1972. He too was presented a line drawing of the Snipe.

A survey was passed around to all competitors asking their suggestions for future National Championships, qualifying, sites, length, etc. It was suggested that the survey be sent to all fleet captains to get the opinions of those that did not attend this years Nationals, as well as placement in the Bulletin. Lee Griffith, Sean Biehl and Peter Fenner are heading up this survey.

Promotion: The US has had great promotion over this past year with articles in Sailing World, Sailing and Soundings.

US Teams at the 1995 Worlds. Fenner congratulated the US teams that represented us at the recent Rimini, Italy Worlds.

Nationals: The US Board voted to raise the entry fee for next years Nationals to \$125, with the late fee lowered to \$50.00.

Royalty: The US has been paying sail royalties for many years, but the International Class will begin assessing royalties starting in January. The US royalty will be raised from \$5 to \$10 per sail to keep revenue up for the Class. \$5 will go to International, \$5 will go to the US.

Executive Director: Fenner pointed out that the position of Executive Director is 1/2 for International and 1/2 for the US.

US Board Restructure: The US Board has created a committee to restructure and redefine the US Board. District Governors have now been included on the Board as voting members. The following committees have been created with respective Chairman: Finance - Fred Rozelle; Promotion and Fundraising - Lisa Foulke Pline; Membership - Bob Bowden; Restructure - Lee Griffith & Peter Fenner.

Paul Festersen, Past Commodore and SCIRA legal counsel passed away recent.

New National Secretary - Peter Fenner introduced Lee

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Griffith who will take over as the new National Secretary in January. The membership gave a standing ovation for Peter Fenner for the past 4 years service as National Secretary.

Lee Griffith gave his view of the position: That the US Board and National Secretary are responsible for understanding what the US sailors want and to make that happen. Lee explained that SCIRA is the sailors, not the Board, National Secretary and Executive Director. He asks all members to be an ambassador for the class, help collect dues, enforce the rules. He will work on the new Board structure so that it is more clear to the US membership.

Finances: US has 2 funds; operating fund and the Perpetual fund. The operating budget currently is losing \$5,000 a year. The Perpetual fund is an endowment fund whose purpose is to promote the class, have representation in USSA and to promote juniors. Currently, the US operating fund is in debt \$7,500 to the Perpetual Fund. We need to pay this back. The basic problem is that membership is down. He offered solutions to address the problem:

1) raise US dues \$7.00, use fundraising to pay back the Perpetual Fund.

2) have a special assessment for one year

3) raise membership through fleet captains and district governors, collect dues from boats that have not joined in the past 5 years.

Lee encouraged all members to consult their fleet members and report back to someone on the US Board by December 31, 1995. Fred Rozelle and Gonzo Diaz are on the US finance committee.

Perpetual Fund: The US Board voted to pay back the Perpetual Fund by the 1997 US Nationals, and to establish a new commitment not to borrow from the fund. Gonzo Diaz challenged all sailors to get involved and to bring "a smile and a tool box" to regattas to encourage new sailors and existing to stay with the class.

General Membership Comments:

—supply lists of non-renewing members to fleet captains (list exists from 1991); encourage the sale of "The Best of the Snipe Bulletin" to new sailors - a great tool!; encourage grass roots level sailing and payment of dues

—trend in membership has been decreasing in the last 15-20 years. SCIRA used to be the majority of sailors in the US (as opposed to the rest of the world). Majority of fleets were in smaller lakes in the midwest. The Class made the decision 15 years ago to put Championships in open waters. Small lake sailors were intimidated by the ocean, we have dis-enfranchised these sailors, and they left the class; several reasons for decline in membership: proliferation of one-design classes supported by manufacturing giants. Family and time commitments. It is societal and manufacturing. Strengths of the Class: depth of competition and friendliness.

—encourage intercollegiate sailors to sail the Snipe. Currently, Bulletins are mailed to several college sailing teams. Make boats available for college sailors to sail in regattas.

—many fleets are gaining big boat sailors and other potential sailors; have more fun regattas (24 hour regatta) —encourage crews to join SCIRA. Suggested that it be mandatory at major regattas.

—keep the Bulletin as a part of membership dues. Communication essential for class; list all members names/addresses in Rulebook

—have past and present Olympic sailors who sail Snipes present to USSA and USOC that the Snipe is a training ground for Olympic sailors. Peter Fenner replied that because we are a Pan Am boat, the USOC grants money to help our sailors, as does USSA.

