



Left to right, back row: Fred Ables, Larry Johnson, John Joins, Fred Thurston, Bill Buckles, Don Hite, Tom McLaughlin, Jeff Lenhart, Augie Diaz, Gonzalo Diaz, Ted Hains, Dick Schmidt, Frank Levinson, Terry Timan, Norm Towle; front row: Danny Coughlin, Jesse Sumnerville, Pamela Johns, Janet Nasteff, Ed Coulter, Carol Bachman, Chalie Bustanante, Mark Williams, Ian Brown, Gwen Gordon, Rob Hill, Dick Towle. (Hite Levinson photo)

'Cuban Navy' Sweeps Snipe North American Championship

Augie Diaz, Gonzalo Diaz lead 60-boat fleet at Association Island

Sixty Snipes from Canada, Bermuda, Florida, Colorado, California, the Midwest, and East converged on NAYRU's North American Sailing Center at Association Island, New York, July 18-21 for the North American Snipe Championship. Winner of the regatta and the Birney Mills Memorial Trophy was Augie Diaz in his new Cyclone Snipe, "Cuban Streaker". Second place was taken by Gonzalo Diaz. The high caliber of competition is demonstrated by the third through seventh place scores covering only a 1.7 point spread.

The Race Committee, led by Chairman Jim Taylor (Steve is his father) and Dick Lamb of Annapolis, set perfect, long courses and square starting lines throughout the regatta. Winds were on the strong side, quite constant in each race, and with no shifts over 15 degrees.

Winds of 18-25 from the southeast (on-shore at the launch area) caused some problems in exit from the small sailboat harbor and a few capsize in sailing to the first race. Augie found the heavy weather to his liking, followed by Jeff Lenhart, Larry Johnson, and Gonzalo Diaz. The second and third races were sailed Friday

in westerly winds of 12, and 8 to 10 in which Augie took firsts and Gonzalo took seconds by commanding margins.

As the third race was finishing, with expectations of another start, a sudden storm swept in from the northwest with a severe test of boats and sailors. Many dropped mainsails immediately, and many others quickly capsized and could not recover. When the wind did not let up, most were willing to abandon their boats. Sailor rescue took priority over boat rescue. Head counts on shore and boat rescue took the balance of the day, with Tersh Bugbee's boat not found until the next day.

Following a Saturday morning devoted to Snipe and race committee equipment repairs, two more races were sailed in westerlies of 8-12 and 10-15. In the first of these, the north side of the course provided much faster windward work, with Tom McLaughlin, Dick Schmidt, and Bill Buckles leading the way. Then another Diaz family race locked up the regatta for the Florida sailors.

Sunday saw the only delay for relative lack of wind. As the land heated, a "sea-breeze" westerly filled in at 6 to 8,

and Lake Ontario was at its very best with McLaughlin the race winner.

N.A.S.C. operations provide resident race committees capable of handling three regattas on three courses simultaneously. The N.A.S.C. provides vessels, radios, marks, sailing instructions, scoring, and regatta reports; a class regatta committee brings trophies and does any measurement (great work done by Graham Hoffman, Al Bugbee, and Ike Lawton).

Shore accommodations have a considerable maintenance backlog, with camping and other use fees causing everyone to pay about equally toward the overhead of the operation. However, the wind is reliable, the water is open, and great racing is available at this site.

Familiar faces included Commodore Ralph Swanson, Buzz Levinson, Canada's National Secretary Ted Hains, District I Governor Fred Thurston, District III Governor Bob Hill, and District V Governor Al Bugbee.

