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From The Commodore

Dear Friends:

The high number of entries for the 38th World Championship in San Diego, USA, makes this championship the largest of all the World Championships. SCIRA Japan will be celebrating its 50th National Championship in November. Europe is witnessing rapid growth. South America continues with its tradition of great Snipers. These are examples of the growth of our Class.

However, we cannot forget the importance of the local fleet for the success of SCIRA. We cannot stop working hard to recruit new members and to bring back past members at the local fleet level. It is easy to forget the local fleet when discussing boat changes, finances, rules and promotion at the international level. One of our most active Snipe sailors reminded me that our most basic unit is the fleet and we must do all we can to promote racing Snipes on a local level.

I consider the local fleet captains the most important officers for SCIRA. On a daily basis, fleet captains work to maintain the people interested and organized. Fleet captains talk to fleet members, find out what members need, prepare schedules, organize events, obtain information, repair boats and perform many other duties. If there are any ideas on how to help our fleet captains more, please let me know.

Please contact your fleet captain, thank him and ask him what you can do for him. SCIRA will be very grateful.

Regards and go fast in your SNIPE,

Gonzo



AROUND THE SNIPE WORLD

Publicity Campaign Boosts Snipes

In Uruguay there is not much of in sailing activity, especially if you take into consideration the wonderful coast we have.

For the last 20 years, Snipe and Optimist have been the most popular classes, losing some ground lately to the Laser.

As government funding has been scarce in the last years, disappointment made Snipers stop sailing, lowering the number of competitors and preventing Optimists sailors coming into the class. In 1997 everything changed as we started a mass media diffusion campaign. Starting with the organization of special events for Snipes and all the other classes of which the most popular newspaper was sponsor, we got other sponsors which, as a beginning, gave only prizes for the events. We also began writing our own notes to the media, which started to reach the public. By that time we tried to "sell" the all year round Snipe campaign without success. We continued reaching the press and radios for several months, meanwhile we learned how the system worked and what we could offer to the future sponsors. Suddenly, after needing to beg for our articles to be published, we started feeling that

now the media was asking us for information, boats to cover the regattas on-site, photographs, etc. More or less simultaneous with that we began finding companies more open to discussion, finally reaching an agreement with an airline and a credit card, which will allow 4 crews to race for the Senior and Junior Worlds.

This agreement, for the first time in our country, was not based upon a favor but as a pre-payment for the results of a publicity campaign we neatly presented and previously negotiated with the media. As we knew from the beginning that to reach private companies we would have to bargain the first year, the payback the companies are getting is around 5 times what they gave to us. We are sure that in the coming years we will get to a more fair relationship (2 times is enough for us; we do not need to make money from this).

The Snipe Class in our country is working now as a publicity company, which negotiates the spaces in the newspapers, change the names of the Championships to mention the sponsors in the TV and the radios, and help the whole sailing activity become more popular. We even have a fixed time on Saturdays and Sundays in one of the most popular FM radios, where we usually participate via cellular phone from the sea in between races.

We are all very exited about this new experience which is encouraging Snipers to gather and sail as never before and assures the growth of the Class in the coming years, as we are not only the best organized Class in our country but we are also helping also the whole sailing activity to increase.

One final thought about the sponsors which tears apart one old myth: Nobody cares about the number of boats racing or how near the coast you are. What really matters is that you manage to organize a good publicity campaign. This way you will always reach much more people than in the race course, whatever place you choose.

—Pedro Garra National Secretary SCIRA Uruguay



Californians Dominate 1997 US National Championship

Szabo and Franco sail on a different level

Under varying conditions, Califonians George Szabo with Eric Wilcox as crew and Jack Franco with Mike Sturman, outsailed their competitors by 17 points to dominate the Heinzerling Championship sailed on Barnegat Bay out of Toms River Yacht Club on the Jersey Shore.

Three races were held the first day in 12-18 knots breezes. Scott Nixon and Samantha Rosemont won all the races in their flight, giving them the overall Crosby qualifying Championship. Szabo and Franco chose to sit out the final qualifying race, conscious of the superstition that winning the Crosby jinxes the Heinzerling.

The first day of the Heinzerling/Wells series found a front moving through with a solid southeast wind of 18-22 at the start. The Heinzerling fleet depowered their boats for the heavy breeze and provided entertainment, photo opportunities and some cause for concern. With a doubletriangle course set, the gybe mark found leader Franco/Sturman gybing in a puff and immediately capsizing, followed by the next round of boats, all flipping as well. Andrew Pimental with Carol Newman were the only sailors in the top 15 to gybe and not capsize. Szabo/Wilcox opted to tack, bearing off and leading the rest of the upright boats around the course. Local favorite Dave Applegate lost his mast at the gybe mark due to the inside tip of his spreader shearing off. The second time around the RC recorded puffs to 26. Pimental/ Newman caught a wave and puff for the inside lane to catch up to Szabo/Wilcox at the gybe mark. To the spectators, it looked like "quien es mas macho" time to gybe or tack. Pimental bore off and his spreader broke as well, breaking his brand new mast and sending Carol Newman into the water. Szabo/Wilcox tacked and were off on a screaming reach to the bottom mark and the finish. Meanwhile, the Wells fleet followed the Heinzerling around the same course with the entire fleet gybing and staying upright at both gybe marks!

By the time the Heinzerling fleet had made it to the last turning mark, a dark cloud appeared on the horizon with pelting rain. The RC smartly abandoned the race and sent everyone in for safety. Total carnage count on land: 2 broken masts, 1 broken rudder, bent pintles, numerous capsizes to count, blown-out jibs and bruised egos. It was time to regroup for the next day.

