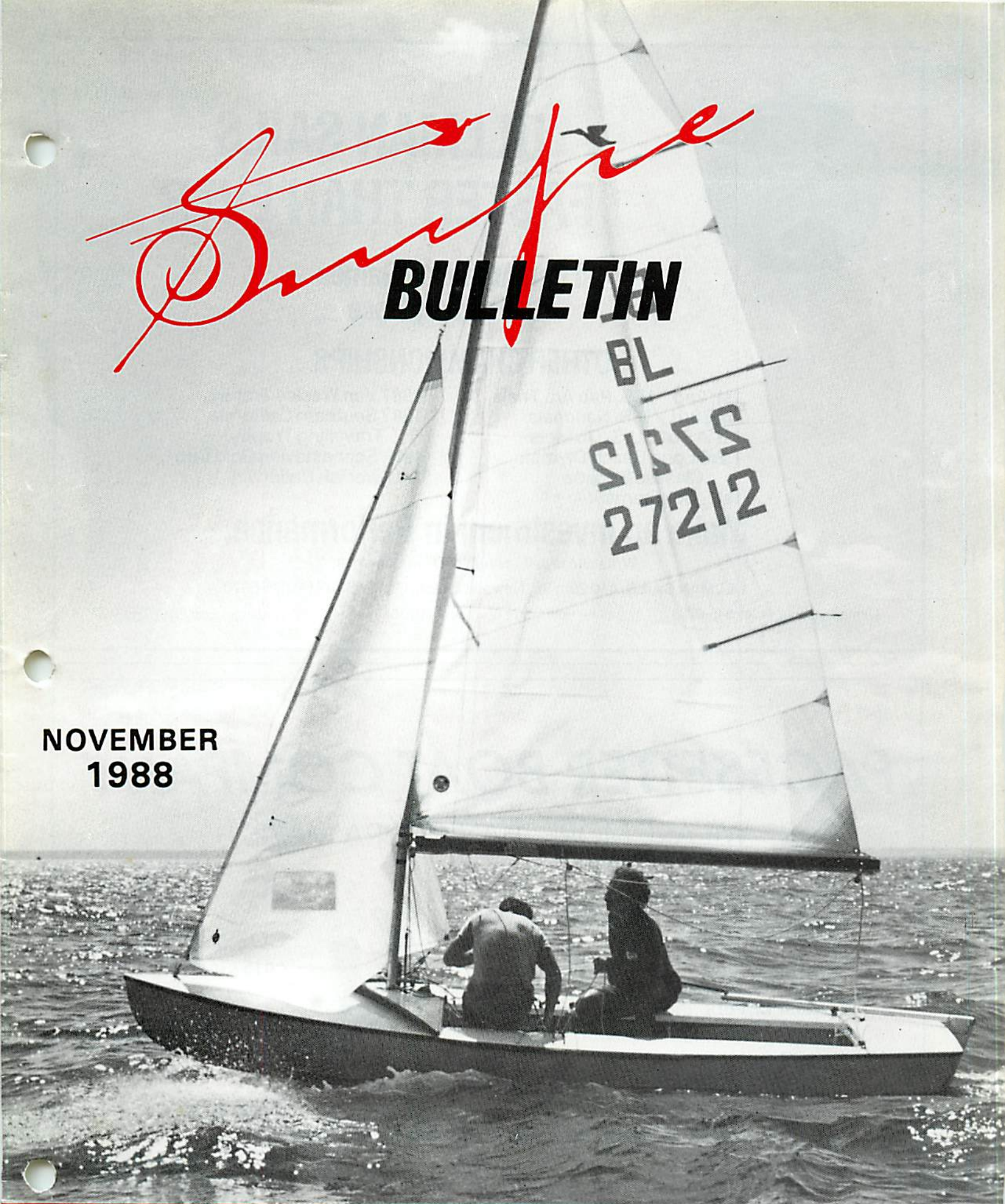


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Olympic Success for Snipe Sailors

The XXIV Olympiad is history, and Snipe sailors scored well. Here are the results posted by some of our Snipe friends. Please let us know if we missed anybody.

Leading the way with Gold in the Women's 470 were Allison Jolly and Lynne Jewell. These ladies are well-known to Snipe sailors in the U.S. They had to finish 14th or better in the final race to clinch. They broke a jib halyard in the rough going on Pusan Bay but somehow managed to get the sail back up and limped home in ninth. NBC television flew them to Seoul for an interview with afternoon host Ahmad Rashad, giving our favorite sport some much-needed national exposure in the U.S.

In Stars, Mark Reynolds and crew Hal Haenel were not so lucky. They had the Gold wrapped up, but a broken mast in the final race dropped them to Silver.

Also sailing Stars (not Soling as we incorrectly wrote in a previous *Bulletin*) was Torben Grael who is well-known to Snipe sailors throughout the world. He won the Bronze for Brazil.

Torben's brother, Lars, represented Brazil in the Tornado Class and also brought home a Bronze medal.

Americans John Shadden and crew Charlie McKee won the Bronze in the Men's 470.

Congratulations to all of our Snipe friends who sailed in the 24th Olympic Games.

OOPS! We Goofed Again!

We somehow managed to totally mess-up the Junior U.S. Nationals report in the September issue.

