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**THE COVER:** 1998 European Champions Aureliano Negrin and D. Martin of Spain lead 1996 European Champions Kristoffer Spone and Janett Krefting of Norway to the weather mark, during the European Championship off Porto, Portugal. Photo by João Ferrand.

**THE COUNT:** 26 numbers were issued this past month. 6 to Brazil, 1 to USA, 6 to Spain, 1 to United Kingdom, 1 Portugal and 11 to various builders.

**NUMBERED SNIPEs:** 29520

**CHARTERED FLEETS:** 849



## From The Commodore

To my sorrow, I have sad news to all SCIRA members.

In July, Mr. Roberto J. Salvat (Argentina), Past Commodore (1985), past away. I had just met him and had dinner together in March at the Masters World Championship in Argentina. He was working actively as an international jury while I was there as an officer and a sailor.

In August, Mr. Charles (Chuck) Loomis (Massachusetts, USA), Honorary Vice-Commodore and former Chairman of Rules Committee, past away as well. He is the one who had been engaged in rules and measuring of SCIRA for a long time. Actually, I could see him measuring boats in a sweat with sailors at all Worlds I had attended as an officer.

I would like to express my deep appreciation for the achievements of Mr. Salvat and Mr. Loomis with their long and best efforts to keep the Snipe rules. Also, for families of Mr. Salvat and Mr. Loomis, I would like to express my thanks for supporting their activities for SCIRA, and offer my condolences.

In order to reward for their efforts, we absolutely must keep the SCIRA rules. Only when rules are kept, fair races can be carried out and SCIRA can further develop. However, we have recently heard of the cases with rules disordered or not kept. Here, I would like to ask all members of SCIRA to recall it once again.

*Commodore Akibumi Shinoda*

## AROUND THE SNIPE WORLD

### Bulletin Correction

Gunther Hautmann wrote, "With great pleasure I read the publication of the German Snipe fleet in the Snipe Bulletin of July. But there has happened a mistake. It's not correct that the fleet has been formed by 3 boats and 4 members, because there are 4 boats and 5 members.

1 - Ben Van Cauwenbergh, #28373

2 - Wolfgang Gerz

3 - Margit Hautmann, #27024, racing with her husband Gerhard; they are sailing on the Forggensee in Germany and also on the Lake Caldonazzo, because they are members of the AVT

4 - Gunther Hautmann, #27021, racing with different crew member of a sailing club in Ingolstadt.

### Congratulations

Congratulations are due to Past Commodore Basil Kelly of the Bahamas, recently bestowed the Order of the British Empire.

### ISAF Forms Available

International Measurer Application forms are available from the SCIRA office

## In Memoriam

### Corey Emmons

Corey and his dad built many of the early Snipes for fleets in upstate New York and the Midwest. Corey, his Dad and the boats they expertly crafted have succumbed to old age but they live on in the memory of a few of us old time Snipers. -E.F. Booth, Jr.

### Chuck Loomis

As the US Snipe Nationals were taking place at Gull Lake, another sailor was setting out on his own journey. Charles P. Loomis of Winthrop, MA, long time Snipe sailor since the 1950's, great competitor, Chief US and International Measurer, honorary Vice Commodore and well known throughout all "Snipedom" died on August 13<sup>th</sup> at age 79. For many years Chuck saw that all rules and regulations regarding any phase of measuring were strictly adhered to. His integrity and blunt forthrightness were appreciated, as was his devotion to the "not easy" task of measuring as he put in long weary hours at major competitions, here and abroad. Several top contenders from his area got their start crewing for Chuck and he encouraged all in the Cottage Park YC sailing classes. He was a member of the CPYC Race Committee and finally, after years of effort, saw his dream of a new

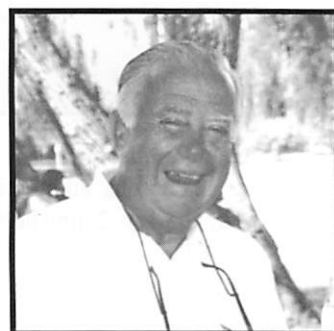


race committee boat come true just a very few weeks ago. Chuck was a member of the Ski Club Waterville Valley Silver Streaks, ski patrol and loved the slopes, having skied worldwide. He was a 1938 graduate of Massachusetts Agricultural College at Amherst, a former chief mechanic with Eastern Airlines, and an WWII and the Korean Army veteran. To many of us he was simply a dear friend. He will be missed. Family suggests donations to the US Perpetual Fund in his name.

*-Ralph & Berta Swanson*

### Roberto Salvat

In July we lost one of our great Snipe sailors, not only for Argentina, but also for South America and worldwide.



Roberto Salvat has lived the last forty years for and completely involved with the Snipe Class. He was a former sailor, and when he decided to stop sailing, he was one of the most active in South America. He was a member of the Rules Committee, International Judge in many important Championships, Secretary General for the Western Hemisphere and Commodore of SCIRA. But what was most important, he was a good friend. He had friends all over the world and at this moment, all of them are going to miss him. Roberto, you have begun the final beat; remember that a lot of friends are after you, trying to learn what you taught us: to develop the friendships.

*-Julio Labandeira*

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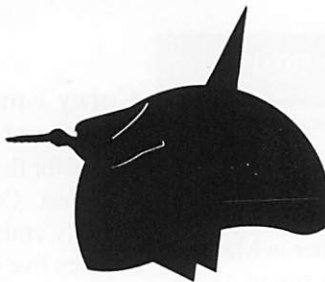
# Snipe European Championship BMW

Leixões, Portugal

45 boats from 10 nations converged on Porto, Portugal, July 27 -August 1, 1998 to decide the newest European Champion off the port of Leixões.

The European Championship Deed of Gift allows 3 boats per country plus one additional for each 25 boats on which dues have been paid, up to 7 skippers. In addition, the

The Sport Club do Porto is no stranger to Snipe sailing. Adorning the entry hall is a magnificent photo from the 1983 World Championship. The club's facilities and staff were excellent for competitors and spectators alike, as spectating had to be done from the upper level of



Fresneda finishing 1-5. Close behind were Felipe Brito and Inaki Galan with a 5-1. The rest of the fleet followed with 12 points or more.

The conditions were the same the following day.

Negrin/Martin added a 1<sup>st</sup>. to solidify their position and followed with a 4<sup>th</sup>. Brito/Galan followed with a 2, but were OCS the next race, drawing heavy points and ultimately costing them the championship. Reigning European Champs Kristoffer Spone and Janett Krefting of Norway posted a 5-3 to pull them closer, but the Spanish contingent was strong. Local boys Tiago Roquette and Eduardo Vanzeller had stayed in the top 10 until the 4<sup>th</sup> race when they capsized, but managed to pull back to 18<sup>th</sup>. Morten Ullmann and Kim Hittel of Denmark pulled out a first to bring them into the top 5. By the end of the day, it was all the strength the competitors could muster to push their boats up the steep ramp.

Because the conditions were so tough, the Race Committee opted to try to start the races earlier the next day to offer the competitors some lighter breezes. Once out, the Race Committee had to shift the race course south, and after the first triangle of the race, the Race Committee found the marks drifting and were unable to keep a stationary race course, so the abandonment flag was flown. That left one day to decide the Championship and the weather forecast was not improving.

Only one race was able to be held on the final day but non-leading sailors were able to post good finishes improving their overall scores: Italian brothers Enrico and Franco Solerio sailed to a solid 4<sup>th</sup>; Spone/Krefting in 5<sup>th</sup>; Miguel Leite and Tiago Borges of Porto 6<sup>th</sup>, all chasing Gongora/Fresneda in 1<sup>st</sup>., Brito/Galan 2<sup>nd</sup> and the new champions Negrin/Martin in 3<sup>rd</sup> who captured the title by .75 points.

The final prize giving dinner was held in the caves of Sandeman, which included a history of the region and a description of the making of fine port wine. Stunning bronze Snipe bird sculptures on a granite base were presented to the top 3 finishers, designed by Ilídio dos Santos Ferreira, a very accomplished Portuguese sculptor.