—talk to the Board of Governors about rules changes. It is your class.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Norm Tanner Memorial Regatta

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The second annual Norm Tanner Memorial Regatta was held on July 15-16 at the Bow Mar Yacht Club in Littleton, Colorado. This regatta has been dedicated to remember Norm Tanner who passed away five years ago from this weekend at the age of 52.

Norm learned to sail as a teenager on Lake Macatowa in Holland, Michigan and purchased his first Snipe there in 1954. He sailed with the Sequoia Yacht Club in Tulsa, Oklahoma through his college years. During this time he sailed in regattas in Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas. Norm moved to Colorado in 1961 and sailed for several years with the Denver Sailing Association on Sloans Lake. The regattas on Bowles Lake led to a move to the Bow Mar community in 1968 where he became a member of the Bow Mar Yacht Club. He held the Club Snipe Championship for many consecutive years. His wife Janet crewed for him for over twenty years and they competed in several Snipe National Championships. He was always one of the top finishers in the annual points score.

This years Norm Tanner Regatta had good racing in typical shifty winds that yielded 4 races on Saturday. Saturday evening after the races, participants enjoyed a fabulous lasagna dinner with an assortment of fresh green salads and bread. The evening continued with a yacht club party and moon light sail in which several party barges were rafted together in the middle of the lake. The evening was beautiful with an outstanding sunset. Around 11:00 pm the floating bar was closed due to a storm which brushed by the lake and forced all party goers to retire to drier ground.

Racing continued on Sunday and three good races were completed. The racing was very close with the winner being decided on the last leg of the last race. Last years winner, Steve Tautz ended up winning the regatta by one quarter of a point over Jim Lowrie. The traveling trophy is a beautiful bronze figurine of a couple sailing in some exciting waves. Janet Tanner and her family were there to present the trophy to this years winner. It is a trophy that will be sought after next year from challengers all over the United States.

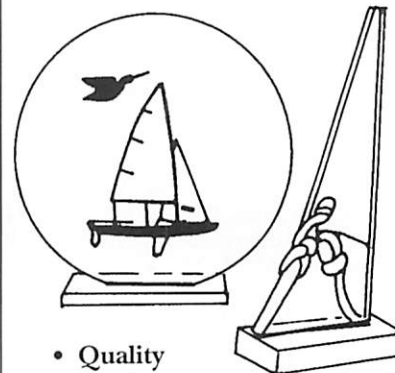
—Steve Tautz

Skipper/Crew	Club	Sail #	Finishes	Total
1. Steve Tautz/Clayton Camozzi	BYMC	25730	1-3-2-1-4-1-3	14.25
2. Jim/Jason Lowrie	BYMC	28450	2-2-1-2-1-3-4	14.5
3. Tom Castle/Matthew Babin	BYMC	23396	4-1-5-6-2-2-1	20.5
4. Doug/Karen Swenson	DSA	19064	3-4-3-3-3-5-5	26
5. Carl/Rae Lundstrom	DSA	24809	6-7-6-4-5-4-2	34
6. Gary Tautz/Player Driscoll	BYMC	20812	5-8-7-5-7-6-6	44
7. Jim/Karen Barr	DSA	21500	8-5-4-7-6-7-14	51
8. Tom/Susan Bevington	BYMC	24811	9-9-9-9-10-8-7	61
9. Dave/Suzanne Baker	BYMC	19263	7-6-8-8-14-14-14	71
10. Bob Smith/?	BYMC	16412	10-10-10-14-14-14-14	86



photo above: left to right; Doug & Karen Swenson, Tom Castle and Matt Babin, Jim and Jason Lowrie, Steve Tautz and Clayton Camozzi, Janet Tanner.

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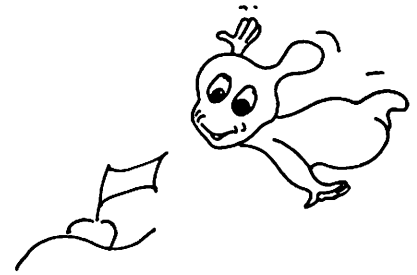
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 Emergency Tel. No: () _____

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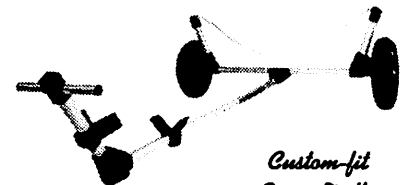
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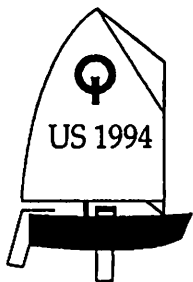
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