We incorrectly said that winner Brad Rodi and second place finisher Alex Camet were members of the Alamitos Bay fleet. They are, of course, from Mission Bay Fleet 495!

While we're on the subject of Mission Bay, we should point out they had the highest participation of any fleet in the U.S. Nationals and brought home many trophies, including both the junior and senior titles.

Not only does Mission Bay excel on the water, but they lead the way in organiza-

tion. Co-Fleet Captains Ginny Barnes and Kay Voss deserve special recognition for an outstanding job. Their hard work collecting dues allowed at least three extra boats to attend the U.S. Nationals! Way to go, ladies. I'll nominate you to do it again in 1989.

Speaking of Elections

It's time to elect fleet officers for 1989.

As I've often said, these are not positions of honor, but jobs that require hard work. Sailing ability and personal popularity are not part of the job description. All members should be careful to insure that the officers will devote the time and energy necessary to get the job done.

Canadian International Raceweek

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AROUND THE SNIPES WORLD

Fleet 802!

It's Lagoa Rodrigo de Freitas in Brazil, where 12 Snipes are now sailing. The lake (*lagoa*) is right in the middle of downtown Rio de Janeiro. Eduardo Boimeisel reports that this is just one indication of increased activity in Brazil.

He also reports that weekend races in Sao Paulo are drawing between 25 and 40 boats.

Congratulations

To David Fagen and crew Christian Obenshain from St. Pete Fleet 801. They placed second in the USYRU Bemis Finals.

Peter McCarthy of Narragansett Bay Fleet 7

...was appointed oceanographic and technical consultant to the U.S. Olympic

Sailing Team. His business, Marine Systems Consultants, helped the team prepare for the event by providing a complete oceanographic assessment of the Korean waters, electronic communications, and environmental sensing devices.

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THE COVER: 1988 Masters World Champions Ivan Pimental and crew Luis Pesnovich show off their tacking talents. (Photo by Toru Murayama)

THE COUNT: Thirteen numbers were issued this month: 12 to Brazil and one to the U.S. A new fleet was chartered: Lagoa Rodrigo de Freitas is now Fleet 802 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

**NUMBERED SNIPES — 27379
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During the Ontario Open segment of Canadian Raceweek (pages 6-11), Jason and Jim Huggins (27238), Chris and Don Hains (27106), and Fred Rozelle and Linda Shultz wait for wind. (Irv Mintz photo)

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CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL RACEWEEK



SCIRA Commodores: L to R, front — Ralph Swanson, 1973-74; Red Garfield, 1960; Eddie Williams, 1955; Jerry Thompson, 1988. Rear — Fred Schenck, 1958; Harold Griffith, 1949; Doug DeSouza, 1983. (Tom Payne photo)

They are from different parts of the country, and of different ages, and though their Snipe sailing experiences range from heavy wooden boats with cotton sails to modern craft, it was as if I was seeing one person. The one thing they have in common, that all us have in common, is the Snipe.

Ontario Open and Canadian Nationals

The 1988 International Snipe Week at Oakville was the result of over a year of planning by a small fleet and its supporters within the Oakville Harbour Yacht Club and Oakville Harbour. Our ambitious plans involved three events, beginning with the Ontario Open/Canadian Nationals, August 27-28, in which 37 boats from Canada, Brazil, and the United States sailed.

The racing on Saturday was delayed by

lack of wind and a noticeable current from the southwest which caused problems in anchoring the committee boat. The current and a large aggressive fleet caused numerous general recalls in both races.

The first race, sailed in a good easterly, was easily won by Craig Leweck and Brad Rodi. Second was Ivan Pimentel and Luis Pesnovich from Brazil. Griff Hall and Jane Faust completed the top three.

Proving that one cannot be stupid all the time, Chris Hains and Don Hains of Oakville won the second race sailed in a dying east wind in conditions variously

described as "lumpy gravy," and "lumpy bumpy." Jerry Thompson and son Brad took a run at the lead on the last leg but finished second. Third were Jack and Ken Mitchell of Oakville. The usual Green Can festivities were a bit restrained owing to the lateness of the finish and the early start for Sunday's races.

The races Sunday were sailed in light southwesterly air. The current seemed somewhat reduced.

The first Sunday race was won by Kirk Donaldson and Roman Cibirka from Ann Arbor, Michigan. They had a substantial