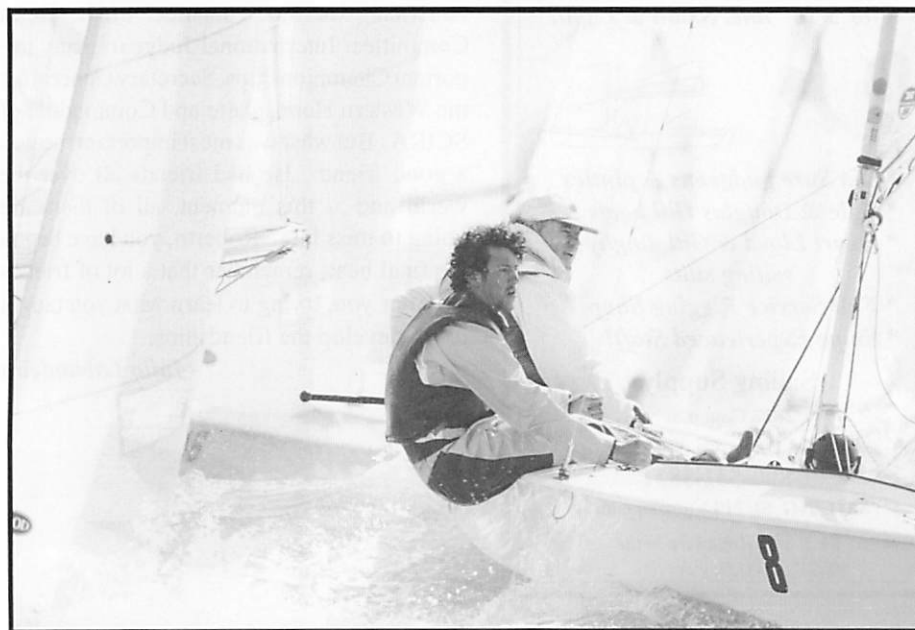


junior champion from each country, and the reigning champions automatically qualify. This year, the top 2 finishers from the Jr. European Championship, held earlier in the month in Moscow, Russia (see article page 7), also qualified as did the top placing skipper from the European Cup held just days prior in Porto. SCIRA was extremely proud to have Germany represented among the tough competition.

the Club due to the rough and chilly conditions on the water.

After the Opening Ceremonies, the teams headed out to do battle on the Atlantic which dished up large rolling swells, chop, and heavy breeze.

The Spaniards arrived in force, dominating the top spots in just about every race. Aureliano Negrin and David Martin of the Canary Islands posted a consistent 2-2 after day one with Oliver Gongora and Alejandro



*Photos: Upper: Negrin/Martin lead Gongora/Fresneda to the weather mark.*

*Lower: The master, Felix Gancedo of Spain and crew Sergio Gutierrez round the weather mark. Gancedo has won the Europeans 4 times and World Champion twice. Photos: João Ferrand*

# Snipe European Championship BMW

Leixões, Portugal



| <i>Skipper/Crew</i>                   | <i>Country/<br/>Boat Number</i> | <i>Finishes</i>   | <i>Total</i> | <i>Boat</i> | <i>Mast</i>    |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------|----------------|
| 1. Aureliano Negrin/D. Martin         | ESP 29145                       | 2-2-1-4-3         | 11.75        | Persson     | Proctor        |
| 2. Oliver Gongora/Alejandro Fresneda  | ESP 28920                       | 1-5-4-2-1         | 12.50        | Proto       | Sidewinder     |
| 3. Kristoffer Spone/Janett Krefting   | NOR 29435                       | 8-4-5-3-5         | 25.00        | Persson 98  | Proctor        |
| 4. Fernando Rita/Javier Sintes        | ESP 29376                       | 6-3-3-5-11        | 28.00        | Persson 98  | Proctor        |
| 5. Morten Ullmann/Kim Hittel          | DEN 29372                       | 13-6-8-1-13       | 40.75        | Persson 98  | Sidewinder     |
| 6. Tiago Roquette/Eduardo Vanzeller   | POR 29292                       | 7-7-6-18-9        | 47.00        | Persson     | Sidewinder     |
| 7. Thomas Iversen/Nicholas Hansen     | DEN 29371                       | 3-9-15-10-16      | 53.00        | Persson 98  | Sidewinder Jr. |
| 8. Patrik Jonsson/Richard Oberpichler | SWE 29421                       | 14-13-9-8-10      | 54.00        | Skipper     | Sidewinder     |
| 9. Felix Gancedo/Sergio Gutierrez     | ESP 29981                       | 4-8-12-7-25       | 56.00        | Persson 98  | Sidewinder     |
| 10. Felipe Brito/Inaki Galan          | ESP 29160                       | 5-1-2-ocs-2       | 56.75        | Proto       | Sidewinder Jr. |
| 11. Enrico Solerio/Franco Solerio     | ITA 29195                       | 11-19-19-14-4     | 67.00        | Nord Est    | Sidewinder     |
| 12. Cristobal Bosch/Pedro Alles       | ESP 29178                       | 9-14-18-12-14     | 67.00        | Persson     | Proctor        |
| 13. Damian Borrás/Juan Magro          | ESP 29091                       | 29-12-7-cnf-7     | 71.00        | Persson     | Proctor        |
| 14. Birger Jansen/Liv Ulveie          | NOR 29450                       | 23-10-20-11-8     | 72.00        | Persson     | Sidewinder     |
| 15. Jean Martin Grisar/Yves Ratinckx  | BEL 28156                       | 16-16-21-15-17    | 85.00        | Persson     | Sidewinder     |
| 16. Preben Kristensen/Upfe Schmidt    | DEN 28759                       | 18-23-10-25-12    | 88.00        | Persson     | Sidewinder Jr. |
| 17. Luis Queiroz/Victoria Almada      | POR 28200                       | 17-17-16-13-38    | 101.00       | Persson     | Proctor        |
| 18. Miguel Pessanha/Luis Pessanha     | POR 28767                       | 28-22-11-17-26    | 104.00       | Persson     | Sidewinder     |
| 19. Vasco Empis/Jorge Rainha          | POR 28286                       | 24-28-17-16-19    | 104.00       | Persson     |                |
| 20. Miguel Graça/José Sabido          | POR 29440                       | 19-15-25-28-29    | 116.00       | Persson 98  | Proctor        |
| 21. Miguel Leite/Tiago Borges         | POR 28818                       | 10-11-dnf-dnc-6   | 121.00       | Persson     | Sidewinder     |
| 22. Guy Celis/Birgit Dumez            | BEL 29115                       | 21-25-24-20-31    | 121.00       | Persson     | Holt Allen     |
| 23. Tim Tavinor/Kay Tavinor           | GBR 29411                       | 32-20-13-ocs-15   | 127.00       | Devoti      | SuperSpar      |
| 24. Bjorn Eresund/Maria Rosberg       | SWE 29089                       | 12-18-29-dnf-22   | 128.00       | Persson     | Sidewinder     |
| 25. Erling Nesse/Anne Hege Roed       | NOR 29094                       | 27-30-14-26-24    | 131.00       | Persson     | Sidewinder     |
| 26. Miguel Costa/Giampaolo Spera      | ITA 28863                       | 20-dnc-22-21-21   | 131.00       | Persson     | Sidewinder     |
| 27. Otto Nielsen/Thomas Rasmussen     | DEN 29020                       | 25-21-dnf-22-18   | 133.00       | Skipper     | Sidewinder     |
| 28. Ben Van Cauwenberg/Nadia Deferm   | GER 28373                       | 26-26-30-29-28    | 139.00       | Persson     | Sidewinder     |
| 29. Niccolo Belloni/Angelo Belloni    | ITA 29365                       | 15-29-32-cnf-36   | 141.00       | Persson     |                |
| 30. Thierry Den Hartigh/Greet Jansen  | BEL 27141                       | 22-24-37-dnf-20   | 150.00       | Persson     | Proctor        |
| 31. Maxim Romain/Broudic Bastien      | FRA 29367                       | 35-cnf-27-24-23   | 156.00       | Persson     | Sidewinder Jr. |
| 32. Ulrika Nystrom/Lars Landen        | SWE 28221                       | 31-32-34-27-32    | 156.00       | Persson     |                |
| 33. Denoal Blayo/Canguy Leglatin      | FRA 26802                       | 27-27-40-31-40    | 165.00       | Skipper     | Sidewinder     |
| 34. Gabriel Orfila/Arturo Barranco    | ESP 28898                       | 40-35-28-33-30    | 166.00       | Persson     |                |
| 35. Diogo Talone/Jão Resende          | POR 27387                       | dnf-dnf-23-9-dnf  | 173.00       | Thor        | Sidewinder     |
| 36. Iain Marshall/Richard Marshall    | GBR 29501                       | 38-dsq-38-23-27   | 173.00       | Devoti      | Holt Allen     |
| 37. Ola Nygard/Frode Finnoy           | NOR 28037                       | 33-36-39-32-35    | 175.00       | Persson     | Sidewinder     |
| 38. Antonio Cavaller/Luis Vila        | ESP 28996                       | 39-31-33-dnf-33   | 183.00       | Persson     | Sidewinder     |
| 39. Giorgio Brezich/Manola Reis       | ITA 29000                       | 30-dsq-31-34-ret  | 189.00       | Lillia      | Sidewinder     |
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| 41. Yves Fretigny/Zaozig Bruzac       | FRA 20636                       | 43-38-41-35-37    | 194.00       | Skipper     |                |
| 42. Stephane Bariou/Guillome Canado   | FRA 28465                       | 41-37-35-dnf-39   | 199.00       | Persson     |                |
| 43. Antonio Vianez/Jão Araujo         | POR 27796                       | 36-dnf-26-dnf-dnc | 203.00       | Skipper     |                |
| 44. Brian Gregory/Ian Gregory         | GBR 28451                       | 42-34-dnf-dnc-34  | 204.00       | Persson     | Sidewinder     |
| 45. Phillip Marshall/Anne Gregory     | GBR 20558                       | cnf-dnf-42-36-dnf | 219.00       | Skipper     |                |



# Y2K

We've all been hearing a lot about how the

(computer) world as we know it will come to an end with the advent of the year 2000...how our computers will cease to function if we fail to take action now!

