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David Edwards Winner at Muncie

The Hoosier Harvest Regatta was held on September 18 and 19th at the Muncie Sailing Club, Muncie, Indiana. In past years, the wind has always been excellent. This year, however, the wind was not to expectations, and all three races were run in relatively light, shifty air.

This year, Snipe Fleet 557 decided to honor Alan (Buzzy) Levinson by giving a perpetual trophy bearing his name. Fleet 557, in establishing the Alan Levinson Trophy, honors one of the finest sailors, sportsman, and gentlemen in the sailing fraternity. Through the years, he has given generously of his time, money, and energies to establish and promote SCIRA and Snipe sailing in the Midwest. We wish to acknowledge all that he has done for small boat sailing in the Midwest and hope that this trophy will inspire others to emulate his actions. Unfortunately, Buzzy was crewing with his brother, Harry in the World Championships and did not return in time to participate in the races. Happily though, he was on hand Sunday to present the trophy to winner Dave Edwards. Buzzy, no doubt will be around racing for many years to come, so hopefully, he will yet win this regatta.

The first race Saturday was won by Dave Edwards of Muncie, who led at the first weather mark and kept increasing his lead throughout the race. On the first leg, the fleet split and about half way through the first leg, the wind shifted favoring those who had taken a port tack after the start. This put some of the leaders at the start, back in the pack. Stu Griffing, with Mark Schoenberger crewing, followed Dave around the course finishing an easy second place. Tom Head and Bob Jarasek finished third and fourth, in that order.

In the second race, there was a great deal of change in the positions of the finishing boats. The light, puffy wind probably accounted for much of this. Tom Head worked his way to first place sailing an excellent race. Dexter Thede, who had gotten caught in the pack during the first race, demonstrated his outstanding ability in this race by taking a second place. Bill Hancock was third and Jim Richter finished fourth.

Saturday evening, a dinner-dance was held at the Delaware Country Club. A special wedding cake was cut by the newly weds, Bob Bigham and his wife, Peg from Cincinnati. Bob and Peg were married on Friday and spent their honeymoon in Muncie. With men of such dedication sailing Snipes, the class should have a bright future. Bob didn't place in the upper part of the fleet, but with a beautiful new bride as a crew, can anyone really blame him?

On Sunday, the hoped-for steady wind did not materialize in the morning. In this race, Paul Zent took first place and Dave Edwards second. Tom Head, the leader after the two races Saturday, was not able to work out into clear air and finished thirteenth.

— Earl J. Montague

Final Results - HOOSIER HARVEST REGATTA

BOAT	SKIPPER	CLUB	RACES	1	2	3	Fin.
14771	Dave Edwards	Grand Rapids, Mich.		1	8	2	1
15440	Stu Griffing	Cowan Lake, Ohio		2	5	6	2
14907	Jim Richter	Indianapolis, Ind.		7	4	3	3
11220	Tom Head	Columbus, Indiana		3	1	15	4
15161	Bill Hancock	Indianapolis		10	3	4	5
10350	Dick Tillman	Dayton, Ohio		6	6	5	6
15200	Dexter Thede	Grand Rapids, Mich.		11	2	7	7
14732	Bob Jarasek	Pittsburg, Pa.		4	9	9	8
14301	Dick Clark	Indianapolis		5	11	10	9
15713	Berk Duck	Indianapolis		12	7	15	10
14769	Bob Bigham	Cowan Lake, Ohio		14	12	8	11
14147	Paul Zent	Indianapolis	dns	10	1	12	
15322	Heinz Fischer	Muncie, Indiana		9	15	12	13
14333	Jack Montague	Muncie		8	13	17	14
9452	Earl Troeger	South Bend, Ind.		15	14	11	15
15085	John Elkus	Cowan Lake, Ohio		16	19	14	16
13529	F. Dasher	Cowan Lake		20	16	16	17
15697	Arne Lundmark	Cowan Lake		15	20	18	18
14677	Greg Wiseman	Muncie, Ind.		17	17	daq	19
14678	Ron Hamilton	Muncie		19	18	19	20
15071	Phil Ball	Muncie		16	21	20	21