1988 WORLD MASTERS SNIPE CHAMPIONSHIP (Age 45 to 54)

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Country	Places	Points	Finish
27212	Ivan Pimentel/Luiz Pesnovich	Brazil	1-1-6-2-1	10.25	1
18321	Doug DeSouza/Jenifer DeSouza	US	9-2-1-6-8	25.75	2
26699	Fritz Gram/Jane Gram	US	4-6-8-3-7	28	3
27207	Bibi Juetz/Doug Nugent	Brazil	2-9-4-11-9	35	4
25841	Terry Timm/Kirk Donaldson	US	8-4-10-14-3	39	5
25515	Peter Fenner/Suzan Fenner	US	11-8-14-7-4	44	6
23280	Tom Nute/Rochelle Mateffy	US	34-5-3-10-2	54	7
20369	Jerry Thompson/Stasia Orr	US	7-14-5-1-34	60.75	8
16104	John Muhlhause/Vicki Nyshay	US	12-7-20-15-17	71	9
19091	Pete Duvoisin/Jane Duvoisin	US	21-16-15-13-10	75	10
21791	Bill Buckles/Id Crook	US	10-15-12-34-6	77	11
27161	Akibumi Shinoda/Masato Hiratsuka	Japan	6-13-25-21-16	81	12
26955	Kunio Hisada/Masco Liro Awano	Japan	14-22-26-17-12	91	13
26305	Paul Wood/Kathy Wood	US	18-24-11-20-19	92	14
25777	Fred Thurston/Karen Koczak	US	25-26-23-31-15	120	15
21462	Bob Johnston/Pete Moore	US	28-29-31-27-29	144	16
(Age 55 to 64)					
23621	George Fisher/Greg Fisher	US	5-3-18-4-5	35	1
24087	Sam Mollet/Joanne Becker	US	3-12-2-5-13	35	2
25838	John Wolcott/Peter Wolcott	US	23-11-16-12-11	73	3
27055	Brent Poulsen/Jim Belford	Canada	13-17-21-9-14	74	4
19989	Marq. de V del Turia/Ignacio Galvez	Spain	34-10-7-8-18	77	5
26999	Ralph Swanson/Chuck Loomis	US	16-18-9-18-20	81	6
26735	Bill Willmarth/Nancy Willmarth	US	17-19-17-24-24	101	7
27092	C.S. Reddy/Steve Callison	India	20-25-19-22-21	107	8
19417	Joe Hutter/T. Hutter	Canada	26-27-28-26-30	137	9
(Age 65 and Up)					
19795	Dick Edwards/Ben Wisniewski	US	22-13-26	61	1
25223	Fred Schenk/Mary Williams	US	19-22-21	62	2
25433	Jim Baillie/Peter Baillie	Canada	15-24-23	62	3
21105	Dave Richards/Dave Richards	Canada	24-27-28	79	4
8570	Red Garfield/Jack Wahlberg	US	27-30-27	84	5
26614	Eddie Williams/John Alexander	US	34-29-25	88	6

An evening at the Baillie's estate overlooking Lake Ontario. (Tom Payne photo)

lead over Tarasa Davis of Atlanta, sailing with Stewart Lawrie from Toronto. Stewart sails an infamous boat also sailed by your reporter, known as the Frostfire, right up to early December. (In Canada we really frostbite!) Third was Leweck.

The second race Sunday was won by Ivan Pimentel followed by "slippery" Sam Mollet and Joanne Becker from Portage Lakes, Ohio. Chris Snow and Sherry Eldridge from Annapolis were third.

The final results were Leweck and Rodi, Snow and Eldridge, and the Thompsons. The top Canadians in the regatta and the winner of the John Leckie Trophy as Canadian National Champions were Doug Nugent and Jamie Mackay.

Consistency paid off for Leweck. Although there were four different race winners, all the others had uneven, consistently mediocre, or even poor results with only one high finish. Craig never was less than fifth. — *Chris Hains*

Continued . . .

1988 ONTARIO OPEN / CANADIAN NATIONALS
(Top 20 of 37 Boats)

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Fleet	Races	Points	Finish
27107	Craig Leweck/Brad Rodi	Mission Bay	1-5-3-5	13.75	1
25949	Chris Snow/Sherry Eldridge	Annapolis	4-11-10-3	28	2
20369	Jerry Thompson/Brad Thompson	Alamitos Bay	9-2-11-6	28	3
27212	Ivan Pimental/Luis Pesnovich	Rio De Janeiro	2-13-16-1	31.75	4
26468	Eric Gesner/Pam Hite	Newport YC	15-4-9-7	35	5
25781	John Keane/Kris Hablitz	Marblehead	11-10-5-10	36	6
26461	Kirk Donaldson/Roman Cibirka	Barton	7-12-1-25	44.75	7
25489	Fred Rozelle/Linda Shultz	Detroit	6-7-20-12	45	8
26108	Doug Clark/Jamie Fontanella	Annapolis	14-9-7-15	45	9
24116	Doug Nugent/Jamie Mackay	Oakville	5-15-22-4	46	10
27242	Ted Dickson/Melissa Bloink	Detroit	20-6-12-9	47	11
24087	Sam Mollet/Joanne Becker	Portage Lakes	21-19-8-2	50	12
27144	Griff Hall/Jane Faust	Annapolis	3-20-19-8	50	13
23280	Tom Nute/Rochelle Mateffy	Mission Bay	8-22-4-16	50	14
27092	Tarasa Davis/Stewart Lawrie	Atlanta	22-16-2-14	54	15
25871	Henry Filter/Lynn Fitzpatrick	Cottage Park	13-17-14-11	55	16
26299	John Johns/Cathy Johns	Barton	19-14-6-17	56	17
24806	Jack Mitchell/Ken Mitchell	Oakville	16-3-28-13	60	18
26641	Ian Brown/Doug Maybank	Oakville	17-18-21-19	75	19
27106	Chris Hains/Don Hains	Oakville	29-1-26-22	77.75	20

1988 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP
(Top 32 of 64 Boats)