To Snipe sailors, however, Y2K has an entirely different meaning. Jan 1, 2000, is the issue date an updated SCIRA Rule Book. There is a parallel with the computer world Y2K though. Time is already growing short for those who have suggestions that they think will help us in the Snipe world to improve our boat, our race management, and our organization.

As in years past, the Rules Committee is actively soliciting suggestions from sailors all over the Snipe world. Suggestions for changes should be sent to the chairman of the Rules Committee and ideally should include a position statement stating the need and the hoped-for results of the suggestion.

According to the constitution of SCIRA the Board of Governors will vote on rules changes at the board meeting held in conjunction with the World Championships in Spain in the fall of 1999. Prior to that time the Rules Committee must go through rules change suggestions and make recommendations to the Board.

The time needed to fully consider the issues and ideas suggests the following time table:

- **Dec. 1:** Deadline for suggestions from general membership.
- **Feb. 1:** Potential changes submitted to Rules Committee for consideration and debate.
- **July 1:** Submission of Rules Committee report to Board members for consideration and debate.

This schedule will allow both Rules Committee and Board Members time to think about the decisions they are going to make in October, 1999.

The Board of Governors in its meeting in 1997 directed that there be a general overhaul of the Rule Book for the year 2000. Among the changes to be expected are that the new rule book will be completely an international publication. All US-specific information which has been included since the Rule Book's inception (when the class was more US than international) will be deleted from subsequent issues of the Rule Book.

Another change will be the inclusion of a

## 1998 Briody Memorial Regatta

We had bragged to the out-of-towners about the eleven o'clock thermal on Irondequoit Bay in Rochester, NY, and sure enough it came in Saturday right on time. Sunday presented us with a somewhat stronger and shifter southwesterly.

Fritz Gram won every race of the thirteen boat regatta. Canadians Chris and Don Hains finished second and John and Lori Korkosz third. The top local finisher was Ted and Barb Horvath, in fourth place, followed by Norm Dahl and Cathy Horvath in fifth. Three

of the great grandchildren of Francis M. Briody, to whom the regatta is dedicated, presented the trophies.

A local TV station showed some good footage of the regatta on Sunday's evening news — our fifteen seconds of fame.

Peter Allen ran the races with the aid of the Ollie Wallock race start machine, which worked very well. It made the sound signals automatically and right on time. It even gave Peter soft reminders leading up to each of his visual signals.

— Norm Dahl

### Results

#### *Skipper/crew*

1. Fritz/Jane Gram
2. Chris/Don Hains
3. John/Lori Korkosz
4. Ted/Barb Horvath
5. Norm Dahl/Cathy Horvath
6. Dave Whyman/Peggy Creavey/Samir Dixit
7. Bill/Joanne Vaughn
8. Harri/Kirsten Palm/Peggy Creavey
9. Charlie Courtsal/Samir Dixit
10. Phil/Adam Morse
11. Kevin Haller/Matt Gaesser
12. Steve/Chris Donohue
13. Jerry Clark/Hank Hedges

| <i>finishes</i>     | <i>total</i> |
|---------------------|--------------|
| 1-1-1-1-1           | 3.75         |
| 2-2-2-2-3           | 11           |
| 4-6-3-4-2           | 21           |
| 3-3-8-3-4           | 21           |
| 5-4-4-6-5           | 24           |
| 8-7-5-7-11          | 38           |
| 7-8-9-9-6           | 39           |
| 12-10-7-5-7         | 41           |
| 6-5-6-dns-dns       | 41           |
| 9-11-11-8-9         | 48           |
| 10-9-10-10-10       | 49           |
| 11-12-dnf-11-8      | 54           |
| 13-13-dnf-dns-dns62 |              |

section on measuring to be compiled by Chief Measurer Hisanao Kato.

Snipers, now's your chance! Let the Rules committee hear from you if you've got ideas! SCIRA faces many challenges on many fronts as we approach the new millennium, and we need input from all of our members to remain successful.

Snipers, now's your chance! Let the Rules committee know your thoughts.

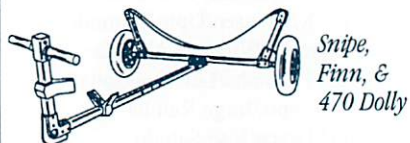
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# Junior European Championship

July 8-15, 1998

Moscow, Russia

Hosting their first international SCIRA regatta, SCIRA Russia pulled out all the stops to provide an excellent regatta, proving that Moscow may have to be a new addition to the Snipe sailing circuit.

National Secretary Alexei Fomin presented to the International Board of Governors at the 1997 World Championship, that Russia would host the 1998 Junior European Championship, providing 25 new Snipes for all teams. His promise came through, with 25 new Snipes built by a new Snipe builder in St. Petersburg. SCIRA Russia went another step further by also provided housing for all competitors, coaches and guests at the spacious new Moscow Sailing Center.

The Junior Europeans took on an even greater importance in many ways; SCIRA

Europe voted to qualify the top 2 finishers of the Championship to the European Championship; and the Junior Europeans were part of the first ever Youth Olympic Games, being held concurrently in Moscow. In addition, the International Board of Governors voted to amend the deed of gift for the regatta to allow the invitation of sailors from other European countries to compete. Those who were able to attend were teams from Belarus and the Ukraine, and others invited but unable to attend were Bulgaria, Czecnia, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia. The introduction of the Snipe to these countries was an opportunity afforded to SCIRA through SCIRA Russia and Alexei Fomin's hard work and dedication, and we hope to continue to build the Class through these contacts.

Sailing on the Russian river, the sailors had a long tow out each morning, but once to the course site, their sailing was uncrowded with great sailing conditions. Providing 25 new boats proved to be a daunting task, and last minute rigging help by Bjarne Iversen and Jan and Jane Persson, readied the boats for the competitors, but not without a day's delay. The organizers responded by putting all the competitors on a bus and sending them to the Kremlin and other highlights of Moscow for a tour, complete with a stop in a local restaurant to taste local cuisine.

All in all, the championship was a resounding success and the competitors happy in all aspects. Our thanks for Russia for an excellent regatta.

## Memories of Moscow

by Phillip Marshall, Great Britain

We actually arrived at the sailing centre at about 1 o'clock in the morning, so we couldn't see much of the surroundings. It wasn't until the morning that we got to see what the place actually looked like. I liked the location of the centre, I thought that it was very nice the way it was surrounded by a forest.

When we arrived in Moscow, we did not know anybody, however, we soon met many people and were surprised just how friendly the other sailors were. What impressed me the most was that no matter how good you were, the other competitors were still prepared to talk to you about sailing. You don't get that very often in the other classes of boat.

I thought the boats were very good and although they were not completed when we arrived, when we sailed them they handled well and all of the controls worked as they should.

When we were sailing I found that the racing was incredibly close and even at the back the racing was still of a very high standard.

Although the Spanish dominated throughout the event, other competitors did not get disheartened and tried harder the next day. However, it was the sort of racing where if you had a bad first beat, it was incredibly difficult to make the places up again.

Although the sailing area was some way from the sailing centre, it gave you time to wake up while being towed out. It also allowed us to see more of the countryside.

On the lay day we had the chance to go and see the opening ceremony of the first ever Youth Olympic Games which was a great experience. I think that the idea of a lay day so that we could visit Moscow City was a

brilliant idea and I hope that the organisers will do that at more international events. After all when you sail in a foreign country you don't get to see much of the country when you are sailing every day.