The following day provided softer winds of 5-7 knots beginning out of the NE clocking to the E. 3 races had to be sailed on this day to attempt to complete the 6 for a throw-out. Szabo/Wilcox led with 1-4-1 and Franco/Sturman a 3-1-2, leaving just 1/4 point between the two. Bob Oberg and Kristen Jones were next, 8 points behind the

Similar conditions prevailed for the final day, although the morning was postponed one hour for lack of wind. Franco led the top flight with a bullet, pulling Szabo and Franco 1/4 point apart. This ensued a match race prior to the 2nd start. Franco started 10-15 seconds after the rest of the fleet had crossed the start line followed by Szabo

30 seconds behind. Franco hit the left, Szabo the right, and with speed to burn, the two rounded 16th and 12th consecutively at the weather mark. Tracking their roundings throughout the course of the race found them gaining

ground on all points of sail. Their boat handling and tactics whisked them through the fleet, sometimes making those around them look like they had thrown out an anchor (or hit a crab pot!). The final race again found them exchanging words prior to the start, and using other racers for the brush-off. National Secretary Terry Timm with Mark Spicknall crewing, led the Heinzerling around the weather mark, but Franco needed to put 2 boats between he and Szabo to win. What ensued was a match race around the course, with a tacking duel on the final beat. Franco crossed the line easily, but Szabo squeeked through to win the Championship. With close finishes, Szabo/ Wilcox had mis-calculated the final totals and didn't realize they had won until back on land.

The Wells fleet saw tight competiton, but in the end, the father/son duo of Art and Adam Rousmaniere opted to use the last race as their throw-out, having already clinched the title. Unfortunately, the morning of the final day, John Mullane and Liz Brooks, 2nd going into the final day, were involved in a car accident, which took them out of the standings. Luckily they were ok, but the Wells fleet saw changes in the final days standings. Stephen & Julie Carr of Miami finished 2nd overall and locals Keith and Peggy Donald rounded out the top 3.

Shadwick and Rosemont win First US Women's Nationals

After a year of hard work and preparation for the first Women's US Nationals, Lisa Foulke Pline, 2nd in the 1996 Women's World Championship, had to sit on the spectator boat and watch her fellow women sailors compete for the first Women's title. 8 months pregnant, the Snipe

didn't seem the place for Lisa this time around!

12 teams from California, Florida, Ohio and the East Coast converged to sail out of Toms River Yacht Club. Welcomed with a land breeze, light winds prevailed giving everyone a trying day in the heat and varied conditions.

Former All-American Kara Shadwick and ace crew Sam Rosemont came out first in points, but the competition was extremely close. Race 4 saw a finish with the top 5 boats all overlapped as they crossed the line. Veteran Annapolis Snipers Lorie Stout and Liz Filter sailed tough, in the breeze, to finish second overall, followed by Liz Potter/ Kerry Ann Lynaugh (St. Mary's sailor from Ohio) in third, Stacey Dumain/Jerelyn Biehl (Southern CA) in fourth, and Rowena Carlson/Carolyn Brown (Mission Bay) rounding out the top 5. Another veteran Sniper, Jennifer Rousmaniere (Boston) was tied for 2nd place going into the last race, but a capsize on the last run in shallow water forced a DNF and a 6th overall.

Conditions truly ran the gamut. Saturday was a light air mind-bender with breeze in the zero to 6 knot range, 90 degree shifts caused by a southerly sea breeze fighting a northwest prevailing breeze, and the Atlantic City Armada producing max wake that caused many fleet inversions and "restarts" (where puffs from behind collapsed the fleet for a virtual restart). After having to do circles, Shadwick/Rosemont came from behind to win the first race. Rowena Carlson/Carolyn Brown posted the other win of the first day in truly the most trying conditions. As one competitor put it, "Being in 1st was a bad place to be unless you were less than 10 boat lengths from the finish line." With the breeze dying and the heat rising, the RC canceled the 3rd race of the day. Sunday,



1997 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 series 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

Top Master - Highest placing master in regatta Owen E. Duffy - Junior Champion of the United States Gilreath - Champion crew of the U.S. Junior Championship "Old Man" Diaz - Winner of Special Junior/Senior category

Macklanburg-Duncan - Race Committee Chairman National Secretaries Trophy - Regatta Chairman

Winner, fleet

George Szabo, Eric Wilcox, Mission Bay

Eric Wilcox, Mission Bay Jack Franco, Mike Sturman, Alamitos Bay

Art & Adam Rousmaniere, Winchester Scott Nixon, Sam Rosemont, Annapolis

Scott Nixon, Sam Rosemont, Annapolis Charlie & Michele Bustamante

Kristen Jones, Annapolis Ralph Swanson, Winchester

Gonzalo Diaz, Sr., Miami Dustin Kays, Atlanta

Christopher Stang, Atlanta

Clayton Dixon, Atlanta Kate Fullmer, Toms River Yacht Club

Darryl Waskow, Barnegat Bay fleet

however, was an entirely different story, with the sea breeze building on a favorable wind direction. Race 3 started in 12 knots, and by the end of the 5th race, the breeze was a steady 16+ with some roly-poly waves that caused 2 capsizes on the last downwind leg.

We were fortunate to have in attendance at the awards dinner a former stellar and well-ahead-of-her-time Sniper named Beth Olsen. Beth currently holds the record as the highest placing female skipper in a US Nationals - she placed 4th in the Heinzerling in 1952.

What really counted, however, was that 12 teams of women sailed tough and had a great time. The competitors ranged from women who normally steer Snipes, but don't normally attend Nationals to veteran Snipe crews who don't normally get to take a turn at the helm.

Atlanta Juniors Sweep Junior Nationals

Starting behind the Women competitors, the US Junior National competitors and Special Junior racers held their own unique competition. With the same light breeze flowing across Barnegat Bay, the junior sailors and crews raced for their own titles.