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Fleet	Races	Points	Finish
27107	Craig Leweck/Brad Rodi	Mission Bay	5-1-9-1-3	18.5	1
25781	John Keane/Kris Hablitz	Marblehead	9-8-3-4-4	28	2
26099	Ed Adams/Meredith Adams	Narragansett	14-4-14-2-1	34.75	3
26307	Bryan Fishback/David Krebs	Annapolis	12-17-12-5-8	54	4
26108	Doug Clark/Jamie Fontanella	Annapolis	38-9-7-3-5	62	5
20369	Jerry Thompson/Brad Thompson	Alamitos Bay	8-24-2-15-25	74	6
24087	Sam Mollet/Joanne Becker	Portage Lakes	3-34-18-17-2	74	7
26309	Martin Zonnenberg/Shawn Burke	Lake Lanier	10-18-21-16-11	76	8
18321	Doug DeSouza/Jenifer DeSouza	San Diego	21-5-17-27-9	79	9
25735	Rob Frechette/John Frechette	Hoover	15-23-8-23-14	83	10
24806	Jack Mitchell/Ken Mitchell	Oakville	17-11-28-7-24	87	11
26668	Tom Payne/Linda Zonnenberg	Lake Lanier	4-29-25-24-6	88	12
27092	Steve Callison/Tarasa Davis	Hoover	32-19-1-22-15	88.75	13
25489	Fred Rozelle/Linda Schultz	Detroit	46-6-11-18-12	93	14
26461	Kirk Donaldson/Roman Cibirka	Barton	24-27-20-14-10	95	15
27144	Griff Hall/Sherry Eldridge	Annapolis	6-7-6-dsq-7	96	16
26810	Rob Gorman/Lisa Gorman	Marblehead	26-31-10-8-21	96	17
24012	Ben Cesare/Deborah Lawson	Cottage Park	13-46-15-10-13	97	18
24116	Doug Nugent/Jamie Mackay	Oakville	25-20-22-9-23	99	19
23621	George Fisher/Rick Kirby	Hoover	33-14-16-25-18	106	20
23280	Tom Nute/Rochelle Mateffy	Mission Bay	1-25-19-30-38	112.75	21
25165	Pedro Lorson/Mimi Lorson	Sea Cliff	22-10-5-45-32	114	22
25871	Henry Filter/Lynn Fitzpatrick	Cottage Park	53-3-13-20-30	119	23
26004	Lee Griffith/Andrea Tomaselli	Pine Beach	7-35-23-24-37	136	24
25223	Robin Gales/Nadine Franczyk	Mission Bay	34-37-26-19-22	138	25
25949	Chris Snow/Jill Sander	Annapolis	45-39-24-13-20	141	26
26894	Harry Levinson/Sarah Levinson	Medford	11-38-31-11-50	141	27
26468	Eric Gesner/Jane Faust	Newport	28-33-37-28-16	142	28
25990	Leigh Savage/John Morreale	Detroit	16-23-34-32-29	143	29
27207	Bibi Jutez/Peter Baillie	Sao Paulo	40-47-38-12-17	154	30
25841	Terry Timm/Mary Voitenko	North Cape	2-43-4-42-dns	155	31
27242	Ted Dickson/Melissa Bloink	Detroit	47-12-36-29-33	157	32



North American winners, standing, L to R: Jamie Fontanella, Doug Clark, Brian Fishback, Ed Adams, John Keane, Craig Leweck, Brad Rodi. Kneeling, L to R: David Krebs, Meredith Adams, Kris Hablitz. (Tom Payne photo)

Spirit, Pride Highlight World Masters

The biggest problem in reporting the Masters Worlds is deciding whether emphasis should be on the sailing or the socials, for there is a richness in both sides of the story. The spirit is unmatched by any other event, no matter how lofty the title, no matter how great the parties.

Should the reporter focus on the sailing ability of George Fisher, with son Greg crewing? Or should the attention turn to the obvious emotion of both men when they received their trophies?

And how can one objectively report on the performance of Commodore C.S. Reddy, from the Bangalore Sailing Club in India, where, because of a freak drought, the lake has been dry for the past six years? No, he didn't win a trophy and at times it was apparent that he had not been at the helm for awhile. This, combined with the fact that the sailing conditions were enough to baffle the best sailors and had his crew, Steve Callison, somewhat frustrated, until he realized that this was probably the highlight of Commodore Reddy's sailing career. The touching eloquence of the Indian gentlemen's remarks at the awards banquet was worth a truckload of silver platters.

Is it really so important to report on SCIRA Commodore (1960) Red Garfield's sailing performance, or would the spirit of the event be heightened by telling how much fun it was to hear Commodore (1949) Harold Griffith's tales as we watched from the deck of a spectator boat? Red sailed Harold's #8570, a 1951 Mills, and cold numbers on the score sheet don't come close to relating the real significance of the moment.

It is *this* regatta, *this one event*, that is the essence of Snipe sailing. It is men like Terry Whittemore and Ralph Swanson and Eddie Williams. We are great because of people like Red Garfield, Jim Baillie, and Id Crook, and their dedication and energy. Their love for this boat and this Class is why we are what we are today.

It was Bill Crosby's dream that his Snipe would be sailed throughout the world, by people from all walks of life, regardless of their means, or language, or sailing ability.