However, the highlights of the socialising at the sailing centre were when we all watched the World cup final and when we played a game of football outside, in which most competitors joined in, even the two girls.

As it was my first international Snipe championship, I find it difficult to compare it with

anything else. However, I have picked up a lot of useful information from other teams, which I shall now try out back in Britain. One major thing we have learned from the event, is the benefit of a coach. And I shall now try hard to make sure that we have a coach with the British team at international events from now on.

Congratulations to the Spanish who did very well at the event. I wish all other junior Snipe sailors good luck with their sailing and hopefully will meet you at the Junior Worlds.

## Results

|     | <i>Skipper/crew</i>                   | <i>Country/<br/>Sail Number</i> | <i>Finishes</i>       | <i>Total</i> |
|-----|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| 1.  | Gabriel Orfila/Arturo Barranco        | ESP 28898                       | 3-1-4-(8)-4-1         | 12.5         |
| 2.  | Antoni Cavaller/Luis Vila             | ESP 28493                       | 1-6-(dsq)-2-1-5       | 14.5         |
| 3.  | Enrique Mir/Macos Garcia              | ESP 1                           | 4-2-7-3-(8)-2         | 18.0         |
| 4.  | Pedro Saura/Mateo Vives               | ESP 28493                       | 2-3-2-4-7-(11)        | 18.0         |
| 5.  | Otto Nielsen/Thomas Rasmussen         | DEN 29020                       | 6-5-1-7-2-(10)        | 20.75        |
| 6.  | Ekaterina Skudina/Tatiana Lartseva    | RUS 1                           | 5-4-5-(6)-3-6         | 23.0         |
| 7.  | Boris Rugal/Valery Sushko             | UKR 7                           | (12)-9-6-1-9-8        | 32.75        |
| 8.  | Denis Parshikov/Ilia Ravvin           | RUS 29105                       | 10-(15)-9-10-10-3     | 42.0         |
| 9.  | Georgy Komarovskiy/Alexei Lipkin      | BLR                             | 9-8-(dsq)-11-11-4     | 43.0         |
| 10. | Maria Skaliapova/Boris Burmentyev     | RUS 2                           | 11-10-12-5-(dsq)-9    | 47.0         |
| 11. | Jakob Soransen/Kasper Nielsen         | DEN 26660                       | 7-13-3-(14)-12-13     | 48.0         |
| 12. | Thomas Mercante/Simone Ricci          | ITA 28771                       | 17-7-8-(dsq)-5-12     | 49.0         |
| 13. | Ulrik Sandvig/Heidi Sandvig           | NOR 27971                       | 8-(19)-13-9-14-7      | 51.0         |
| 14. | Oscar Casasnovas/Jose Morales         | ESP 28914                       | 13-14-11-12-13-(15)   | 63.0         |
| 15. | Alexander Kharlamov/Dmitry Sapronov   | RUS 5                           | 14-17-14-(dsq)-6-16   | 67.0         |
| 16. | Carlo Rivas/Pablo Rivas               | ESP 28915                       | 16-11-10-15-19-(20)   | 71.0         |
| 17. | Vitaly Moshkovskiy/Alexander Kapustin | UKR 1                           | 15-16-18-13-(18)-18   | 80.0         |
| 18. | Anne Romain/Thomas Vernhes            | FRA 29409                       | (20)-20-15-16-15-14   | 80.0         |
| 19. | Phillip Marshall/Nick Bray            | GBR 20558                       | 18-12-16-(dnc)-dnc-17 | 84.0         |
| 20. | Somachi Sporne/Duncan Read            | GBR 20265                       | (21)-18-17-17-16-21   | 89.0         |
| 21. | Peter Jacobsen/Mark Johansen          | DEN 22382                       | 19-(21)-19-18-17-19   | 92.0         |

## 1998 South American Championship

The South American Championship was raced in Punta del Este, Uruguay. Ricardo Fabini and Ignacio Saralegui won it for the 3rd time in a close match with the Argentineans Pereyra and Cordoba. 34 boats attended mostly from Argentina and Uruguay then Chile and Brazil. The prevailing condition was very light air which didn't let us race the full schedule, only ending up with 4 races.

On the last race Fabini/Saralegui had to put a boat in between them and Pereyra/Cordoba. After a close race they ended up in a tacking duel lead by Fabini. As they crossed the line everybody thought that the Argentineans were the champions until they noticed that other boat had made it in the half-a-boat length between Fabini and Pereyra. Even Fabini couldn't believe he had succeeded stopping Pereyra and Cordoba to that point. Christian Noe and Nicolas Ocariz (former Champions) finished in the 3rd place.

There is an increasing popularity of the Snipe in South America, but we need to promote better the regional Championships. In the National Secretaries meeting we discussed some ways to do it of which we will talk about at the Western Hemisphere & Orient meeting.

—Pedro Garra  
National Secretary Uruguay

### Results -top 5 of 34

| Skipper/crew         | Boat           |
|----------------------|----------------|
| 1. Fabini/Saralegui  | Fabini/Rosendo |
| 2. Pereyra/Cordoba   | Fabini/Rosendo |
| 3. Noe/Ocariz        | Persson        |
| 4. Calabrese/Rodgers | Persson        |
| 5. Paradera/Krahe    | Persson        |



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## Oklahoma City, OK

District 2 Championship started with the forecast of 10-15 mph out of the north on Saturday changing to 10-15 mph out of the south on Sunday on Lake Hefner. The 9 am registration found competitors trying to answer the \$5 off registration questions, "Who was Jimmy Brown and what boat did he sail?" Most had forgotten that he was the 14 year old kid who's Dad built him his (and the) first Snipe. Henry Towles was honored for having built his three sons their first Snipe in the playroom out of plywood in 1958 and teaching them how to sail in Snipe Fleet #1. In 1958 there were 40 boats in the fleet but we didn't have color televisions and soccer was played only in Europe.

The first race changed positions with every wind shift. The north breeze held until the first mark but shifted 90 degrees then 180 degrees and we all thought we were in Colorado at Grand Lake. The ability to watch the tell tales with every shift and adjust the sails accordingly was the test for every sailor. We finished the five mile race in an hour. The rest of the afternoon only had 20 minutes of wind every 30 minutes which was not enough to set the traditional Snipe course so we retired at 4:30 with prayers for better wind the next day.

Dinner and the District meeting were held at the home of District Governor Andy Towles. Some places serve hamburgers, some steak and some serve lasagna, but in District 2 we only serve the best. Earlywine "Earl" Jackson the chef, made a recipe for success with barbeque. Earl was Elvis Presley's personal chef and he considered his claim to fame was that he was personally responsible for putting the fifty pounds on Elvis. After tasting the food one could believe that Elvis didn't have a chance. The District 2 meeting considered many questions, one of which was, "why did only 10 boats choose to go to the District Championship?" Gene Soltero thought that the regatta chairman should have called all the fleet captains and button hole them to getting their fleet to participate. The second question was, "Are the fleets not getting participation they should and why?" The core of the Snipe Class is the fleet and it is being neglected. The Fleet captains change from year to year and they don't have a mentor. The new Snipe sailors in Lincoln have a huge turnover. 54 one year sailors have joined the Lincoln fleet and left the first year in the last ten years. Everyone agreed that for all new sailors we need to institute a mentor program. The new

## District 2 Championship

sailors has a lot of questions the first year and needs the encouragement. Somebody needs to sail with them and call them every week. If we don't they will end up cheering the USA soccer team on to defeat in some bar with 54 other drunken sailors.

Sunday morning we all had our prayers answered. The 9 am start had winds out of the south at 15-25 mph. Martin Bebb was the first to roll over at the jib mark. This guy has so much practice at turning over that he only gets his toes wet and usually doesn't lose a boat in the process. John and Mary Buckley were fighting Gene Soltero until Mary missed her hiking strap after a tack and fell out. The Jibe Tech doesn't have anything to grab on to when you're trying to get back in. John tried to uncleat the jib to slow the boat down to get Mary back in. Mary had the jib sheet wrapped around her ankle so, when he would pull on the sheet to let it out, it would pull her ankle up which put her head down under the water. Gene and Gary slipped by John and Mary during the mishap. The second race the wind went up to 20-25 mph. All got their morning workout with Soltero finishing first, Towles

second and Gary Derrick third.

The trophies were scheduled for 1st. through 5<sup>th</sup> in the A fleet and 1st. through 3<sup>rd</sup> in the B fleet with one trophy for the Junior District Champion. All the juniors were off chasing girls and didn't race. The B fleet stayed home for their fleet races and didn't race. So, we had 9 trophies with 10 participants. The thought of someone going home without a trophy was too much pressure. At midnight Saturday, the 10<sup>th</sup> trophy was born and everybody went home with a watercolor of Snipe sailing on Lake Hefner at Oklahoma City Boat Club with the skyline of the city in the background.

