Snipe Class Growing Rapidly

In the last issue of Yesternight we gave you a look at the Snipe class boats that had been registered to date and during the past month this list has grown more than in any other month since the start of the class. Racing numbers have been given out for forty-one boats that have been registered by their owners. The largest single slice of registrations came from the Indian Harbor Yacht Club on Long Island Sound with a request that fifteen numbers be held. There are from 110 to 124 included.

Other numbers given out so far are: number 12 to Rockport, New York; number 84 to Locust Valley, New York; number 87 to Detroit, Michigan; number 88 to Fairport Harbor, Ohio; number 57 to Milwaukee, Wisconsin; number 89 to Oakland, California; number 86 to Fort Wayne, Indiana; number 88 to Portland, Oregon; number 20 to Burlington, Vermont; number 103 to Peoria, Illinois; number 104 to Hermitage, Pennsylvania; number 105 to Capistrano, California; number 106 to St. Petersburg, Florida; number 107 to Stockton, California; number 108 to Detroit, Michigan; number 109 to Kansas City, Missouri; number 101 to Sausalito, California; number 102 to Boston, Massachusetts; number 103 to Minneapolis, Minnesota; number 104 to Newport, Rhode Island; number 105 to Chicago, Illinois; number 106 to Milwaukee, Wisconsin; number 107 to Fort Wayne, Indiana; number 108 to Milwaukee, Wisconsin; number 101 to Chicago, Illinois; and number 102 to Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Probably by the time this gets into type the total will be close to 150.

The Indian Harbor Yacht Club of Greenwich, Connecticut, has been in the Snipe class business for a long way. The order for the first few boats was recently given to the Island Yacht Yard on City Island and it is expected that at least fifteen of these boats will be ordered by the club or club members. This marks the second large order by the Long Island Sound in the Snipe class and will doubtless increase the number of boats to be built in the vicinity. It is expected that the Long Island Sound Yacht Racing Association has already signaled its willingness to include Snipe class boats in all the championship regattas and also in Larchmont Race Week. Come on you fellows, negative your boat now in order to be notified of the fun to come.

The Island Yacht Yard has announced a new order for Snipe class boats to the South Bend Club at South Bend, Indiana. One boat was delivered a month ago and another was delivered in an order for a duplicate which was placed on May 15.

The Cape Cod Shipbuilding Corporation of Westport, Massachusetts, report that they are going to build three Snipe class boats this year. These boats will follow the original specifications in every way except in size and cost. According to Captain Garney's letter, "we seem to be very much interested in these boats, and they will be a very popular boat."

The Cape Cod Snipe is constructed with the builder's own plans, and the builder estimates that the original plans and workmanship are the best of their kind. The boat is in perfect running order, and is a good boat for the money spent on her.

The July 1931 issue of Yesternight, in which the original plans for Snipe class boats were first published, contained the following statement: "The plans for Snipe class boats have been carefully calculated and no more can be secured from the publishers. However, the complete plans, all necessary plans, photographs showing the boat under construction, and complete drawings with the detailed description of the boat, are now being printed in booklet form. An announcement of this will be found elsewhere on these pages."

If you have not yet registered your Snipe class boat we would advise you to do so as soon as possible, before the racing season starts. It will cost you nothing. Simply write to Yesternight, 34 W. 35th Street, New York, New York, requesting a number for your Snipe and at the same time giving her name (if any) and racing port.

The leadline dimensions of the 12 Square Meter Sharpie are as follows:

Length overall 19 feet 7½ inches, length bur. 17 feet 7½ inches, beam extreme 4 feet 7 inches, beam lar. 14½ inches, draft 3 feet 2½ inches, draft cr. 6 inches, sail area (actual) 13 square feet.

The first real regatta for Snipe class boats will be held by the City Island Yacht Club, City Island, New York, on Sunday, May 22. At least three boats from New York are due to be present, possibly more. It is expected that the fleet will consist of at least fifteen boats, all Snipe class. Owners of Snipe class boats are requested to be present with boats if possible. Even if your boat is not registered you will be eligible to take part. Don't forget the date—May 22.

Jovie Bresie Comes Again

Jovie Bresie, the famous cutter Julie Bresie, is now on the way across the Western Ocean to participate in our Bermuda Race which is to start from Bermuda on June 1. By the time you see this, she will probably have arrived. She and Jovie, the 54-foot 31-ton Richard yacht, will represent England in this important affair.

12 Square Meter Sharpies in England

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There is no doubt in my mind that the Snipe would have been removed even more extensively in England had it not been for the extension of the 36 square meter rule. This class, which is known as the 12 square meter, was the result of a design competition held by the Yachting Society of Yarmouth, the German national authority. Their aim was to form a class of cheap racing sharpies, nationally recognized, and in repulsion, but price and sail area, were imposed on the entries for the competition.

The 36 square meter rule has been followed by thirty-one entries, submitting designs, an excellent testimony to the interest created. The winning entry came from a young German, Herr H. Kröpel of Wismar. His design shows a boat of different form from the usual American sharpie. She is long and very thin, the hollow bow being a particularly noticeable feature. Her sail shows a boat of considerable speed.

Early in 1931 the plans of the German 12 square meter were published in The Yachting World, and immediately attracted considerable attention. Within a few weeks from the date of the appearance of the plans, several boats had been delivered to English owners. I had the pleasure of seeing one of the host to arrive. Off the wind she showed a remarkable turn of speed, and did well in other points of sailing. She handled perfectly and was absolutelyatraight on a light air. Going a-lee she is capable...
Building Snipe on planking. Showing every stage of construction—next IV. (To be continued) Additional Snipe news on page 64.

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