Out on the water it was the "Ivan and Luis Show," as the Brazilians dominated the competition with three firsts, a second and a sixth in the five-race series. They were always fast, and seemed to find the correct side of the course with amazing regularity. They ended up with a 15+ point margin over runner-up Doug DeSouza (SCIRA Commodore 1983) and wife/crew Jenifer.

Fritz and Jane Gram sailed a consistent series to take third overall. George Fisher took fourth after breaking a three-way tie with Brazilian Bibi Juetz (top lady skipper) and veteran Sam Mollet. (Anyone who thinks that Sam is soft should take a look at his score in the North Americans. Technically, the term 'Master' means a skipper over 45 years old. In Sam's case, the word means "damn good sailor.")

But this doesn't tell the whole story.

What about the parties? First class! This label certainly fits the barbecue held at Peter Baillie's estate, with its spreading oaks and the broad lawn leading to the water's edge, and its tennis court where we danced to the sounds of a Caribbean steel band and later to the disco beat of the Whistler. You knew that it would be a magical night when you were greeted by the Baillie children at the front gate inviting you to "follow the yellow brick road" of flagstones that they had carefully constructed that afternoon.

And then there was the Belford's bash. Roast pig and all the fixings, and again, the Whistler (no, the Whistler was not some folk tune flutist, but a D.J. with a feel for rock and roll). His P.A. was set up in the woods, next to a portable dance floor at the edge of a creek where the rocking didn't stop until ... Yes, this was



Red Garfield, skipper, and crew Jack Wahlberg sailed #8570, a 1951 Mills. (Tom Payne photo)



Jim and Peter Baillie from the host fleet took third in the Over 65 group. (Tom Payne photo)

hedonism at its finest!

Perhaps the story of the Masters is best told in the photos on these pages, and one photo in particular.

There are certain moments that defy definition. They are, in and of themselves, magic. Look for a moment at the photo of the commodores. (Forgive me as I shift to the first-person. It's the only way that I can tell this properly). As I focused on the leaders of our Class I thought: Although these men are from different parts of the country, and of different ages, and though

their Snipe sailing experiences ranged from heavy wooden boats with cotton sails to the modern craft of today, *it seemed as though they were all the same. It was as if I was seeing one person.* Suddenly I realized that the one thing they have in common, that *all of us* have in common, is the Snipe.

If you missed this regatta you missed something very special. Maybe you'll have another chance in the years ahead. Don't make the same mistake twice.

Know this: *Bill Crosby's dream is alive and well.* — Tom Payne

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North American Title Draws 64 Teams

The North American Open followed the World Masters Championship that was reported by our illustrious Executive Secretary, Tom Payne. It may be that youth does not live right; while the Masters enjoyed excellent sailing in medium sea breezes, the North Americans were dominated by light air and calms with some fog thrown in for good measure. There were 64 boats from Canada, Brazil, and the United States.

The racing began on Friday, Sept. 2. There were three races that day and many general recalls. The first was sailed in light air and was won by Tom Nute and Rochelle Mateffy., followed by Terry Timm and Mary Voitenko, and Sam Mollet and Joanne Becker. All these skippers sailed in the Masters earlier in the week. "A good day for the old men," said a crew who shall remain nameless.

The sea breeze asserted itself for the second race which was won by Craig Leweck and Brad Rodi. Ivan Pimental and Luis Pesnovich of Brazil were second. Earlier in the week during the Masters, these two made beating Gringos look easy. They seemed to recover their style after a poor first race. Third were Henry Filter and Lynn Fitzpatrick from Cottage Park.

The sea breeze died as the third race began. Steve Callison and Tarasa Davis found the lighter lumpier going to their liking and won followed by Jerry and Brad Thompson, and John Keane and Kris Hablitz of Marblehead. The fleet returned to the harbor with darkness descending.

On Saturday there was no wind for the noon start. The fleet went back to the harbor only to be sent out again about 3 p.m. Just clear of the harbor your reporter heard the fog whistle. A few minutes later three guns were heard.

Ashore that evening was another Green Can party and some special awards. The youngest skipper was Jason Huggins from Annapolis. Jason received an Oakville Harbor YC shirt as the youngest competitor. A special award was presented to the only all-woman crew — Gweneth Crook and Kate Heywood. There was some bad news as well; the start of Sunday's races was advanced to 9 a.m.

There was an easterly wind Sunday morning. Leweck and Rodi ran off to win. Ed and Meredith Adams were second, and Doug Clark and Jamie Fontanella of Annapolis were third. During the race the breeze went northeast causing some consternation to those who went right on the second beat. Normally an east wind will go south before going northeast late in the



The Marquis de Valle del Curia, from Spain, with Id Crook (center) and crew Ignacio Galvez. (Tom Payne photo)



The Crooks — Anne, Id and Gwen. (Tom Payne photo)



Terry Whittemore was SCIRA Commodore in 1957. (Tom Payne photo)



Above, left: Bibi Juetz of Brazil. (Vicki Nyshay photo)

Akibumi Shinoda of Japan (Tom Payne photo)



Commodore C.S. Reddy of India and crew Steve Callison. (Vicki Nyshay photo)

day but 11 a.m. is not late in the day by most standards.