The District Governor hopes that everyone enjoyed the fellowship, the racing, the food, and that everyone brings a friend next year. For those of you that missed this year, you could have been one of the smiling faces in the picture with their trophy in hand. Hope to see you at Bow Mar on Grand Lake unless you make the Nationals. Take the time to make that new sailor feel welcome and want to come back next year.

—Andy Towles

### Results

| <i>Skipper/Crew</i>         | <i>Boat #</i> | <i>Finishes Total</i> | <i>Boat type</i> |
|-----------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| 1. Andy/Katy Towles         | 26808         | 1-1-2 3.5             | McLaughlin       |
| 2. Gene Soltero/Ben Setnick | 27777         | 3-2-1 5.75            | McLaughlin       |
| 3. Steve/Mary Snyder        | 17159         | 4-5-5 14              | Varalay          |
| 4. Gary Derrick/Brian Smith | 23277         | 9-3-3 15              | McLaughlin       |
| 5. John/Mary Buckley        | 28444         | 2-4-dns 16            | Jibe Tech        |
| 6. Martin Bebb/Drew Derrick | 25517         | 6-8-4 18              | McLaughlin       |
| 7. Ken Rix/Ann Sack         | 29313         | 7-6-dnf 21            | Persson          |
| 8. James Rix/Dave Sack      | 27405         | 8-7-dnf 23            | McLaughlin       |
| 9. Mary Ann Rix/Bill Loyd   | 25785         | 5-10-dns 25           | McLaughlin       |
| 10. B. Willoughby/S. Dodson | 25086         | 10-9-6 25             | McLaughlin       |





## District 3 Championship

### Cowan Lake, Ohio

Long-time Snipe sailors Bob and Sandy Rowland topped 33 teams to claim the District 3 championship at Cowan Lake in Ohio. The District junior championship was won by Chris Stahl, sailing with John Sepanski.

Amidst top-notch competitors, including winners of the past Riff Raff regatta - the Rowlands won their first district title. "We've been trying to win this for 32 years," Bob said at the trophy presentation. "We're thrilled," Sandy said. "There are several people here who are used to winning regattas."

There were different winners in each of the five races, but on their home lake, the Rowlands showed consistency in a wide variety of conditions. Saturday's first race was once around a triangle and a beat in very light winds. The wind kept increasing throughout the day, ending in a shifty 8-10 knots by the third race.

James Lipp from Mentor Harbor won the first race with local Cowan sailor Mac Jacob and his son Andrew finishing second and the Rowlands third. Chattanooga's Scott Cline bounced back from an eight in the first race to win the second, followed by Ted and Tracy Pinkerton from Whiskey Island, and John Sepanski and Chris Stahl of Carlyle. At the end of Saturday's racing, Rowland had a 3 point lead over Cline, who was one point ahead of Andy and Ellen Bartz from Hoover.

Cook-your-own steaks from Cowan Lake Snipe Fleet's famed Monte Carlo night highlighted the evening. The food committee - led by Christine Whitman and April Worster - kept competitors well-fed. With hundreds of dollars worth of items to be auctioned off, the Monte Carlo was nearly as competitive as the racing. As gamblers kept adding to their winnings, the bank had to resort to IOUs. But all the money was quickly returned when regatta chairman Bruce Kitchen held the auction.

The trend for building wind strength throughout the regatta continued as sailors were met with heavy winds on Sunday. Half the fleet decided against testing the conditions, and of those who did, six capsized - one twice. The Pinkertons won Sunday morning's first heavy air race, followed by the Rowlands and the Bartzs. The wind kept building - up to 28 knots - as competitors faced one more challenge. Steve Callison outlasted everyone in the last race, followed again by the Rowlands and James Lipp and Cathy Cooper.

While it was their first district title, the Rowlands also won the Riff Raff regatta for the eighth time. Chattanooga's Cline had two

fifth place finishes Sunday morning which were good enough for second overall, while the Bartz's ended up third. Lipp/Cooper used Sunday's heavy winds to move into fourth, while Cowan Lake's father/son act of Mac and Andrew Jacob grabbed the fifth and final trophy.

In the B fleet, Cowan's Bob Whitman and

Vicki Casio won four of the five races, while Tom Gougeon and Matt Chabot, also from Cowan, won the other race and finished second. Jim Hater and Carl Pratt finished third.

In the junior championship, Chris Stahl won both races, sailing with John Sepanski. Tommy Clark from Hoover, sailing with his dad Jeff, was second, with Alex Levinson sailing with Paul Levinson, finished third.

—Jay Carey

### Results

|     | Skipper/crew              | Boat# | Fleet     | Finishes      | Total |
|-----|---------------------------|-------|-----------|---------------|-------|
| 1.  | Bob/Sandy Rowland         | 26747 | Cowan     | 3-4-1-2-2     | 12    |
| 2.  | Scott Cline/Cindy         | 24093 | Privateer | 8-1-2-5-5     | 21    |
| 3.  | Andy/Ellen Bartz          | 28212 | Hoover    | 4-6-4-3-6     | 23    |
| 4.  | James Lipp/Cathy Cooper   | 28048 | Cleveland | 1-10-6-7-3    | 27    |
| 5.  | Mac/Andrew Jacob          | 21465 | Cowan     | 2-9-5-9-8     | 33    |
| 6.  | Ted/Tracy Pinkerton       | 29099 | Cleveland | 17-2-7-1-7    | 34    |
| 7.  | Steve/Janet Callison      | 27092 | Hoover    | 10-5-11-10-1  | 37    |
| 8.  | John Sepanski/Chris Stahl | 29017 | Carlyle   | 18-3-16-4-4   | 45    |
| 9.  | Jeff/Tommy Clark          | 26336 | Hoover    | 5-14-12-11-14 | 56    |
| 10. | George Fisher/Erin Shea   | 26109 | Hoover    | 11-13-9-6-dns | 66    |

*Photo: top five pose for photos; left to right: Bob & Sandy Rowland; Scott & Cindy Cline; Andy & Ellen Bartz; James Lipp & Cathy Cooper; Mac & Andrew Jacob.*





## Clear Lake, California

Thirteen Snipes from Northern California converged on Clear Lake June 20-21 for racing and camping at the District 7 Championships. Many of the boats drove up from San Francisco but the Redwood Empire fleet of Ukiah made a strong showing and one boat came down from the Lake Tahoe area. After a beautiful night camping in Clear Lake State Park, the fleet assembled their boats and readied for battle. The first gun sounded at 1pm to ensure that the thermal breeze had time to fill. As it turned out, the first race started in 10kts from the northeast, with the thermal delayed until later in the afternoon. During the first sequence a couple of boats (not to be named) were still shaking the cobwebs out of their heads as they started at the 3 minute gun, not realizing their mistake until it was too late to start at the correct gun on time.

The father/son team of Robin/Robbie Gales got out to a quick lead and held on to take the first of their 4 bullets of the day, with Jamie Fontanella/Dani Brannan close behind. The second race started in a dying breeze as the thermal started fighting the morning northeasterly. Team Gales rounded the weather mark in first, followed closely by Fontanella/Brannan. The second leg began as a run, became a reach, finished as a beat. Fleet newcomers Steve Keckler (previously of Mystic Lake) and Brooke Bradshaw (from Cuba Lake) stayed high in the clocking breeze, passed 4 boats and rounded the "bottom" mark right behind Fontanella/Brannan. The wind finally settled in the South and the remainder of the race was somewhat of a parade with the Gales finishing first followed by Keckler/Bradshaw, John Tagliamonte/Abby Janes (another pair of refugees from Boston), and longtime fleet members Vince Casalaina/Lynn Wilson. Team Gales and Fontanella/Brannan had strong performances in races 3 and 4 each posting a first and a second place finish. By the last race, the breeze had built back to 8-10kts and the top two regatta places had been secured. The final race was neck and neck with the entire fleet rounding the last leeward mark in very close proximity. Gales/Gales posted another bullet just ahead of Fontanella/Brannan. Keckler/Bradshaw held off Tagliamonte/Janes at the line to capture 3rd, while both boats avoided the International-14 fleet.

The exhausted fleet returned to the dock at 7:30, after a long day of racing will all 5 races for the regatta complete. After a little boat packing the competitors retired to the camp-

## District 7 Championships

ground for barbecue, beer, and some well-done toasted marshmallows courtesy of Robbie Gales and Graham and Elizabeth Heimler. Many thanks to "camp director" and Sniper Joe Harvard who organized the fleet campsite and to the San Francisco Small

Boat Racing Association (SBRA) for running the races. Congratulations to Robin and Robbie Gales for capturing the District 7 championship and earning a spot in the Heinzerling fleet at Nationals.

