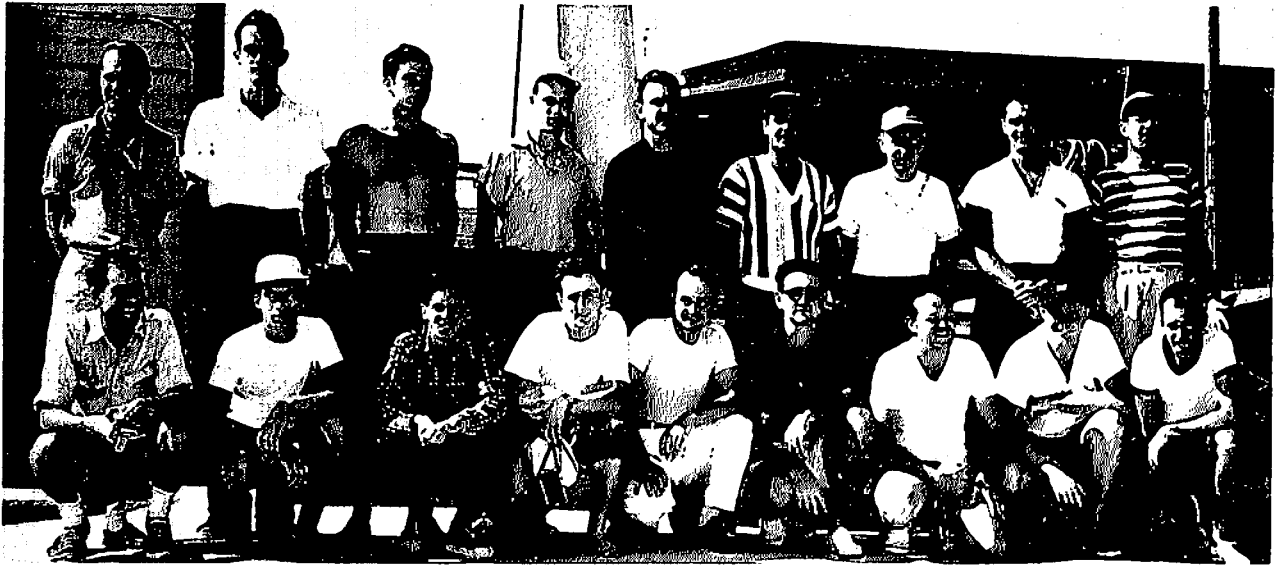


# U.S. WINS WESTERN HEMISPHERE RACES

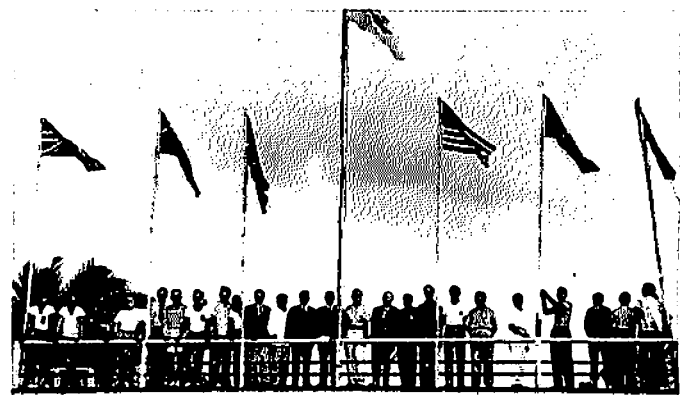
## CUBA SECOND. NINE ENTRIES FROM SIX NATIONS COMPETE



U.S. Bermuda Bermuda Canada Brazil Cuba U.S. Bahamas Cuba  
 Left to right: Top row: Terry Whittemore, Clifford Simmons, Kenny Simmons, Dick Shaw, Clio Braga, Jorge Mantilla, Ted Wells, Godfrey Kelly, Dr. Clemente Inclan. Crews, bottom row: Bob Whittemore, Eugene Simmons, C. Soares, Bob Dauphnee, Emilio Salvi, Carlos Sela, Fred Schenck, William Christie, and Dr. Carlos Inclan. Photos by Barcino, Havana.



GONZALO MELENDEZ SCIRA COMMODORE TED WELLS COMMODORE RAFAEL POSSO



CONTESTANTS FROM 6 COUNTRIES WITH REGATTA OFFICIALS AT OPENING FLAG CEREMONY

The Western Hemisphere Championship in the Snipe Class, was sailed in the Gulf of Mexico off Havana, Cuba, Nov. 15-20, in standard regatta weather, which, of course, means weather which is completely the opposite of normal conditions. Anyone who has ever sailed in the Gulf at Havana in November will hardly believe that the six race series was sailed with winds of 2-8 mph. from the north and northwest instead of the normal 20-25 mph. winds from the northeast.

Sailing in this regatta, which is limited to two boats from each country, were nine crews from six different countries. Borrowed boats were used with a different boat being sailed by each skipper in each race. Some of the boats were built by professional builders and the rest by individuals, but they were all equipped and rigged identically and their performance was quite equal, although two of them appeared to be consistently better and two a little poorer than average in the prevailing light going. The regatta is a six races affair with only five races counting in determining the final standing, each skipper being allowed to eliminate his worst race at the end of the series.

Terry Whittemore of Naugatuck, Conn., with his brother, Bob, as crew, won a decisive victory with three 1sts, a 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. At the end of the third race, it appeared that the championship would be a battle between Whittemore and the defending champion, Ted Wells, of Wichita, Kansas, and his crew, Fred Schenck, of Newport Beach, Cal. But, in the light and extremely variable winds of the 4th and 5th

races, Wells was only able to take a 5th and 7th, while Clemente and Carlos Inclan, of Havana, took a 1st and 3rd to move into second place.

In the 6th race, Jorge Mantilla and Carlos Sela, also of Havana, took a long tack along the shore after a perfect start and, contrary to the local theory that you should always tack off shore out of the unfavorable current near the windward mark, this tack paid off with a 1st place. Most of the fleet followed Mantilla eventually, while Inclan and Wells had a private battle and apparently continued to think that logic would prevail in the end. It did not, with the result that Wells finished in 6th and Inclan in 7th in this race, which put Mantilla in 3rd place and Wells in 4th for the series. Inclan was able to drop his 7th place in the final scoring and finished in 2nd place for the series.

### FINAL RESULTS OF WESTERN HEMISPHERES.

NATION	SKIPPER	RACES	1	2	3	4	5	6	PTS.	FIN
United States	T. Whittemore	2	1	1	1	1	3	7765	1	
Cuba	M. Inclan	3	2	4	3	1	7	7378	2	
Cuba	J. Mantilla	5	6	2	2	2	1	7163	3	
United States	T. Wells	1	3	2	5	7	6	7086	4	
Canada	D. Shaw	4	5	5	6	3	2	6782	5	
Bermuda	C. Simmons	4	7	8	9	6	9	6703	6	
Bahamas	G. Kelly	4	9	8	7	5	4	5934	7	
Bermuda	K. Simmons	4	7	8	9	6	9	5798	8	
Brazil	C. Braga	7	8	7	8	8	8	5579	9	