The wind died during the next race which became a slow crawl that very nearly got called for time. The first boat, the Adamses, made the finish with less than 10 minutes to go. Drifting very fast were Mollet and Becker. They were followed by Leweck and Rodi.

Leweck/Rodi won the championship, with Keane/Hablitz second, the Adamses third, Bryan Fishback and David Krebs fourth, and Cark/Fontanella fifth.

The Top Canadians were Jack and Ken Mitchell in 11th place. They received the

Internorth Cup which is, incidentally, the original North American Championship trophy awarded at CORK in Kingston in 1970 and 1971 to Augie Diaz.

At the awards presentation gifts of bronzed maple leaves were given to the visiting volunteers and to our local volunteers who helped make the regatta week such a success. The local fleet also was presented.

The success of the regatta week shows just what can be accomplished by a small group with good leadership, cooperation, and help from their friends.

Chris Hains, Fleet Captain



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regatta circuits

JANSEN, KREFTING WIN NORWEGIAN NATIONAL

Asgarstrand, Norway — Sixty-two Snipes answered the starter's gun at Asgarstrand, 50 miles south of Oslo, to contest the Norwegian Nationals.

The final results were not decided until the final 300 meters of the final race, as the top three boats were virtually tied going in.

Erling Nesse with crew Synnove Myhre took the first race which was sailed in good strong winds. Knut Roar Holmoy with crew Espen Wessel was second and SCIRA Norway National Secretary Birger Jansen and crew Janet Krefting held on for third. The sailor who usually wins the title, Finn Hansen, with Ansgar Danielsen crewing finished fourth and fifth was taken by newcomers to the class, Stein Jacobsen and Tom Skjonberg.

By the second race the winds were up to 20 knots and the current was running strong. Jansen took first with Nesse in second.

The next day belonged to Finn as he took both races. Holmoy/Wessel had a second, Jacobsen had a third, and Jansen/Krefting had a second and a DSQ.

Going into the final day the title was still up for grabs with Hansen and Danielsen seven-tenths of a point in the lead.

Nesse won the fifth race with Otto Book and crew Inger Book taking second. Hansen was third and Jansen fourth.

So, it was down to the final race. Nesse, Hansen and Jansen all had a shot at the title.

Nesse won the final but needed poor finishes from Hansen and Jansen. This didn't happen, as Jansen was able to put two boats between himself and Hansen in the final 50 meters and won the title.

Janet Krefting
SCIRA Norway

SWEDISH NATIONALS DRAWS 33 BOATS

Helsingborg, Sweden — The 1988 Swedish National Championship was sailed July 28-30 in Helsingborg, in the southernmost part of Sweden. Thirty-three boats competed in winds of 6-10 knots the first day, and 20-30 knots the second and third days, which is a bit more than normal.

Outstanding skipper Tomas Ericsson with crew Bo Engstrom won the six-race series with four firsts and two seconds. This year the National Champions were directly qualified to the Europeans, a special rule for this year to attract top sailors from other classes and have them try Snipe sailing. It worked out that Tomas and Bo were number one in the ranking system anyway. A top Finn sailor, Johan Hedberg with crew Monica Sjoden, tried the Snipe and finished 11th with one DNF that they couldn't throw out, a strong performance.

Magnus Munck with crew Peter Holmberg finished second with strong finishes in the heavy-air conditions of the final four races. It's their first year in the Snipe and it will be interesting to see what they can do in the future.

Lars Hultgren and crew Malin Tuvevsson finished third with good

results in the light conditions of the first day, but as expected they were not strong enough to handle the heavy air of the final four races.

Gustaf Svensson and crew Christina Bornrud-Arnesen went into the final race with a chance to take the title. But they capsized at the jibe mark. Their centerboard wasn't tied in securely and they were unable to finish the race after receiving assistance from a rescue boat. They had to count the DNF and ended up sixth overall.

The award ceremony at the regatta party was very nice and everyone had a great time. Mats Gothlin, sailing in his 27th Nationals, made a speech thanking the host club, but the highest point of the ceremonies came when we surprised our SCIRA Sweden Commodore, Lars Angur. He didn't know that we knew that it was his 40th birthday! An enormous birthday cake covered with candles was served and we all sang "Happy Birthday." He was so surprised that he had a hard time blowing out the candles.

Lars Hultgren, Secretary
SCIRA Sweden

delicious CLYC dinner complemented by a beautiful Chautauqua Lake sunset.

During the first race the battle for the top four positions was among Jack Mitchell, Fritz Gram, Doug Nugent, and Eric Gesner. They finished the race in that order. In the second race almost the same people struggled for the top positions. This time, Nugent, Gram, and Gesner finished as listed.

Sunday, Mother Nature cooperated with good winds. Again, the same people dominated the leading positions. Mitchell and his brother, Ken, had another bullet finish; Gram and his crew/wife were second; Gesner and crew Pam Hite third; followed by Nugent and crew Jamie Mackey.

Gram's consistency, with a 2-2-2 scorecard, won him the District V trophy. The Mitchells were second followed by Nugent and Gesner.

Many thanks to all the participants — the sailors, race committee and volunteers, kitchen staff and bartenders, and the regatta organizers and CLYC. We had a good time!