—Vince Casalaina

### Results--top 5 of 13

| Skipper/Crew                     | Score |
|----------------------------------|-------|
| 1. Robin/Robbie Gales            | 4     |
| 2. Jamie Fontanella/Dani Brannan | 7     |
| 3. Steve Keckler/Brooke Bradshaw | 13    |
| 4. John Tagliamonte/Abby Janes   | 17    |
| 5. Vince Casalaina/Lynn Wilson   | 17    |

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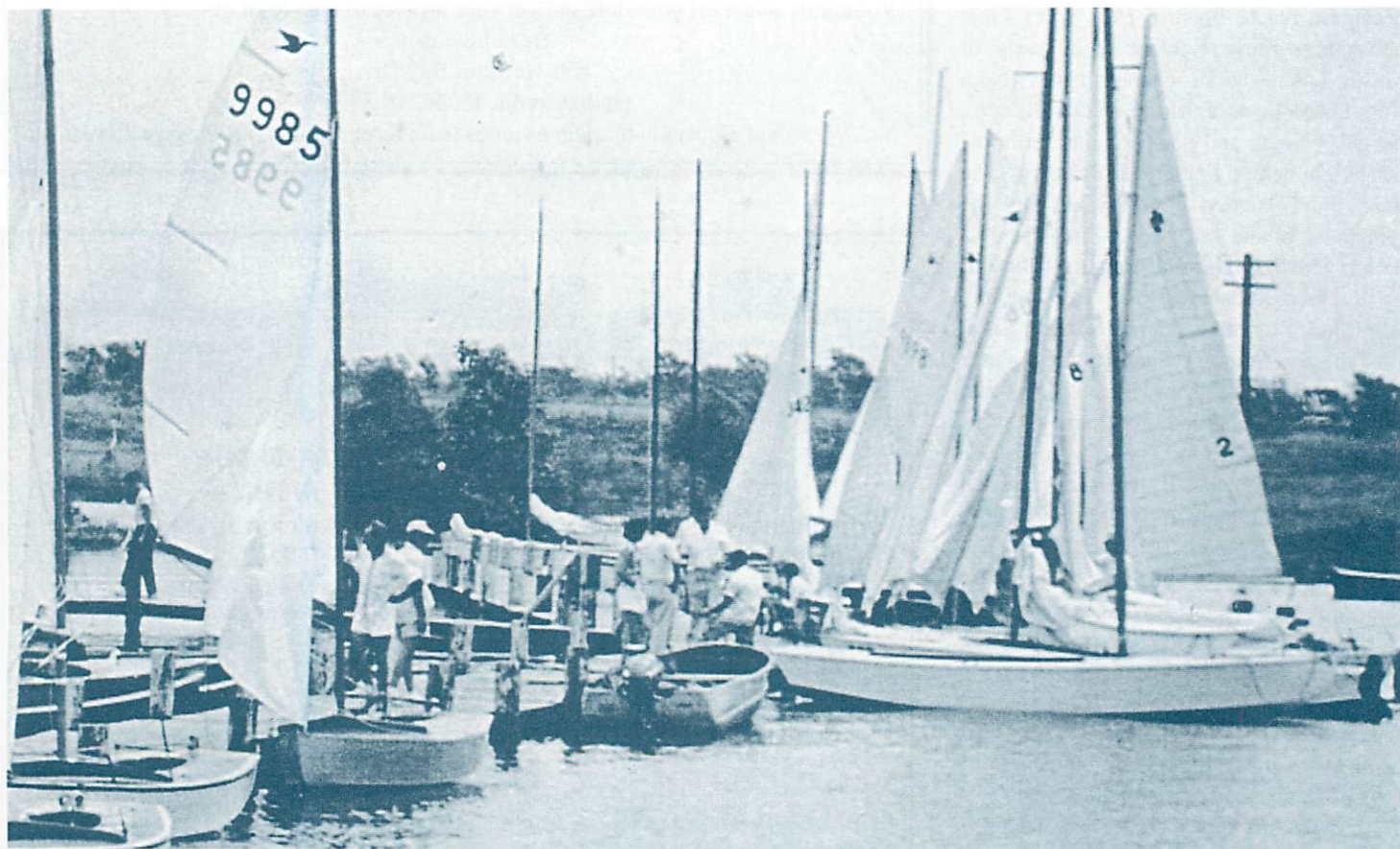
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# 1998 European National Secretaries Meeting

August 1, 1998  
Leixões, Portugal

European General Secretary António Roquette called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm. Those in attendance were: Vice Secretary & Norwegian NS Birger Jansen, Northern Secretary Ola Nygard, Southern Secretary Francisco Gines Perez Lopez, Vice Rules Chairman & Past Commodore Giorgio Brezich, ISAF Representative, Past Commodore & Finnish representative Per Ole Holm, National Secretaries, Ezio Braga, Italy; Andre Callot, Belgium; Ben Van Cauwenbergh, Germany; Miguel Graca, Portugal; Phillipe Roy, France; John Love, United Kingdom; Bjarne Iversen, Denmark; representatives Pedro Pons Morales, Spain; Rickard Oberpichler, Sweden; visitors John & Jo Broughton, England; Pancho Sanchez del Campo, Diego Cuenca and Pepe Perez, Spain, Executive Director, Jerelyn Biehl. Eastern European Secretary Alexei Fomin sent a letter of regret he could not attend having just finished the Jr. European Championship in Moscow.

## General Secretary Report

António Roquette welcomed everyone to the meeting and to Portugal. António discussed that it has been difficult to work as a team together, but we must make an effort to work as a team. Mostly, we have been working alone. António gave thanks to the support of Paco Perez and John Broughton for their assistance in the past 2 years. It is very important for the fleets, the National Secretaries and the officers of Europe, South, North East and Vice and General Secretaries to continue to support each other and work together.

Europe is stronger and better, and has been joined by Germany and soon Turkey and Angola/Africa. Welcome to Germany! We anticipate the Luanda, Angola paperwork to be delivered any day to add them as the newest fleet. The countries from the east are starting to grow. Alexei has done excellent work, especially with the recent Junior European Championship in Moscow, and the attendance of Belarus, Ukraine and other countries to the championship. This has proved to be a very good idea and we hope to continue to pursue this in the future.

I am leaving as General Secretary after 2 years, due to some health problems, but more importantly, to add new people to the organization. We must put other people working for the Class. I have worked hard on the European Constitution which is presented to each of you for consideration. It is up to all of us to decide if we must have a Constitution in Europe. It is not easy to do, but you all must look at the document, add comments and vote yes or no by November. Thank you for your involvement in the Class and your con-

tinued support.

## Southern Europe

Paco Perez has been in constant contact with António Roquette in the past 2 years. We have been talking about all the problems with Europe and discussing solutions. A very important meeting was held in the Canary Islands with António Roquette and Commodore Gonzo Diaz. We discussed older, deeper problems of the Class. These are the main problems I have been discussing during my tenure. Thanks to all SCIRA members for their help. My replacement of this position will always have a friend to contact.

## Northern Europe

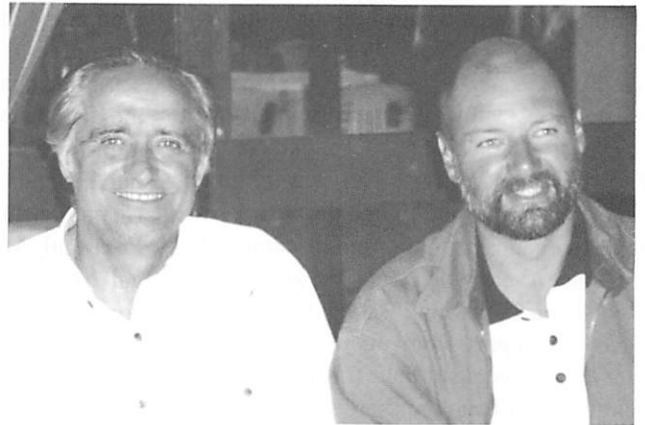
Ola Nygard stated that things are going well. There are no conflicts, all is peaceful. We have a new boat builder in Sweden, Skipper Snipe. A new regatta is now held in Motala, Sweden, which has been added to the Scandinavian Cup consisting of 3 main regattas; Wiibro Cup, Snipen in Sweden and the regatta in Norway. I visited Russia this month for the Jr. European Championship with Birger Jansen. Belarus and the Ukraine were invited to the regatta which had 23 competitors. Russia provided 25 new boats and Jan Persson provided fittings and Proctor masts and booms. It was extremely well organized with a professional Race Committee, good starts, good races, etc. New buildings were completed for the housing of the competitors with outstanding facilities, security, meals, etc. The Junior competitors were pleased as well.

