

There was some concern among the regatta management that the Pacific Ocean race course might not be a big draw for out-of-town Snipers, but the lake and bay Snipers had little to worry about as the ocean swell was very light for the duration of the regatta. This occurred despite the best efforts of a group of surfing Snipers who organized a surf session, bon-fire and surf sacrifice the night before the regatta began.

The practice race was sailed in a stiff breeze while late arrivals continued to measure in. Around 80 sets of sails were measured with only one errant jib among to lot, and it was a full 1/4" too long on the foot. WOW! Guess one design is one-design, so back it went to the sailmaker. Kind of made eight hours of sail measuring worthwhile! Boats were weighed with an electronic scale that was spot-on (there were no arguments) and safety equipment was checked. Finally it was time for the racing to begin.

Since the local racing is held in the lake-like setting on Mission Bay, the ocean course was one where few had much knowledge. What had been discovered thus far was a choppy sea with much kelp and odd current patterns and a thermal sea-breeze that was capable of frequent and unpredictable breeze oscillations. The challenge would be in keeping the boat up to speed through the chop in the light to moderate breeze, having the crew sight the path around the kelp patches, perfecting the kelp-clear while all the time staying in touch with the big wind shifts.

For the last two years Mission Bay's own Craig Leweck had prevailed at the Nationals (1988 and 1989 Champ) and the North Americans (1988 champ), but he was coming into this one without a full head of steam. He was entering this event just back from a disappointing Worlds trip and without his favorite boat which had not yet returned from Japan. He was having to use a recently rigged Snipe that had never been raced, but his preparation must have been enough as he came out of the first two races on Thursday as the temporary leader of the event. A surprise second after the first day was Steve Travis from Seattle, who is a relative unknown on the national scene, however Travis grew up in Brazil with the Snipe and frequently competes against those in Rio, so he was certainly capable. Others that were pressing after two were Californians Dave Chapin, Jack Franco and Mark Reynolds. One other surprise was Mike Funsch of St. Petersburg, Fla., who had stepped out of his previous role of superstar Snipe crew to charter a local boat and demonstrate to the fleet that he could be a contender.

It was a long day, but it could not end yet. Thursday night was the Mexican

Fiesta night. A Mariachi band met the fleet at the hoist to help them shift gears, while trays of free beer completed the transition. Dinner was a buffet of an assortment of Spanish specialties. The results were posted on five pages with some race participants saying later how excited they were to be page one of two rather than three, four or five. It was not long before "The Reactions" started up and a night of revelry was underway!

Day two of the racing began with thick fog, keeping the fleet on shore until it began to clear. It never completely lifted from the ocean course, staying cool with little wind for the most of the day. Seeing the clear sky inland was to bring more frustration to this difficult day. 1984 North American Champ Keith Dodson emerged from this day as the new event leader, but it was Jay Golison who stunned the fleet with a 2-1 to enter the contender ranks.

1989 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA
Mission Bay Yacht Club, San Diego, Calif.
Top 20 of 60 Boats

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Fleet	Places	Points	Finish
27107	Craig Leweck/Lisa Manzer	Mission Bay Y.C.	6-.75-16-3-4-4	17.75	1
24702	Dave Chapin/Kathy Chapin	Hunting Harbor Y.C.	8-2-8-4-.75-16	22.75	2
25951	Mike Funsch/Kevin Funsch	St. Petersburg Y.C.	4-13-7-11-2-3	27	3
26752	Jack Franco/Renee Verterby	Balboa Y.C.	5-6-11-2-5-10	28	4
25815	Mark Reynolds/Scott Quan	San Diego Y.C.	3-9-19-8-8-2	30	5
26175	Keith Dodson/Claudia Dodson	Alamitos Bay Y.C.	9-5-3-5-23-11	33	6
24606	Jay Golison/Jackie Golison	Alamitos Bay Y.C.	10-28-2-.75-17-7	36.75	7
20560	Jeff Lenhart/Tina Scooros	Mission Bay Y.C.	12-10-5-15-14-19	56	8
26995	Mark Rastello/Mary Durnin	St. Francis Y.C.	2-16-10-13-15-24	56	9
24060	Chuck Sinks/Sue Hones	Mission Bay Y.C.	14-23-.75-7-20-37	64.75	10
25992	Bart Hackworth/John Rogers	St. Francis Y.C.	18-3-30-16-29-.75	66.75	11
25223	Robin Gales/Nadine Franczyk	Mission Bay Y.C.	15-24-17-12-9-14	67	12
27271	John Jennings/Samantha Jennings	St. Petersburg Y.C.	13-15-18-10-12-DNF	68	13
26460	Mary Brigden/Chris Snow	Seyern Sailing Assoc.	33-11-15-21-22-5	74	14
25871	Henry Filter/Deborah Lawson	Cottage Park (Mass.)	11-4-13-22-25-DNF	75	15
25800	Mark Golison/Ruth Paulling	Alamitos Bay Y.C.	16-31-4-32-19-8	78	16
27395	Michael H. Segerblom/Kurt Mayol	Alamitos Bay Y.C.	7-7-14-24-37-30	82	17
25422	Steve Travis/Cathy Lake	Corinthian Y.C.	.75-8-6-9-DND-6	86.75	18
27255	Andy Barnes/Marcia Rohan	Mission Bay Y.C.	39-25-23-17-11-13	89	19
23108	Chris Raab/Kenyan Martin	Huntington Harbor	21-18-12-31-10-28	92	20