Henri Kutschke

D-V OPEN HELD AT CHAUTAUQUA LAKE

Lakewood, NY — Snipe Fleet 124 of Chautauqua Lake YC hosted the District V Championship July 9-10. Some skippers from neighboring districts, including Ontario, Canada, participated. Thirty-six sailors (17 boats) tested their skills on the Western New York waters.

Sailors were greeted Saturday morning with coffee and donuts but not wind. They waited complacently as final preparations were made, old stories re-told, and new acquaintances made. Then it was noon and still no wind — at least sailing wind. Finally in the middle of the afternoon the winds came, about 7-12 knots — just right for Snipe sailing.

That afternoon two races were completed after which the sailors enjoyed 25 cent beers, hors d'oeuvres, and a

STRONG WINDS WHIP UK NATIONALS

Essex, UK — The 1988 UK Nationals drew 30 boats with the longest trip made by Mark and Robin Townsend of Alamitos Bay YC in California.

After measuring on Friday, July 29, the first race was scheduled for mid-day. In winds around 20 knots and a high sea, the race committee set out to lay the Olympic course. A half-hour later the first Snipes launched to make the mile journey to the start line.

With only minutes to go, the wind gusted well over 25-knots and forced the race officer to postpone. The Snipes were shepherded back under the care of the committee boat and rescue craft.

The wind did not abate until late evening, so Day One saw no racing but did see a happy party at David and Persephone Lewin's country cottage.



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All sailors were invited to the Lewin's weekend home for a traditional English strawberry and cream tea.

Saturday continued very windy. The morning race proved a tough challenge with capsizes and broken equipment. First over the line with a clear lead on the second Snipe was Neil Martin. To get the damaged Snipes back on the water, crews went without lunch. This sacrifice was rewarded by a full turnout for the afternoon race which went to Birger Jansen of Norway.

With the loss of two races the previous day, another was held immediately after the Saturday afternoon race. Exhausted with the three races and tough conditions, a weary Neil Martin and Stan Jobson claimed first.

Sunday saw more civilized conditions. The steady strong wind took Jansen and crew Janet Krefling across the line first in the morning race. Following lunch it was decided to get the afternoon race in, plus schedule a race lost on Friday. Again, both races went to Jansen.

Ironically, the wind for the final afternoon race dropped right off and some Snipes nearly ran out of time.

The four-day championship was a great success and the organizing Stone fleet was congratulated on its program plus hospitality. The regatta dinner proved a very friendly and enjoyable evening, and the swing band added to a perfect day of racing and socializing. Prize giving was done with great humor; every competitor walked off with a memento of the 1988 National Championship.

John Broughton
UK Secretary



Mark Townsend with his American bride, Robin, members of the Alamos Bay YC, returned to challenge the nationals.



Lawrence Crispin, Laser world champion, runner-up for UK Olympic helm in the Finn Class, returned to Snipe to challenge.



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scorecard

NORWEGIAN NATIONALS Asgarstrand, June 28-July 3, 1988 (Top 20 of 62 Boats)

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Fleet	Places	Points	Finish
27009	Birger Jansen/Janett Krefting	Vestf	3-1-dsq-2-4-2	19.7	1
26931	Erling Nesse/Synnovve Myhre	Milde	1-2-33-12-1-1	21	2
24967	Finn Hansen/Ansgar Danielsen	Vestf	4-9-1-1-3-5	38.7	3
26330	Knut Holmoy/Espen Wessel	Asgar	2-3-2-28-11-4	36.7	4
26771	Tord Hjellevad/Krist. Sandtorv	Hjell	6-4-8-5-dsq-3	49.4	5
26598	Stein Jacobsen/Tom Skjonberg	Vestf	5-5-3-7-9-9	53.7	6
26599	Otto Book/Inger Book	Asgar	8-8-7-22-2-8	58	7
19428	V. Sinding-Larsen/T. Gundersen	Berum	7-7-dsq-10-18-10	82	8
27064	Nj. Thorbjornsen/Are Nordahl	Hjell	14-13-13-11-14-7	88	9
21690	Jan Hjellevad/Heidi Ellingberg	Hjell	19-6-10-19-29-6	89.4	10
25533	Ola Nygard/Thomas Andersen	Hjell	15-15-23-14-6-12	91.7	11
26589	Per Jul Hansen/Inger Hansen	Vestf	16-10-17-17-7-20	97	12
26592	J. Mejlender/Georg Mejlender	Vestf	12-14-14-16-13-21	99	13
26591	Gunnar Karlsen/Arild Neste	Bunde	9-18-24-9-23-13	102	14
24970	Sven Them-Enger/Liv Them-Enger	Asgar	11-19-11-nf-8-25	104	15
26774	Ole Pedersen/Gunnar Astrup	Vestf	17-nf-35-3-12-11	104.7	16
26593	St. Jorgensen/Elisab. Lomsdal	Vestf	27-nf-6-20-10-18	110.7	17
26929	Odd St. Irgens/Michael Irgens	Asgar	38-23-30-6-5-23	115.7	18
25527	Jan Jonson/Tom Just Olsen	Bunde	30-11-29-nf-15-14	129	19
24968	Per Rosenkvist/Petter Lorentzen	Bunde	23-22-12-13-31-ret	131	20

DISTRICT V OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP Chautauqua Lake YC, Lakewood, NY, July 9-10, 1988 (Top 7 of 17 Boats)