John Murdock Won Revived Rhode Island Regatta

The first Narragansett Bay Invitational Snipe Regatta in many years was held the weekend of July 31 - Aug. 1 by Fleet 17, using the facilities of the Edgewood Yacht Club in Cranston, R.I. As its number would imply, Fleet 17 is one of the oldest Snipe Fleets in the world, but had been inactive for a long time until three years ago when, under the leadership of the present Fleet Captain, Gerry Forman, strong efforts were made to revitalize it. The turnout of twenty-four boats for the regatta is evidence of the success of his efforts, as well as those of the District I Governor, Jim Lawlor, whose help in persuading members of neighboring fleets in Connecticut and Massachusetts to participate was a decisive factor.

The fleet of twenty-four included nine boats from the host fleet as well as sizeable delegations from Quassapaug, Winchester, Wessagusset, and Massachusetts Bay. All races were sailed in the upper reaches of Narragansett Bay, using triangular courses starting to windward followed by a windward-leeward course to the first mark and back. Although the visitors were not exposed to the common Narragansett Bay racing conditions of strong winds and heavy chop, which regularly occur farther down the Bay, they did experience a range of wind conditions, beginning with light air for the first race on Saturday and getting progressively stronger until finally the sixth race had to be cancelled on Sunday because of twenty-five knot winds.

It had been announced in advance that only if all six scheduled races were sailed, each skipper would be allowed to drop his poorest race. However, the cancellation of the final race eliminated that provision, which was hard on the many who were disqualified in one of the earlier races. John Murdock of Massachusetts Bay captured first place by a wide margin, and the best that the home fleet could do was the eighth-place finish of Gerry Forman. One hopeful sign for the locals was the performance of Jim Gibbs, a young man in his first full season of Snipe racing, who, after a bad day Saturday, got a third and a fifth on Sunday and has been doing very well ever since.

On Saturday night a steak dinner and social evening was held around the swimming pool at the home of Cy Joyner, a member of the host fleet. This also proved extremely successful, and the game of water polo enjoyed by some of the young guests probably seemed little different from sailing a Snipe on Narragansett Bay on a windy day. E. T. Kornhauser

Final Results - NARRAGANSETT BAY INVITATIONAL REGATTA

BOAT	SKIPPER	FLEET	Pts.	Fin.
14177	John Murdock	Massachusetts Bay	7321	1
4140	Roger Howell	Winchester	6719	2
15703	Bud Freel	Wessagusset	6327	3
9446	Steve Hurley	Wessagusset	6223	4
13874	Ted Van Dusen	Winchester	5911	5
14692	Charles Loomis	Massachusetts Bay	5779	6
9448	Luke Czarny	Quassapaug	5070	7
14193	Gerry Forman	Narragansett Bay	5001	8
14742	John Quinn	Narragansett Bay	4675	9
14197	Jim Gibbs	Narragansett Bay	4621	10
11297	Peter Carter	Narragansett Bay	4463	11
8151	Jim Lawlor	Quassapaug	4042	12
6996	Geoff White	(Harts, N.Y.)	4041	13
7696	Ray Tyler	Quassapaug	3793	14
13866	John Berger	Winchester	3534	15
9996	Hugh Fisher	Winchester	3399	16
8646	John Judy	Quassapaug	3182	17
13006	Ron Morley	Wessagusset	2655	18
15594	Dick Olney	Narragansett Bay	2090	19
15005	Mike Goll	Massachusetts Bay	1770	20
15596	Cy Joyner	Narragansett Bay	1481	21
14762	Doraine Carter	Narragansett Bay	1421	22
14198	Ed Kornhauser	Narragansett Bay	867	23
10212	Don Harper	Narragansett Bay	834	24