1989 U.S. Master's Championships
Top 15 of 29 Boats

20560	Jeff Lenhart/Peggy Lenhart	Mission Bay Y.C.	.75-.75-.75-.75	3	1
27271	John Jennings/Samantha Jennings	St. Petersburg Y.C.	2-4-3-2-11	11	2
25223	Robin Gales/Mary Lynn Wheaton	Mission Bay Y.C.	3-3-6-3	15	3
26699	Fritz Gram/Jane Gram	Cuba Lake (N.Y.)	6-2-5-7	20	4
24702	Jerry Thompson/Ginny Barnes	Alamitos Bay Y.C.	4-12-4-6	26	5
19091	Peter Duvoisin/Jane Duvoisin	Privateer (Tenn.)	5-15-12-4	36	6
22	Earl Elms/Beth Hart	Mission Bay Y.C.	15-13-2-8	38	7
27207	Bibi Juetz/Noel Ferreira	Rio de Janeiro Y.C.	16-6-7-9	38	8
20561	Lew Bedford/Kelly Cote	Mission Bay Y.C.	9-5-10-15	39	9
26100	Woody Norwood/Vickie Nyshay	Atlanta Y.C.	10-17-11-5	43	10
18321	Doug Desouza/Jennifer Desouza	Mission Bay Y.C.	7-10-8-20	45	11
24087	Sam Mollet/Marge Mollet	Portage Lakes (Ohio)	11-7-21-12	51	12
25515	Peter R. Fenner/Suzan Fenner	White Rock S.C. (Tx.)	13-20-9-10	52	13
26335	Buzz Levinson/Frank Levinson	Indianapolis Y.C.	14-18-13-11	56	14
22734	Basil T. Kelly/Eric Krebs	Nassau Y.C.	18-11-14-18	61	15

1989 Apprentice Master's Championships (Age 45-54)
Top 3 of 16 Boats

20560	Jeff Lenhart/Peggy Lenhart	Mission Bay Y.C.	.75-.75-.75-.75	3	1
27271	John Jennings/Samantha Jennings	St. Petersburg Y.C.	2-4-3-2	11	2
25224	Robin Gales/Mary Lynn Wheaton	Mission Bay Y.C.	3-3-6-3	15	3

1989 Master's Championships (age 55-64)
Top 3 of 7 Boats

19091	Peter Duvoisin/Jane Duvoisin	Privateer (Tenn.)	5-15-12-4	36	1
27207	Bibi Juetz/Noel Ferreira	Rio de Janeiro Y.C.	16-6-7-9	38	2
20561	Lew Bedford/Kelly Cote	Mission Bay Y.C.	9-5-10-15	39	3

1989 Grand Master's Championships (Age 65 & over)
Top 3 of 6 Boats

23396	Clyde Castle/Tom Castle	Bow Mar (Colorado)	17-19-18-24	78	1
23777	Jim English/Gordon Palmer	Alamitos Bay Y.C.	22-16-22-21	81	2
25084	Fred Schenck/Mary Williams Voitenko	Newport Harbor	23-26-23-14	86	3