Special Junior racers, aided by their senior crews, included Clayton Dixon, 14 years old from Atlanta, Aubrey Timm, 11 years old from Michigan, Graham Biehl 10 years old from San Diego, and the duo of Kelsey and Avery Timm of Pennsylvania. Their respective crews Don Hackbarth, Terry Timm, Jerry Thompson and Keith Donald, reconfirmed their spots as skippers two days later after spending the day on the leeward side of the boat, attempting to perform graceful roll tacks! Several times the Special junior sailors led the entire junior fleet to the windward mark, only to be surpassed by their older junior competitors. Clayton Dixon was able to stay consistent with the juniors and won the first race.

With the breeze up on the second day, all but Clayton returned to the Club early. The experiences gained in these Special Junior regattas are the future of the Class, and the excitement of the Race Committee, spectator and fellow racers seeing these intrepid sailors give encouragement for the growth of the Class. They were all ready to return after another years' experience. Clayton Dixon became the 1997 recipient of the Old Man Diaz Special Junior trophy.

Junior sailors Dustin Kays and Christopher Stang dominated in the heavy air, showing their practice for the Junior Worlds is paying off. Lee Sackett and KC Kulp of Ohio and John Bainton also sailed consistently both in the light air and heavier breeze.

Behind the Scenes

Barnegat Bay fleet #256, District 1 and Toms River Yacht Club couldn't have done a better job hosting a US Nationals. Darryl Waskow and Dave Applegate led the fleet and District members who kicked in to help with the various volunteer aspects. The Race Committee, headed by Kate Fullmer, was outstanding deserving some time off after 7 grueling days on the water.

Heinzerling Championship

1.	George Szabo/Eric Wilcox	Mission Bay	1-4-1-1-(9)-3	9.25
2.	Jack Franco/Mike Sturman	Alamitos Bay	3-1-2-4-(7)	10.50
3.	Hal Gilreath/Alex Stout	Lake Lanier	5-7-3-2-(12)-10	27
4.	Bob Oberg/Kristen Jones	Annapolis	4-3-6-11-3-(15)	27
5.	Charlie/Michele Bustamante	-	6-2-5-6-(15)-12	31
6.	Chuck Tripp/Stacey Dumain	Alamitos Bay	7-8-7-(9)-6-4	32
7.	Scott Nixon/Samantha Rosemon	t Annapolis	(12)-6-4-7-8-11	36
8.	James Bowers/Myrna Fong	Winchester	15-(17)-20-3-1-14	47.75
9.	Gonzalo Diaz Sr/Ana Fernandez	Miami	(22)-15-10-15-4-8	_{.*} 52
10.	Doug Clark/Marci Girard	Annapolis	18-14-(25)-5-10-5	` 52
11.	Jerry Thompson/Dee Schilling	Alamitos Bay	14-12-(ret)-18-2-7	53
12.	Andrew Pimental/Carol Newman	Narrangansett	2-13-14-10-17-(18)	56
13.	Alex Pline/Nancy Gilreath	Annapolis	9-21-(29)-17-13-6	66
14.	John MacRae/Melitta King	Winchester	11-(23)-11-20-5-20	67
15.	Lee Griffith/Lianne Dunbar	Barnegat Bay	16-10-13-16-(23)-16	71
16.	Henry Filter/Lorie Stout	Annapolis	13-9-18-14-18-(21)	72
17.	Gonzo Diaz Jr/Sherry Eldridge	Miami	10-5-20-13-25-(29)	73
18.	Terry Timm/Mark Spicknall	Barton Boat Club	21-(22)-15-19-21-2	78
19.	Carr Moody/Chris Bryan	Miami	20-26-17-(29)-11-9	83
20.	Robb Walker/Rowena Carlson	Mission Bay	(23)-11-21-23-16-17	88
21.	John/Maggie Manderson	Barnegat Bay	8-18-(27)-26-27-13	92
22.	Rob Breslin/	Annapolis	(30)-16-8-21-29-23	97
23.	James Lipp/Pat Quigley	Cleveland	25-25-12-(27)-14-26	102
24.	Bill Hall/Lelia King	Winchester	19-(27)-23-25-19-19	105
25.	John Lally/Kerry O'Brien	Medford	(28)-28-24-8-24-22	106
26.	Pedro Lorson/Susan Cushman	Sea Cliff	17-20-26-22-(31)-25	110
27.	Kevin Downey/Chris Meussler	Miami	26-19-16-28-(30)-27	116
28.	Steve Sparkman/Melinda Rose	Charleston	29-31-29-12-26-(dnc)	127
29.	Craig Beardsley/Kate Beardsley	Lake Lanier	27-24-19-31-(dnf)-dnc	133
30.	Mark Beaton/Eric Gabrielson	Barnegat Bay	24-(32)-30-32-22-28	136
31.	Dave Applegate/Greg Barow	Barnegat Bay	(31)-29-28-30-20-30	137
32.	Darryl/Susan Waskow	Barnegat Bay	32-30-(ocs)-24-28-24	138

