

CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL RACEWEEK



SCIRA Commodores: L to R, from — Ralph Swanson, 1973-74; Red Garfield, 1969; 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 Pesnech 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/Luis Pesnech	Brazil	1-1-6-2-1	10.25	1
13321	Doug DeSouza/Jenifer DeSouza	US	9-2-1-6-8	25.75	2
26699	Fritz G. am/Janis G. am	US	4-6-8-3-7	28	3
27207	Bibi Juetz/Doug Nigent	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 Penner	US	11-8-14-7-4	44	6
23280	Tom Nute/Rochelle Matoff	US	3-5-3-10-2	54	7
23369	Jerry Thompson/Sasha Orr	US	7-14-3-1-34	60.75	8
18104	John Muhlhause/Vicki Nyshty	US	12-7-20-15-17	71	9
19091	Pete Duvoisin/Janis Duvoisin	US	21-16-15-13-10	75	10
21791	Bill Buckles/Id Crook	US	10-15-12-34-6	77	11
27161	Akihumi Shimoda/Masato Hiratsuka	Japan	6-13-25-21-16	81	12
26955	Kunio Hisada/Masao Lino Awano	Japan	14-77-26-17-12	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	130	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
25828	John Wolcott/Peter Wolcott	US	23-11-16-12-11	73	3
27055	Brent Foulson/Jim Belford	Canada	13-17-21-9-14	74	4
19989	Marc, de Vél 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 Willmorth/Nancy Willmorth	US	17-19-17-24-24	101	7
27092	C.S. Reddy/Steve Callison	India	20-25-19-22-21	107	8
19417	Jac Hunter/T. Hunter	Canada	26-27-28-26-20	137	9
(Age 65 and Up)					
19795	Dick Edwards/Ben Wisniewski	US	22-13-26	61	1
25223	Fred Scherk/Mary Williams	US	19-22-21	62	2
25433	Jim Bullie/Peter Bullie	Canada	15-21-23	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	24-29-25	88	6

An evening at the Bullie'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 Thompsens. 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. Chris Hains

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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 Pescovitch	Rio De Janeiro	2-13-16-1	51.75	4
26468	Eric Gesner/Jam Hite	Newport YC	15 + 9-7	35	5
25781	John Keene/Kris Hablitz	Marblehead	11-10-5-10	36	6
26461	Kirk Donaldson/Roman Cibirka	Baron	7-13-1-25	44.75	7
25489	Fred Rozelle/Linda Schultz	Detroit	5-7-20-12	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/Jeanne Becker	Portage Lakes	21-9-8-2	50	12
27-44	Griff Hall/Jane Faust	Annapolis	3-20-19-8	50	13
23280	Tom Nute/Rochelle Matieffy	Mission Bay	8-22-4-16	50	14
27092	Teresa Davis/Stewart Lawrie	Arlanta	22-16-2-14	54	15
25871	Fenny Filter/Lynn Fitzpatrick	Cottage Park	13-17-14-11	55	16
26259	John Johns/Cathy Johns	Baron	19-14-6-17	56	17
74806	Jack Mitchell/Ken Mitchell	Oakville	16-1-28-13	60	18
26641	Jan 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	3-1-9-1-3	18.5	1
25781	John Keene/Kris Hablitz	Marblehead	9-8-3-4-4	28	2
26099	Ed Adams/Meredith Adams	Narragansett	14-4-14-2-1	34.75	3
26107	Bryan Fishback/David Krebs	Annapolis	12-17-12-5-8	54	4
26308	Doug Clark/Jamie Fontanella	Annapolis	38-9-7-3-5	62	5
20369	Jerry Thompson/Brad Thompson	Alamitos Bay	4-24-2-15-25	74	6
24087	Sam Mollet/Jeanne Becker	Portage Lakes	3-34-18-17-2	74	7
26309	Martin Zonneberg/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	Lake Lanier	15-23-8-23-14	83	10
24806	Jack Mitchell/Ken Mitchell	Oakville	17-11-20-7-24	87	11
26668	Tom Payne/Linda Zonneberg	Lake Lanier	4-29-25-24-6	88	12
27092	Steve Callison/Teresa 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	Baron	24-27-20-14-10	95	15
27144	Griff Hall/Sherry Eldridge	Annapolis	6-7-6-dsq-7	96	16
26610	Rob Gorman/Lisa Gorman	Marblehead	26-21-10-8-21	96	17
24012	Ben Cesare/Dorrah Lawson	Cottage Park	13-46-15-10-13	97	18
24116	Doug Nugent/Jamie Mackay	Oakville	25-20-22-9-23	99	19
23221	George Fisher/Rick Kirby	Hoover	33-14-19-25-18	106	20
23280	Tom Nute/Rochelle Matieffy	Mission Bay	1-25-19-30-38	112.75	21
25165	Pedro Larson/Mimi Larson	Sea Cliff	22-10-5-45-32	114	22
25871	Fenny Filter/Lynn Fitzpatrick	Cottage Park	53-2-1-1-20-50	119	23
26004	Lee Griffith/Andrea Toroselli	Pine Beach	7-35-23-24-37	136	24
25223	Robin Gates/Nadine Franczyk	Mission Bay	34-37-25-19-22	138	25
25949	Chris Snow/Jill Sander	Annapolis	45-39-24-13-20	141	26
26894	Therry Levinson/Sarah Levinson	Melford	11-29-31-11-50	141	27
26468	Eric Gesner/Jane Faust	Newport	38-33-37-28-16	142	28
25990	Leigh Savage/John Morcaide	Detroit	16-23-34-32-29	143	29
27207	Ebi Jutez/Peter Baillie	San Pardo	40-47-33-12-17	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 Keene, 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 Ed 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)

heconism; 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



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

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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The Marquis de Valle del Cerro, 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 Nyszay photo)

Akibumi Shinoda of Japan. (Tom Payne photo)

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 were 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 Greer 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 — Gwereth 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



Commodore C.S. Reddy of India and crew Steve Callison, Vicki Nystrophiava

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 Clark/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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