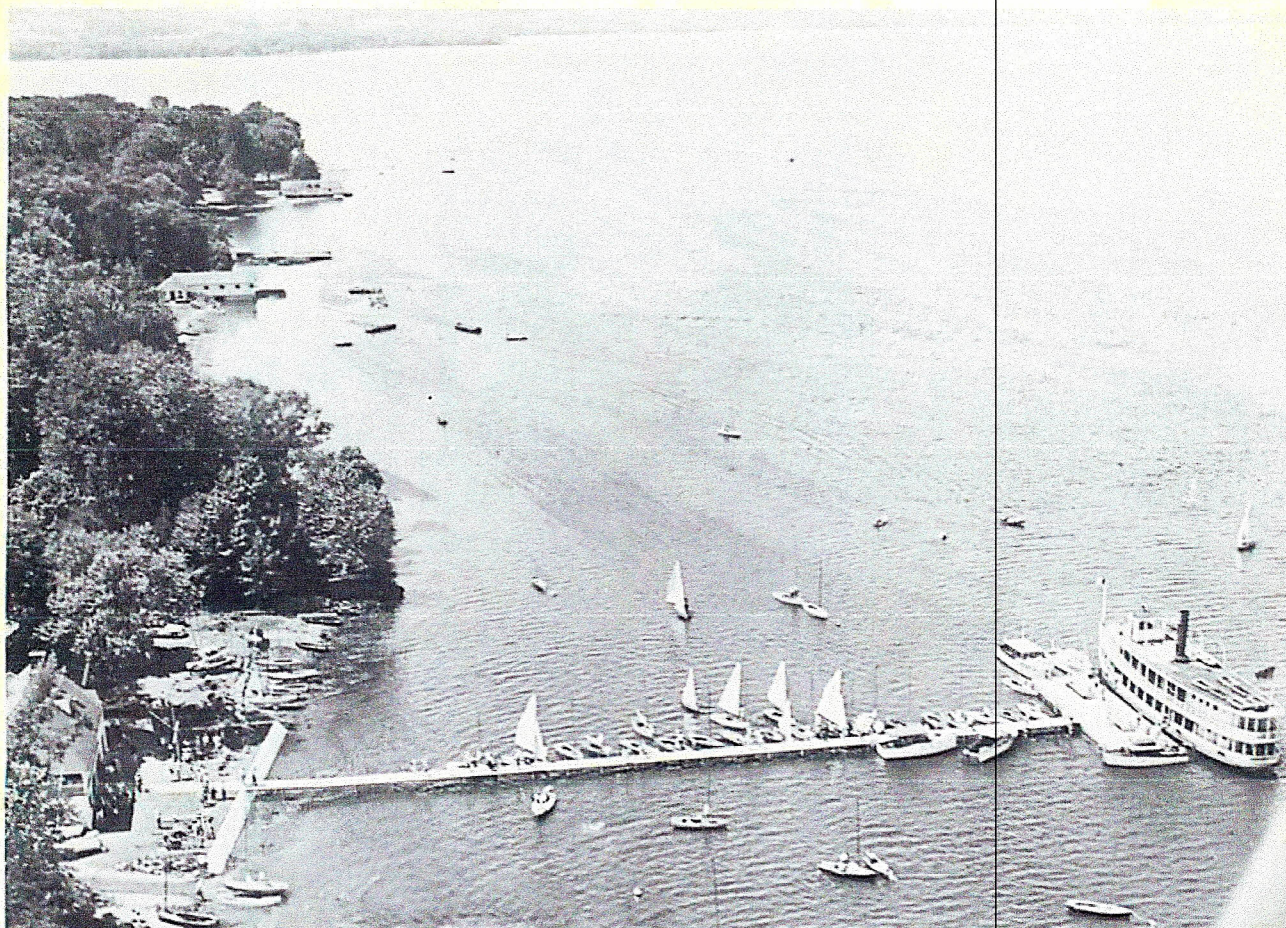


# THE FIRST INTERNATIONALS



Lake Chautauqua showing Chautauqua Lake Yacht Club, docks and large spectator boat.

Bill Crosby had no idea what he was getting himself into when he designed the SNIPE 40 years ago in 1931. In 1932, when this design had already found sailor acceptance he founded the Snipe Class International Racing Association and Hub Issacks donated the trophy which is still the top prize for the International Snipe Champion.

This trophy was in competition (except war years 1943-44) from 1934 through 1945, involving only U.S. Snipe Champions. There was never a foreign entry, in spite of the fact that many foreign Snipe Fleets were chartered and sailing during this period.

Early in 1946 Bill Crosby and the Board of Governors designated Chautauqua Lake Yacht Club, Lakewood, N. Y. to hold the internationals.