Wells Series

1.	Art/Adam Rousmaniere	Winchester	2-1-2-4-1-(dnc)	9
2.	Stephan/Julie Carr	Miami	5-3-(ocs)-1-5-2	15
3.	Keith/Peggy Donald	Surf City	(10)-2-8-2-8-1	20
4.	Dustin Kays/Chris Stang	Atlanta	1-7-(17)-7-2-4	20
5.	David Lence/Alex Egeler	Winchester	3-6-(10)-3-6-6	24
6.	Don Hackbarth/Clayton Dixon	Atlanta	6-9-(15)-5-3-5	28
7 .	Woody Norwood/Nell Jones	Atlanta	9-(10)-5-6-10-8	38
8.	Joel Zackin/Celeste Suggs	Quassapaug	7-(15)-11-4-7	40
9.	Steve Keckler/Michelle Morphew	Winchester	(12)-12-12-8-7-3	42
10.	Lee Sackett/KC Kulp	Cleveland	(17)-5-5-12-12-11	45
11.	JR Francis/Liz Potter	Cleveland	8-4-3-14-(dnc)-dnc	49
12.	Bob Coyle/Chuck D'Antonio	Medford	13-13-9-10-9-(dnc)	54
13.	Jerry/Bunny Kimble	Atlanta	11-11-14-(15)-11-9	56
14.	JohnMullane/Liz Brooks	Winchester	4-8-4-(dnc)-dnc-dnc	56
15.	Brad Dunn/Gavin Glenn-Harris		15-(17)-15-9-13-10	62
16.	Joe Donis/Margaret Read	Winchester	(14)-14-14-13-14-dnf	67
17.	Ralph Swanson/Danielle Green	Winchester	dnf-16-16-16-15-(dnc)	81
18.	Jamie Rahhit/Steve Lang	St Petershurg	16-(dpc)-17-dec dec dec	03

Crosby Qualifying Series

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1.	Scott Nixon/Sam Rosemont	Annapolis	3
2.	Andrew Pimental/Carol Newman	n Narragansett	6.75
3.	Chuck Tripp/Stacey Dumain	Alamitos Bay	11.75
4.	Jim Bowers/Myrna Fong	Winchester	22
5.	Lee Griffith/Lianne Dunbar	Barnegat Bay	24
6.	Pedro Lorson/Susan Cushman	Sea Cliff	27
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12.	George Szabo/Eric Wilcox	Mission Bay	33
13.	Gonzo Diaz, Jr/Sherry Eldridge	Miami	35
14.	Robb Walker/Rowena Carlson	Mission Bay	39
15.	Henry Filter/Lorie Stout	Annapolis	39

Interview with the Champions

With obvious speed at the US Nationals, the Snipe Bulletin interviewed these two skippers for their view on their sailing and speed. Jack Franco is co-owner of a plastics manufacturing firm; George Szabo works for Sobstad Sails in San Diego.

Jack Franco

SB: Why were you so much faster than the pack at the US Nationals this year?

JF: We were sailing much looser and more forward on our rake. We learned from sailing in former World and Western Hemisphere events to sail bow down, with full power to generate height. The East Coast sailors tended to sail head to wind more; pinching and sheeting too tight.

SB: What were your magic numbers?

JF: We were sailing a brand new Persson boat, out of the box with a Sidewinder light mast, Proctor 470 section boom (2 ½ ozs heavier, but 80% stiffer), and a WaterRat rudder from my old boat. Our numbers were: 21'1" to 21'7", maybe 21'7 ½", spreaders at 16 ½" blocked to 36". We were full power all the time with our mast forward to neutralize the helm. The trend these days is to use die-form shrouds. They seem to be stiffer. However, I use 1x19 3/32" shrouds, which I prefer because it gives me more stretch and a bigger groove on the jib. Mike and I weigh 290 lbs. together.

SB: How did you adjust your rig?

JF: We don't use ratchets on the jib, just the standard pad eyes on the jib car, which pushes the lead outboard, opening up the slot of the jib, allowing the groove to be much larger, making it easier to steer. We also use our bodies to steer the boat, not the rudder as much. I control the headstay with the aft puller - I don't use the traveler at all. If I have to de-power, I use the vang, (but we did reverse our mast twice during the Nationals), drop the halyard off about 2", and rock the spreaders back (by unwinding the spreader bolts 6 turns) from 36" to 29". This pushes the center of the mast forward at the spreaders and flattens the main.

SB: How about light air sailing?

JF: George was much quicker when it got light, under 6 knots. We set our boat up for under 7-12 knots the whole regatta. We had full power, mast forward, bow down and sheeted out!

SB: How about your sail inventory for the Nationals?

JF: We used Ullman sails, a mylar jib for the Crosby and windy day of the Heinzerling, and a polyant main. Both ripped. The main ripped when we reversed the mast and the spreader poked through. The jib ripped when we flipped. Both were blown out after the windy day so we reverted to a 1996 main that I had used at the Nationals, Western Hemispheres, Districts, Midwinters East and West and Olympic Classes regatta! The 2nd jib I used was brand new.

SB: Thanks and good luck in the upcoming Worlds!

George Szabo

SB: : Why were you so much faster than the pack at the US Nationals this year?

GS: There were a few things we were doing different: 1: We were sailing to the puffs 2nd: Eric Wilcox and I have sailed every local regatta together for over a year. We've been working on boat speed, tactics, reading the compass, windshifts, boat handling, etc. This was the best regatta for Eric yet. His feed back made the regatta for us. Jack said we were sailing bow down? The puffs came in lanes, so we sheeted tighter to keep the bow up to stay in the puff longer. We sailed to the puffs and there was an overall persistent shift to the right. I noticed that the back of the fleet had their jib leads too far forward and their mains were sheeted too loose. We moved our jib leads forward from light to medium and forward again when the chop picked up in the afternoon.

SB: What were your magic numbers?

GS: We were sailing a four year old Persson, that needed the bottom faired (which we never got to). We had a European Proctor mast, Proctor boom and standard Persson rudder. We set our rig at 21'4" with 1 1/8" prebend. When it got windy, we dropped our shrouds down ½ hole, on the breeze day (26 knots) we also moved them back 1 hole. Our spreaders were at 16 3/8" with 29 ¾" tip to tip. Eric and I weigh 295 lbs. together.

SB: How did you adjust your rig?