## National Secretaries Reports

**Finland** - Per Ole Holm represented NS Sampo Valjus. Our membership is still good and stable. We would like more juniors sailing. Our Nationals will be held on a lake in the middle of Finland. We hope to have 30 boats. We have 5 different ranking regattas with 23-25 boats actively racing. Our organization works well and we have a well-rounded board. Roger Nylund is very much involved with his support. Some fleets are growing, but some have declined giving us a stable position. We are sorry not to be competition at the Europeans this year.

**Sweden** - Rickard Oberpichler reported for NS Måts Gothlin. Interest is good. We had 29 boats at our National Championship which was held in a non-Snipe place to promote the

*Outgoing European General Secretary Antonio Roquette welcomes newly elected EGS Ezio Braga at the National Secretaries meeting in Porto, Portugal.*



Class. We have been in 2 exhibitions which also gave us good promotion. We have more than 100 paying dues. We have a good relationship with our Federation and we are the biggest 2 man dinghy class in Sweden. Skipper boats are producing again and have made approximately 40 boats to date.

**Norway** - Birger Jansen reported that the Class is stable with over 50 boats in the National Championship. We have 9 new boats. Our west coast and Oslo fleets are the largest. We are looking forward to hosting the next Europeans in 2000.

**Germany** - Ben Van Cauwenbergh thanked António Roquette and John Broughton for their help in bringing Germany into SCIRA. The main obstacle is location. Ben lives in Weisbaden where there are no lakes. Wolfgang Gertz lives 500 km away where there are great lakes for sailing. We are starting forward but we have difficult conditions to work.

**Denmark** - Bjarne Iversen reported 25 boats at the Nationals. There are 50 dues paying members and the class is stable, but growing near Copenhagen and Espergaerde. Young people are joining the Class and we have more juniors competing in our Nationals. We have had good success with our Federation and we have been able to sell the Class as an international Class. They have been supporting our juniors with financial support sending our junior teams to the Jr. Worlds and the Europeans with almost no cost to the sailors. It has been 6 years of hard work, but our sailors have produced results and we have a promising future. Our Federation is supporting a team to the Women's Worlds in the United States this year for the first time. I have been NS for 6 years and it is time for a new person in January. Thanks to all for their past work and support. We look forward to hosting the Masters Worlds in 2000.

## 1998 European National Secretaries Meeting - continued

**England** - John Love reported a steady membership at 70 active members. 10 new members have joined but we lost 10 who retired. There are 4 clubs that actively race Snipes. We have a new club with 2 junior boats. We had 19 at our Nationals. We normally average 20 boats at our regattas. We have a 3 venue series with France and Belgium with regattas at La Havre, Broadstaris and Browershand. We have 2 promising junior sailors and we would like to propose to Europe to organize a junior training camp to be held once a year sailed under the guidance of a good coach, possibly lasting 1 week. We have no support from our Federation for juniors and we need help for all juniors in Europe. Tim Tavinor is here sailing his new Devoti boat and he is actively building. We have exhibited in the UK dinghy exhibition which attracted a lot of interest. Our 1999 Nationals could also be combined with the Northern European championship.

**Belgium** - Andre Callot reported that they have held 4 main races in Holland. The growth in Belgium is stable and they hold a Open Belgium Championship and had 19 at the Nationals in Holland. There is the possibility that other countries may attend as well. There is a possibility to hold the 2002 Europeans on the North Sea.

**France** - Phillipe Roy reported that they have 35 dues paying boats in 4 fleets. They have a new fleet, Choisy, near Paris. The fleets are composed mostly of young people. They want to introduce the young people to sailing. They try to race with Belgium, Germany and England because they are so close. For the 1<sup>st</sup> time they put the Snipe in the boat show in Paris. Their relationship with the Federation is slowly coming together.

**Italy** - Ezio Braga reported stable numbers at 180 boats. They have a new national ranking list consisting of 4 national regattas each with over 40 competitors. At their last regatta they had 60 boats. Italy has held more regattas in new venues to introduce the Snipe. It has been a good move, as in Milan, 2 new Snipes are at Lake Como. They will place the Snipe in the upcoming boat show, which is a very important show.

**Spain** - Diego Cuenca reported that Ricardo Rubio was unable to attend at the last minute. He is our new NS. We have organized Spain with a NS and committees to oversee various sections: measuring, juniors, seniors, SCIRA communication, etc. Our main goal is to increase the number of competitors in our national championship. We have near 100 competitors. We have more than 500 registered boats paying dues. We have translated

the Rulebook in to Spanish and we have our own Snipe Bulletin. Our relationship with our Federation is good and we receive much assistance and support from them. Our Federation is holding a championship for non-Olympic classes and the Snipe has been chosen as the boat. We are working closely with the Club that will host the 1999 World Championship and will also work with SCIRA and our Federation to organize the best World Championship ever.

**Portugal** - Miguel Graça reported that Portugal has over 100 boats, of which 50 are competitive, and 30 are active. We don't have many juniors active, but have one junior team at the Europeans. In October we will have a regatta to invite juniors to try the Class. We have also started a regatta where there must be a mixed crew and that has been a great success.

**ISAF Report** - Per Ole Holm reported that he attended 2 main ISAF meetings a year for SCIRA. At the last meeting in Stockholm, we had a Snipe stand with the video that proved extremely popular. Per Ole has held discussions with Paul Henderson and Arve Sundheim regarding the Snipe building fees that we pay annually to ISAF. SCIRA is contemplating proposing the Snipe as the boat for the World Youth Sailing Championships. The next open date would be 2001 in France. The 420 has been chosen as the boat for the next 3 years.

### European Constitution

António Roquette discussed that a European Sailing Federation has been formed with a new Constitution, under the guidance of the Federation Presidents of Portugal, France, Spain and Italy. They have created new ideas and have joined 40 countries together.

António presented the European Snipe Constitution stating that is important that we have our own rules, of all the Snipe countries in Europe. Please read your copies and give your opinions by October/November.

European Championship 2000 - will be held in Asgardstrand, Norway. It is 1 hour from Oslo with a good fleet there. Birger asked for a clarification of the Deed of Gift, and it was explained that the top 2 winners of the Europe Cup not already qualified, will sail in the Europeans. The exact date will be announced at a later date after conference with Denmark to avoid conflict with the World Masters, but will probably be near the end of July.

**European Cup** - A discussion was held concerning the regatta. Discussion included the possibility of combining the European Cup with other regattas or changing the dates.

Discussion was also held to make the European Cup for promotion purposes. It was decided to let the new European Board investigate the possibility of holding the European Cup at Kiel Week or possibly after the SPA junior regatta. It was pointed out that the UK holds the Deed of Gift and a change would require UK and SCIRA Int. Board approval.

**European Junior Championship - 2000.** Menorca, Spain is interested in hosting. They will submit a bid form.

**European 2002** - Italy has been granted the bid.

**1999 Junior Worlds** - Bergen, Norway may be able to hold.

**Centerboard** - Giorgio Brezich discussed the progress on the fiber centerboard project. António Roquette has produced 23 boards for testing. SCIRA will provide a information sheet and check list to be completed by each user of the board for analysis purposes. These boards can be used in all races up to but not including a National Championship or above. Guidance was given to each NS: please choose proper sailors to test and use in all conditions; try to break it, capsize & right, etc. The advantages are: saves 4 kg in weight; cost if \$80-\$100; increases the image of the Class. It will be a 1 year program with results to be presented at the 1999 World Board meeting in Spain. The boards take 70 seconds to make and they are completely finished with a glossy black color and finished edges.

### Elections

**General Secretary** - Ezio Braga

**Vice Secretary** - Andre Callot

**Northern** - Ola Nygard

**Southern** - Pedro Pons

**European Measurement Committee** - Jose Canga Iglesias is retiring and Pepe Perez was elected to replace him. Morten Ullman was nominated to replace Erling Olsen.

Europe will propose Birger Jansen to the Nominating Committee as a Member at Large.

**SCIRA** - Executive Director Jerelyn Biehl discussed several topics, including sail royalties, enforcing SCIRA rules, asking for membership lists and reminding each NS to return unused decals by December 31 for credit.

Crew membership was discussed by Per Ole Holm.