Stu Griffing
SCIRA Vice Commodore
U.S. National Secretary

1974 SNIPE NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP
(Top 35 of 60 Entries)

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Town	Places	Points	Finish
21544	Augie Diaz/Charlie Bastanaane	Miami	1-1-12-1-3	23.7	1
10111	Gonzalo Diaz/Mark Williams	Miami	4-2-2-15-2-10	54	2
21465	Tom McLaughlin/Carol Bachman	San Diego	7-13-5-1-12-1	65	3
19267	Don Hite/Delby Carver	Detroit	11-4-13-7-5-2	65.7	4
20560	Jeff Lenhart/Ron Moore	Newport Bch.	2-9-10-5-5-6	65.7	5
19177	Fred Thurston/Janet Nasteff	Annapolis	6-3-7-4-4-14	65.4	6
19588	Dick Schmidt/Gwen Gaudon	Ann Arbor	8-3-3-2-11-11	66.7	7
19055	Larry Johnson/Jesse Summerville	Aspen	3-12-11-11-15-4	85.7	8
19586	Terry Timm/Jeff Jay	Saline, Mich.	16-15-5-8-6-7	91.7	9
21480	Bill Buckles/Ed Coulter	Cleveland	dnf-8-4-3-9-5	104.7	10
20006	John Johns/Pamela Johns	Ann Arbor	25-6-6-10-7-16	105.4	11
17758	Norm Towle/Dick Towle	Arlington, MA	21-16-14-9-8-13	117	12
20690	Jim Belford/David Belford	Oakville, Ont.	14-10-22-21-14-9	126	13
70551	Frank Levinson/David Young	Indianapolis	9-7-8-3sg-13-8	132	14
20689	Ted Hains/Ian Brown	Toronto, Ont.	10-14-27-17-19-12	135	15
20007	Bob Rowland/Sandy Rowland	Bethbrook, OH	13-25-16-14-25-15	144	16
19915	Eric Purdon/Jon Bartlett	Harwood, MD	17-19-17-27-18-20	154	17
19448	Red Goldstein/Jay Fournier	Peoria	20-23-23-20-24-22	168	18
20989	Paul Levinson/Buzz Levinson	Indianapolis	dns-21-18-16-10-17	178	19
21120	Bob Hill/James Hill	Cincinnati	12-33-20-24-20-34	179	20
17387	Jerry Thompson/Nancy Thompson	Akron	18-17-26-28-33-26	184	21
20222	Mike Hays/Rob Hays	Cuba, NY	37-20-42-6-17-25	185.7	22
19450	Graham Hoffman/M.E.Hoffman	Honeoye Falls	31-31-29-23-22-18	190	23
21464	Greg Fisher/Gwen Petersilsz	Cleveland	dnf-38-21-13-16-23	193	24
20307	Judy Corliss/George Corliss	Lansing	28-22-28-32-31-21	198	25
19491	Russ Cook/Suzie Cook	Rose, NY	26-24-39-dnf-23-19	212	26
21412	Bob Borer/Katarina Borer	Ann Arbor	33-34-30-29-21-35	218	27
17728	Dann Schnipper/Andy Zimmerman	Sea Cliff, NY	29-32-32-25-39-27	220	28
20565	Dave Rogers/Dave Rogers Jr.	Naugatuck, CN	32-37-15-19-27-dns	226	29
17546	Dick Kneulman/Jim Teague	Oakville, Ont.	15-36-49-34-34-24	228	30
16695	Fritz Gram/Glenn Clark	Olan, NY	5-37-3-22-dnf-dns	233	31
21460	Sterling Beinfuhr/Esther Beinfuhr	Evanston	38-30-34-38-26-3nf	240	32
21105	Rusty Baillie/Rick Temporale	Oakville, Ont.	27-28-dns-26-38-29	244	33
19708	Raymond Pitman/Erett Wright	Hamilton, Ber.	23-26-35-35-29-dns	244	34
20682	*Fred Ables/Danny Coughlin	Lecust Valley	40-49-36-33-30-31	255	35

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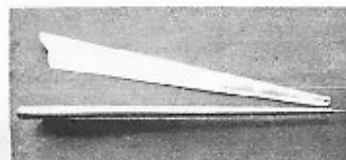
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