GS: We have ratchets on our jib sheets. When it got windy, I never touched the traveler. Before the regatta Peter Commette told me that he used more vang than I did at the last Circuit, so on the breeze day we nearly 2-blocked our vang and our main was twisted and flat Our aft puller was neutral and we used a lot of and cunningham. On starboard tack, we had the draft between the last 2 numbers of the middle seam of the main.

SB: How about light air sailing?

GS: We use our bodies to steer, trying not to move the rudder too much. When the boat stops, we try to get back up to speed as quickly as possible.

SB: How about your sail inventory for the Nationals?

GS: We used a Sobstad V-2 mylar jib that had at least 4 regattas on it for the Crosby and the windy day (I used the same jib the next weekend at Lake Quassapaug). I used a new jib for the rest of the regatta. We used one FN-4 main the entire regatta. I did notice that those that flogged their jibs on the windy day had stretched leeches afterwards.

SB: Thanks and good luck in the upcoming Worlds!



Cartopping

Notes from the Internet

Q:I intend to move a Snipe on a rack on the top of my truck from San Diego (the sailing mecca of the world) back to good old Dixie in the near future. Can anyone elaborate on how to accomplish this process without injury to the boat (except maybe it's hurt feelings which can't be helped). I have a Dodge maxivan with a rack on top. The rack currently consists of 2X4's running athwartship and mounted to the gutter rail. They are individually adjustable fore and aft on the truck. It seems to me that I need to build a contoured bunker to fit on one 2X4 to accomodate the crown on the foredeck, but can manage the aft portion with just pads on the 2X4 crossmember.

Any feedback will be appreciated.

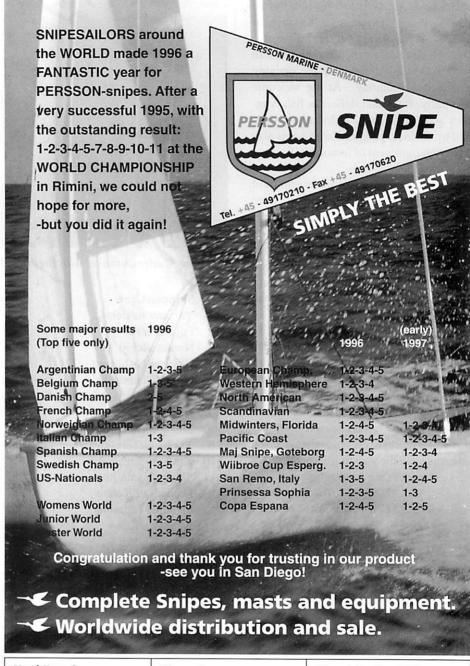
-Dave Carroll

A:I use the same system for cartopping my Snipe. The following upgrades make for safer transport:

- •Use 2x6 lumber for greater strength.
- •Use 4 clamps for each rack instead of 2 for spreading the load.
- •Cover the lumber with a foam material then outdoor carpeting for a solid, firm padded surface.
- •The front rack is placed immediately aft of the foredeck/side tank intersection therefore alleviating the need to build a curved rack to mate with the crown of the foredeck. This is the strongest part of the boat, but the heaviest. The aft rack is about 18 inches forward of the transom. The transom lines up with the back of the van, the bow is slightly longer than the front of the van. Mine has worked great. I have to remove the Mast Ram to keep it from poking the top of the van. My boat is a Jibe-Tech, although I think this system will work for most boats. Err on the side of over-building the racks. Beware of nuclear side-winds!

—Ned Jones USA 28852





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1997 Japan Masters

The 12th Japan Masters was held at Esashicho, Hokkaido which is located in northern Japan, together with a junior yacht festival of Hokkaido. It was a very successful event.

The first day was a practice race for both masters and junior crews, and the opening and welcome ceremony. At the welcome dinner party, fresh and delicious fish, vegetables and fruits from local markets were served by the local people. Participants also enjoyed entertainment of famous folk singer Esashi-oiwake.

The second day we had 3 races under light and shifty wind conditions. The races were led by Jiro Yamamoto (National Secretary) with Uchida and Fujisawa/Tai following in 2nd and Nomoto/Ichiji in 3rd. SCIRA Vice Commodore Akibumi Shinoda was in a good position of 5th. SCIRA Honorary Vice Commodore Mr. Hirata (88 years old) was in the middle position of 15th.

The third day's race was canceled due to heavy wind conditions. In the final results, Yamamoto/Uchida won in the overall category and senior masters class (55-64), Hirata/Shinda won in the grand masters division (65 and over) and Shinoda/Hiratsuka won in the pairs masters class (total age over 100).

We would like to express our thanks to the local people and the yachting association for a great event and their hospitality.

—Jiro Yamamoto SCIRA National Secretary



Japanese Masters winners with their trophies. J.Kurita photo.

Skipper/Crew	Boat #	Finishes	Total	
1. Yamamoto/Uchida	21349	1-1-2	4	
2. Fujisawa/Tai	29060	4-2-4	10	
3. Nomoto/Ichiji	28176	2-5-7	14	
4. Hayashi/Nishizono	29009	3-9-3	15	
5. Shinoda/Hiratsuka	28715	6-4-5	15	
6. Iwasaki/Mori	28713	8-3-8	19	
7. Horiuchi/Sasaya	27319	5-6-9	20	
8. Shiraga/Yamanaka	28636	10-10-6	26	
9. Takeuchi/Terasawa	25649	9-11-12	32	
10. Tarutani/Suganuma	8245	12-13-15	38	
11. Shinka/Hamashita	28594	dnf-7-1	39	
12. Hamanaga/Kohno	28736	11-17-16	44	
13. Samonji/Takasima	26513	7-18-19	44	
14. Akagawa/Kubo	28512	dnf-8-10	49	
15. Hirata/Shinka	8549	dnf-12-15	58	