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Fleet	Places	Finish
26699	Fritz Gram/Jane Gram	Cuba Lake	2-2-2	1
24806	Jack Mitchell/Ken Mitchell	HYC	1-5-1	2
24116	Doug Nugent/Jamie Mackey	RCYC	3-1-4	3
26468	Eric Gesner/Pam Hite		4-3-3	4
26742	John Korkosz/Adrienne Kurkosz	Galway Lake	7-6-7	5
24683	Terah Bugbee/Liz Bugbee	Cuba Lake	8-9-6	6
24741	Marc Turner/Dawn Columbare	CLYC	10-11-5	7

1988 UK NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP St. Lawrence Bay, Essex, England, July 29-31, 1988

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Club	Finish
27009	Birger Jansen/Janette Krefting	Norway	1
27330	Neil Martin/Stan Jobson	Budworth	2
20246	Gary Lewis/Susan Antonelli	Budworth	3
23233	A. Williams/David Jones	Budworth	4
26671	P. Wolstenholm/Stephen Roberts	Blue Circle	5
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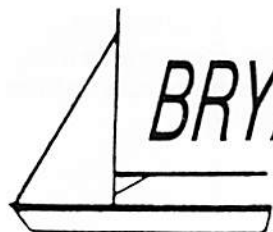
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(Top 12 of 33 Boats)

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Places	Points	Finish
26097	Tomas Ericsson/Bo Engstrom	1-1-2-2-1-1	5	1
26096	Magnus Munck/Peter Holmberg	11-13-7-3-5-4	30	2
26798	Lars Hultgren/Malin Tuvevsson	2-3-9-7-11-nf	32	3
27250	Tommy Svensson/Fredrik Brome	16-10-8-4-6-5	33	4
26093	Peter Lundh/Sandra Lenving-Lundh	8-4-15-18-8-3	38	5
26482	Gustaf Svensson/C. B.-Arnesen	dsq-2-1-1-2-nf	39.5	6
26481	Bjorn Andersson/Lotta Ohlsson	7-21-4-9-14-8	42	7
27252	Stig Gustavsson/Hans Andersson	3-5-12-13-nf-10	43	8
26484	Thomas Gloerfelt/Marika Ottander	15-6-nf-8-7-7	43	9
25775	Lars Angur/Stefan Linderholm	9-8-11-6-13-11	45	10
26095	Johan Hedberg/Monica Sjoden	6-dsq-5-nf-3-2	50	11
26478	Per Edwall/Bengt Friman	5-9-10-14-15-nf	53	12

SPANISH SENIOR NATIONALS
Casino Club Nautico De Arrecife, July 20-23, 1988
(Top 20 of 58 Boats)

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Fleet	Places	Points	Finish
27070	Pedro Ferrer Espino/Roble	Arrecife		11.0	1
24555	Jorge Haenelt Maguel/Wizner	Malaga		12.0	2
24662	Damian Borrás/Romero	Mahon		25.4	3
24761	Ignacio Camino Rbez./Gutierrez	Santander		42.4	4
19981	Felix Gancedo/Fernandez	Malaga		50.7	5
27087	Laureano Vizner/Saavedra	Malaga		53.7	6
24203	Laureano Blanco/Aboul-Hadi	Canaria		74.0	7
26626	Carlos Martinez/Lopez	La Ribera		78.4	8
24198	Sebastian Mesquida P./Torres	Ciudadela		84.7	9
25683	Castor Alonso/Arteaga	Vigo		89.0	10
22454	Guillermo Alonso/Calvino	Vigo		93.0	11
23962	Antonio Aldegunde/Aldegunde	Los Nietos		95.0	12
22011	Aureliano Sangines/de Quintana	Arrecife		112.0	13
22339	Juan Gutierrez/Matorras	Santander		113.0	14
23809	Roberto Castro/Castro	La Coruna		114.0	15
21526	Estanislao Bethencourt C./Reguilon	Arrecife		122.0	16
25958	Antonio Miguel Sel/Navarro	Malaga		124.0	17
27068	Jeronimo Rosales/Vicente Dgez.	Canaria		125.0	18
23043	Eduardo Armada/Alberto Mtnz.	Vigo		133.0	19
27077	Javier Santander/Mazurco	Vigo		134.0	20

SPANISH JUNIOR NATIONALS
Casino Club Nautico De Arrecife, July 14-16, 1988
(Top 10 of 22 Boats)

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Fleet	Points	Finish
23809	Roberto Castro/Castro	La Coruna	19.0	1
26890	Javier Aldegunde/Santamarina F.	Los Nietos	21.0	2
24202	Carlos Quintana/Canada	Arrecife	25.7	3
22011	Aureliano Sangines/Lasso	Arrecife	26.1	4
26967	Domingo Campoy/Valor	Los Nietos	28.0	5
23797	Octavio Barrera Vera/Medina	Victoria	44.0	6
25561	Juanjo Gomez Castillo/Ramirez	Malaga	45.7	7
23566	David Vera San Luis/Garcia	Victoria	47.7	8
22332	Jaime Trujillo/Segui	Ciudadela	56.7	9
25704	Jaime Villalonga/Antonio Mus	Mahon	58.0	10



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