A presentation was made by Paco Sanchez del Campo on the 1999 Worlds in Santiago de la Ribera, September 2-11.

Meeting adjourned 8:40 pm.



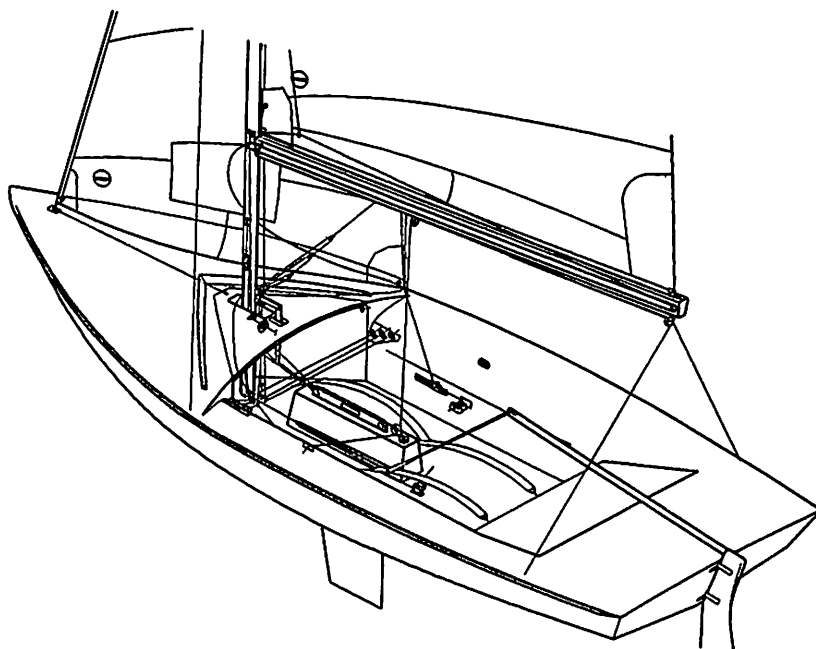
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| 3. Andrey Kiriliuk     | North         |
| 4. Doug Hart           | North         |
| 5. Thomas Iversen      | Sejlsnedkeren |
| 6. Craig Lewack        | Sobstad       |
| 7. Nelido Manzo        | Sobstad/North |
| 8. Frederico Calabrese | North         |
| 9. Lennart Ljunggren   | KC Sails      |
| 10. Jack Franco        | Ullman        |

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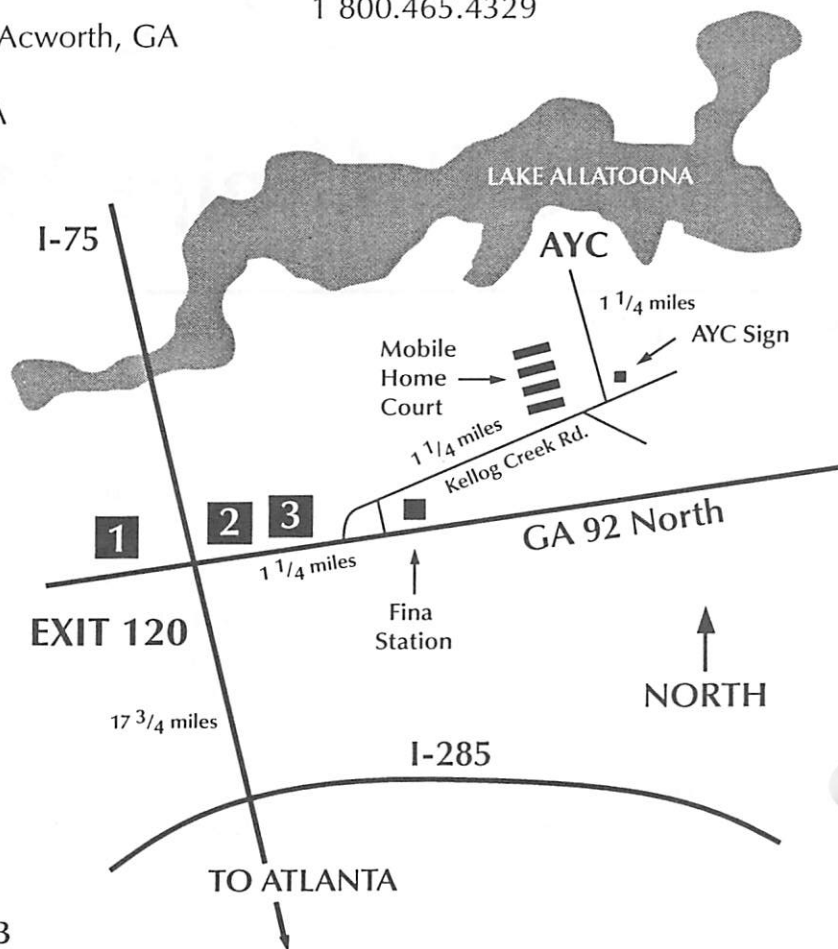
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# 1998 U.S. Snipe Masters

Atlanta Yacht Club, Acworth, Georgia October 19 thru 22

SCIRA's distinguished elders, active or dormant, are invited to attend the Snipe Class 1998 US Masters National Championship at the sanctuary of the Atlanta Yacht Club on Lake (Golden Pond) Allatoona. No races to start before 1:00 pm and no more than 2 races per day. A limited number of charter boats and complimentary housing at the Yacht Club will be available. *No RV's and / or pets.*

**ELIGIBILITY** for this prestigious event requires that the skipper be a member of SCIRA and be 45 years or older. *The combined age of the skipper and crew must total 80.* If you are a dormant Sniper, you can rejoin the Class at registration. SCIRA dues are \$40 regular, \$50 Silver and \$100 for Gold membership classes. All members of SCIRA worldwide are invited to attend. However, the US Masters Trophy will be awarded to the highest placing USA team.

## FOR INFO

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snipesgwh@aol.com (E-mail)

## REGISTRATION FORM

Skipper \_\_\_\_\_ Crew \_\_\_\_\_  
 Age \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sailing Club/Fleet \_\_\_\_\_ Sail No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 SCIRA Member? Yes ☐ No ☐

| Event  | Number x Price | Amount          |
|--|----------------|-----------------|
| Registration Fee (includes all meals, parties, and favors for both skipper and crew)           |                | \$ 150.         |
| Extras: Meal Package (includes 3 brunches, welcome party, Tues/Wed dinners and awards banquet) | _____ x \$50.  | _____           |
| Individual daily brunch  | _____ x \$5.   | _____           |
| Monday welcome party   | _____ x \$15.  | _____           |
| Tuesday lake cruise and dinner   | _____ x \$20.  | _____           |
| Wednesday dinner   | _____ x \$15.  | _____           |
| Thursday Awards Banquet and entertainment  | _____ x \$20.  | _____           |
| Boat Charter fee with insurance  | _____ x \$200. | _____           |
| Sails needed? Yes <input type="checkbox"/>   |                |                 |
| USA SCIRA Registration (\$40. Regular, \$50.Silver, \$100.Gold)                                |                | _____           |
| <b>TOTAL DUE</b>   |                | <b>\$ _____</b> |

Complimentary housing for the regatta if available? Yes ☐  
 Please indicate: Couple ☐ 2 males ☐ 2 females ☐ 1 male - 1 female ☐

*We will confirm housing requests by October 9*

Please make check payable to Snipe Fleet 330 and return with Registration by September 28 to: John Muhlhausen, 1146 Green Street, Roswell, GA 30075



## 1998 U.S. Snipe Masters

### SCHEDULE

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| <b>Monday</b><br>Oct. 19    | Noon to 4:00 pm<br>2:00 pm<br>6:30 pm                        | Registration begins<br>Practice race<br>Welcoming party / hor d'ouvres                |
| <b>Tuesday</b><br>Oct. 20   | 9:00 am to 11:00 am<br>9:30 am to noon<br>1:00 pm<br>6:30 pm | Registration ends<br>Brunch<br>Races 1 and 2<br>Lake cruise and Southern Style dinner |
| <b>Wednesday</b><br>Oct. 21 | 9:30 am to noon<br>1:00 pm<br>6:30 pm                        | Brunch<br>Races 3 and 4<br>Social hour and Low Country dinner                         |
| <b>Thursday</b><br>Oct. 22  | 9:30 am to noon<br>1:00 pm<br>6:30 pm                        | Brunch<br>Races 5 and any makeup<br>Awards Banquet and live blue grass                |
| <b>Friday</b><br>Oct. 23    | 1:30 pm<br>6:30 pm   | North Seminar with Greg Fisher<br>Halloween Regatta begins                            |