1997 Spanish Junior National Championship

Club Maritimo de Melilla July 9-13, 1997

- 1.- ANTONIO PONS OSCAR CASAS, C. NAUTICO CIUDADELA
- 2.- GABRIEL ORFILA ARTURO BALANCA, C MARITIMO MAHON
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- 5.- PABLO FRESNEDA GUILLERMO CERVANTES, C MAR ALMERIA
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- 8.- JOSE BALLESTER ANDRES MANRESA, R.C.NAUTICO DE TORREVIEVA

- 9.- MIGUEL BARBA JAVIER GUTIERREZ, R.C. MEDITERRANEO MALAGA
- 10.- ALFONSO CARMONA PABLO RODRIGUEZ, RC NAUTICO TORREVIEJA
- 11.- MARIANO SARMIENTO JOSE LUIS MARTINEZ, RCN CADIZ
- 12.- FULGENCIO ORTEGA LUIS CLAVEL, RCR SANTIAGO LA RIBERA
- 13.- NURIA PEREZ ALICIA CASTAÑO, C MARITIMO MELILLA
- 14.- CARLOS RIVAS AGUSTIN JATIVA, C MARITIMO DE MELILLA
- 15.- JUAN GARCIA IGNACIO HERRERA, C. MARITIMO MELILLA
- 16.- AGUSTIN LINARES CARLOS CARMONA, C. MAR ALMERIA

- 17.- MARIA ALARCON DOLORES ALARCON, CR MAR MENOR LOS URRUTIAS
- 18.- MATIAS ROS JOSE PELEGRIN, RCR SANTIAGO LA RIBERA
- 19.- PABLO RIVAS LUISA NIETO, C MARITIMO DE MELILLA
- 20.- FABIOLA LEON ANA LEON, C MARITIMO DE MELILLA
- 21.- DAVIS FERNANDEZ VICTOR RICONDO, RCM SANTANDER
- 22.- MARIO ARIAS IGNACIO ARIAS, RC MEDITERRANEO MALAGA

District 3 Championships

Island Bay Yacht Club, Springfield, II., hosted the District 3 Junior and Senior Champs on July 19th and 20th on Lake Springfield. Over 30 sailors from 5 states were on hand for this years event. The overall series winners were Chris Stahl and John Sepanski from Carlyle in the Junior regatta and Jeff and Julie Evans from the host fleet, IBYC, in the Championship series. The year's Dunphy winner was Seiichiro Kashimori and Steve Steer representing the Cleveland fleet via Pittsburgh, PA.

Light air proved to be the rule for the weekend with the Junior series held Saturday morning in a 5-10 mph northeasterly breeze. The junior fleet sailed 3 back to back races all of which were very competitive with close finishes. The courses consisted of one lap triangles and one lap windward-leeward, all finishing to windward. It was great to have so many good junior Snipe sailors racing together. Chris Stahl from Carlyle sailed consistently throughout and swept the series. Trophy's were awarded to the top 3 overall finishers.

The Championship series got underway after lunch on Saturday in diminishing wind conditions. The first race, sailed in 0-5 mps winds was completed by mid afternoon with a thunderstorm on the horizon. The second race was postponed and eventually canceled for the day due to no wind and threatening thunderstorms. All sailors enjoyed a superb Saturday night dinner in the clubhouse dining room after which the District Governor, Jno Disch, conducted a District meeting. Topics addressed included the election of the next District Vice Governor, Josh Powell, a treasurer's report, discussion of professional versus amateur sailor status, the District 3 Championship deed of gift needing revision, the 1998 North Americans planned for Lake Carlyle, and the 1998 US Nationals planned for Gull Lake, Michigan.

On Sunday, light winds returned and the second and final race was sailed in under 5 mps westerly winds. Jeff and Julie Evans took the lead early and never looked back, leaving no doubt as to the winner of this year's Commodore Chalmers Burns Memorial Championship trophy. Both Championship races were sailed as olympic courses. Championship series trophy's were awarded to the top eight finishers.

As the sailors packed their boats and departed all were looking forward to their next opportunity to race and socialize in the Snipe Class, in District 3 and elsewhere.

—Lou Dixon Fleet #91

Results

Skipper/Crew	Fleet	Finishes	Total
1. Jeff/Julie Evans	Island Bay	1-1	1.5
2. Lou Dixon/Amanda Staab	Island Bay	3-3	6
3. Buzz/Frank Levinson	Indianapolis	2-6	8
4. Todd/Ben Merrill	Carlyle	4-4	8
5. Jno Disch/Karen Lorenz	Cleveland	7-2	9
6. John Sepanski/Chris Stahl	Carlyle	5-7	12
7. Clay/Becky Sanborn	Island Bay	8-5	13
8. S. Kashimori/S. Steer	Cleveland	6-8	14
9. Andrea Sepanski/R. Steer	Carlyle	10-9	19
10. Brian Dees/Doug Slater	Island Bay	9-11	20
11. Felicia Bamer/Mary	Carlyle	14-10	24
12. Allen Vorel/J. Graham	Grand Rapids	12-12	24
13. Tom Lewis/Chris Slater	Island Bay	11-dns	26
14. Val/Mark Simhauser	Island Bay	13-dns	28

Juniors

Skipper/Crew	Fleet	Finishes	Total
1. Chris Stahl/John Sepanski	Carlyle	1-1-1	2.25
2. Frank/Buzz Levinson	Indianapolis	3-4-2	9
3. Michael/Jeff Evans	Island Bay	5-2-3	10
4. Amanda Staab/Lou Dixon	Island Bay	2-6-4	12
5. Ben Slater/Becky Sanborn	Island Bay	4-3-5	12
6. Chris Slater/Tom Lewis	Island Bay	6-5-6	17

SNIPE JUNIOR NATIONALS AT BLUE CIRCLE

Ten promising Snipe sailors entered the International Snipe Junior National Championship at Blue Circle Sailing Club on Saturday 2 August. Four of the southern Snipe fleets were represented. Winds never exceeded force 2 for the four races which were held over Olympic Triangular courses. On offer for the winner was a place with the six strong senior team at next year's Snipe Europeans in Portugal.

In the first race Phillip Marshall and Saskia Clark of Maldon YC judged the start per-

fectly and and led throughout. Alex Francis and Anne Gregory of Erith YC worked their way up to second and Nick Lett and Luke Tharp of the home club were third

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The second race was much closer as the

shifting wind offered huge gains or losses on the windward leg. Tim Allardyce and Chester Candish of Medway YC led early on, getting clear of an untidy start which saw Lett do 720 degree turns for a port and starboard offence. Allardyce held on to second as Marshall gained another first, and Francis was third.

In the third race Allardyce led all the way but in the last two hundred yards ran into a hole and was passed by three boats. Francis and Gregory won and Marshall went from fifth to second on the final beat. Lett and Tharp were third.

For the final race, Marshall and Clark just needed to beat Francis and Gregory to be sure of the title. Their start was perfect and they were able to cover the fleet from then on. Francis's challenge died as he went too far left up the first beat, gifting second place to Lett, and Anthony Paine and Andrew Lidstone of Broadstairs SC sailed their best race to claim third.

--Richard Lambert

Overall results:

20558 P Marshall/S Clark Maldon YC	2.25
23980 A Francis/A Gregory Erith YC	5.75
28385 N Lett/L Tharp Blue Circle SC	8.00
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D-4 Championships 1997

James Island Yacht Club, in Charleston South Carolina played host to 27 boats at this years District 4 Championship. Competitors were greeted by warm temperatures and light air on Saturday as the fleet sailed all three scheduled races.

Hal Gilreath and Robert Burke, displaying form that has become familiar at District 4 events, got off to a very fast start, notching a 1, 3, 1 in the challenging conditions. Jeff Beck and Chad Stewart also looked impressive sailing snipe number 30,000 to two seconds and a fourth. Also in the hunt at the conclusion of Saturdays racing were Steve Burke, District 1's Eric Reinke, and current Junior National Champion Dustin Kays.

The fleet was treated to a "low country" shrimp boil and a few cocktails Saturday evening before the more energetic ventured off to explore Charleston's night life.

Sunday Morning dawned ominously as large thunder storms rolled through the area. Gonzo Diaz Sr. and Peter Commette gambled that sailing would not continue and departed early for Miami as the fleet reluctantly launched there boats to light air conditions and threatening rain.

The James Island Race committee did not let us down however, as conditions stayed dry and the breeze came in at 10-15 knots. Hal and Robert continued to show excellent form on Sunday, easily notching the victory and earning a free ride to the Heinzerling. Steve Burke and Nancy Gilreath sailed to a strong second place finish and SCIRA Commodore Gonzo Diaz sailing with Sherry Eldridge sailed very consistently to round out the top three.

-Craig J. Beardsley

1. 28142	Hal Gilreath - Robert Burke	1,3,1,1,5	10.5
2. 24807	Steve Burke - Nancy Gilreath	4,1,5,3,6	19
3. 28812	Gonzalo Diaz, Jr Sherry Elridge	7,7,6,5,2	27
4. 29148	Craig Beardsley - Mimi Beardsley	9,10,9,2,1	30.75
5. 28702	Dustin Kays - David O'Reilly	10,6,2,6,9	33
2.5	Eric Reinke - Kim Couranz	3,9,15,4,4	35
7. 30000	Jeff Beck - Chad Stewart	2,2,4,29.7(DSQ),3	40.7
8. 27788	Jamie Lipp - Cathy Cooper	14,13,8,8,7	50
9. 26917	Blaine McCleskey - Adriane McCleskey	17,11,7,7,10	52
	Woody Norwood - Nell Jones	11,19,18,10,11	69
11.29092	Steve Burns - Mary Burns	19,14,16,14,15	78
12.16104	David Muhlhausen - Mark Daniels	25,17,20,9,12	83
13. 27872	Charlie and Michele Bustamante	(DNS),4,3,17,(DNS)	83.4
14. 29114	Peter Commette - Patrick Wilson	5,12,11,(DNC),(DNC)	84
15. 24442	John Muhlhausen - Andrew Cason	20,21,26,12,8	87
16. 25395	David Carroll, Johnathan Carroll	18,20,10,11,(DNC)	87
	Don Hackbarth - Beck Killough	13,5,13,(DNF),(DNC)	87
18. 27276	Stephen Carr - Julie Carr	15,8,12,(DNC),(DNC)	91
19. 28814	Gonzalo Diaz, Sr Gregory Saldana	6,16,14,(DNC),(DNC)	92
	Mike Coffman - Nancy Hutton	26,22,17,18,14	97
	Jerry Kimble, Bunny Kimble	8,18,19,(DNC),(DNC)	101
22, 28628	John Hill - Stefanie Carroll	21,23,25,19,13	101
23, 25750	Bryant Carpenter - John Coolidge	23,24,23,15,16	101
	Bill Moss - Clay Burnup	12,15,22,(DNC),(DNC)	105
	Lewis Seabrook - Jim Miller	16,(DNS),21,13,(DNC)	107.7
26. 26078	Gavin Glenn-Harris - Tricia Batchelor	22,26,27,16,17	108
27. 27332	Lee King - Lisa Davis	24,25,24,(DNC),(DNC)	129
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1. 28702	Dustin Kays - David O'Reilly	3,1,1	4.5
	Andrew Cason - Clay Burnup	1,3,1	5.75
3. 29092	Patrick Wilson - Stephanie Carroll	2,2,3	7

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UK NATIONALS AT BROADSTAIRS

Thirty-two International Snipes entered the British National Championship at Broadstairs Sailing Club over 25-27 July. The twenty-one entries were joined by five from Belgium and six from

France.

Conventional Olympic triangular courses were set and in a decent breeze Mark and Sue Antonelli got a flying start in the first race. They headed for the right corner of the first beat and were swept to the windward mark by lee-bowing the tide. Gradually, reigning National champions Peter Wolstenholme and Alan Williams reeled them in and overtook on the final run. Herman Van Dormael and Caroline Miller of Belgium crept up to second as the Antonellis slipped back to third.

The wind decreased for the second race making tactical awareness paramount and Wolstenholme again displayed tenacity and skill to recover from mid-fleet to win. Van Dormael was again second, Janssens and Verminp of Belgium were third and Tim and Kay Tavinor, sailing their own Devoti Snipe were fourth.

On Saturday, the wind steadily increased to over 20 knots forcing many retirements. In the third race which was sailed over a triangular course to eliminate the running leg, Wolstenholme suffered the rare indignity of being overtaken by the brilliant French teenagers Denaol Blayo and Tanguay Leglatin. Janssens was again third while the Tavinors worked their way up to fourth.

The fourth race got underway in a strong breeze although the race committee reverted to course flag 'O'. The wind significantly increased during the race however and many did not risk the final running leg and retired. Wolstenholmme posted his third victory I front of Blayo with Janssens third and the Tavinors again fourth.

On Sunday, the wind finally relented and both races were sailed in a moderate force 2-3. Guy Celis and Dina De Bock won the fifth race for Belgium, Janssens was second and Blayo was third. The Tavinors gained their fourth consecutive fourth place. Wolstenholme's seventh left three crews with a chance of overall victory.

In the final race, course setting had become extremely difficult as the strong tide and wind direction almost negated the need for a tack on the first leg. Celis won again, Van Dormael was second and Janssens third made it a Belgium 1-2-3. Wolstenholme's fifth was enough to secure a record seventh National title and Williams has now won eleven Snipe Nationals as a crew.

The race organisers at Broadstairs Sailing Club ran a magnificent Championship which was a credit to Fleet Captain Keith Harding and his team.

—Richard Lambert UK Publicity Officer

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Kneulman Wins Briody Regatta

The famed eleven o'clock thermal of Irondequoit Bay came in a little late. The first race on Saturday started in a light south wind and the northerly came in during the second "beat." At one point the boats near the east shore were close hauled while others abreast of them sailed a dead run. The afternoon races both enjoyed a light, reasonably steady thermal. Sunday was different, with a west wind swirling over the hill and testing the quickness of the crews.

Erin and Kelly Petock, great granddaughters of Francis M. Briody, for whom the regatta was names, presented the trophies. Dirk Kneulman, whose crew and daughter Jenny was sailing her first regatta, took top honors, followed by John Korkosz and Fritz Gram.

The Retzhaupt Trophy, for the skipper doing best on the three regattas of District V, went to Fritz Gram.

Peter Allen and Peggy Creavy ran the races very well and even managed to call back five early starters in the last race without resorting to a general recall. Thanks also to regatta chair Rob Fewkes and especially to food chair Rosemary Dahl.

Dirk/Jenny Kneulman	1-2-2-3-1
John/Adrienne Korkosz	5-1-3-2-4
Fritz/Jane Gram	8-4-1-1-2
Norm Dahl/Cathy Horvath	3-7-7-5-3
Kashimori/Leary	4-6-4-6-6
Hains/McReynolds	7-5-5-4-5
Courtsal/Gwinner	2-8-6-9-9
Fewkes/Zeller	6-3-10-7-8
Palm/Goldberg	1-11-9-8-7
Ted/Barb Horvath	9-9-8-dns-dns
Phil/Adam Morse	10-10-11-10-10

Photo: Jenny Kneulman, ann Petock, Erin Petock, Lelley Petock, Dirk Kneulman



Michigan Open and State Championship results

The weather was beautiful. Hot, sunny, and a decent amount of wind made for a very pleasurable weekend. What really made the regatta though, was the competition! Everyone there was really good!

For the first time, two boats came from Cleveland, which proved to be our undoing, as the Cleveland clan really gave us a run for our money.

Saturday night, the Island dinner went over well, with Rasta Mon Rich Grant Spinnin Da Tunes Mon...The group was very relaxed, and reveling continued into the night.

This year, we installed the Michigan Open Trophy, a 1/10 scale mahogany Snipe, with 10 coats of varnish, on a mahogany stand, with a brass plate. It is now on view (for the next year) in Cleveland, at JR Francis's house. Those of you from Cleveland, go over to JR's house, I'm sure he'd love to show it to you! Really though, JR and Liz Potters' skill was evident as they posted a 2nd and 3 bullets to take the regatta. Hopefully, next year the competition will accelerate, so come and show your stuff!

Winner of the Michigan State Championship were perennial favorites Fred and Jan Rozelle of Crescent Sailing Club in Grosse Pointe. The only other bullet was theirs!

In general, we had a great time, and sailed our butts off. That's the way it should be.

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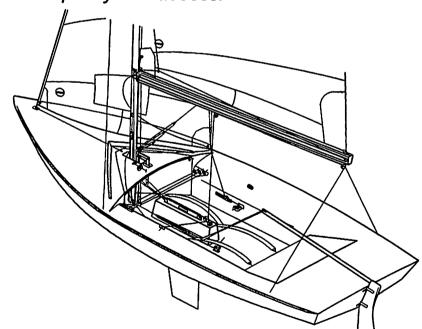
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