The largest number of Snipes to compete in the so-called internationals up to this time had been 28 and while Chautauqua was not out to set a new attendance record it was decided that if SCIRA was to be international that our foreign Snipes better get with it and send some sailors.

With this in mind a small folder was printed by CLYC and mailed to every Snipe Fleet in the world letting them know that a terrific regatta was to be held on Chautauqua Lake and it was expected that they would send a representative.

37 fleets took this seriously - 33 from all parts of the U.S. (only one from each fleet) and one team each from Geneva, Switzerland; Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Lisbon, Portugal; and St. Johns, Newfoundland.

While all this action was going on Bill Crosby knew that something was happening and he was notified that he'd better put in an appearance for the week of August 21 and bring Commodore Heinzerling, which he did.

The championship according to the deed of gift was decided in 3 races at that time. Bob Davis with his father Ken as crew, representing the Balboa, California Snipe

Fleet, won the Hub Isaacks trophy with 2 firsts and a fourth.

The final race had no more than been completed when the foreign skippers had a meeting and called in the chairman of the Race Committee. They made it very clear that sailing against 33 boats from the U.S. was strictly not their cup of tea.

The Race Committee summoned Bill Crosby and Commodore Heinzerling, apprised them of the situation and told them to appoint a skipper to represent the U.S. and one boat from each country would have a race at once.

Eric Hauschild and his crew from Lake Mohawk, New Jersey were elected to sail for the U.S. and he won the first really international Snipe race. An aside, Red Garfield crewing for Switzerland's Dr. DuPan took the good doctor around the course the wrong way, which earned him a compass at the final banquet.

Bob Davis was presented the Hub Isaacks trophy, which from that time forward has only been awarded to the champion in international competition, specifically one boat from each country.

With this turn of events, Commodore Heinzerling, who is an artist and designer, created and presented to SCIRA the Heinzerling trophy emblematic of the National Championship for the U.S.A. It has been competed for annually since 1947.

When these facts were made known, Bill Crosby had an immediate invitation to hold the 1947 Internationals on Lake Lemman, Geneva, Switzerland. Palma de Mallorca, Spain requested 1948 and the SCIRA Board of Governors voted to hold the 1949 races in the U.S. Bill Crosby made arrangements to have this event at Larchmont, the oldest U.S. Yacht Club, with races to be sailed on Long Island Sound. Another aside, this experience will never be forgotten by Snipers Hayward, Wells, and Griffith.

Needless to say everyone had a ball at Chautauqua. Among other things the Chautauqua fleet chartered the only surviving steamboat on the lake for the races. It was licensed to carry 350 passengers and each race found 100 to 200 spectators aboard. LIFE sent a photographer for 2 days (never used the pictures), PATHE NEWS sent a camera man for 2 days, many other news media were represented and race results went out on the AP wire. Boating magazines including Rudder, Yachting, Sea, the Pacific Yachting Magazine, Yachting Brasileiro (3 consecutive issues in Spanish) all carried glowing stories of this championship including our own Jib Sheet.

Chautauqua Lake Yacht Club Snipe Fleet 124 lays claim to 3 outstanding contributions to the Snipe Class International Racing Association:

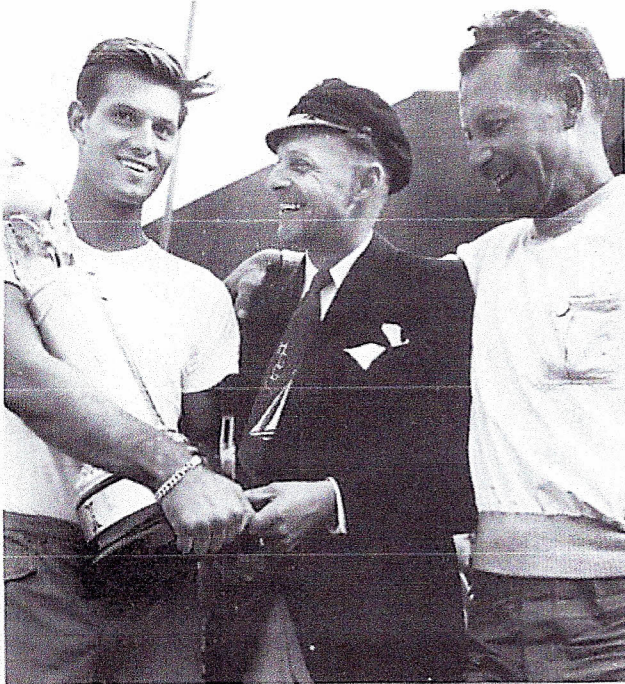
1 - Actually making the Snipe Class international in every sense of the word in 1946. With great publicity Snipe took on new stature.

2 - The 1946 Championship brought together not only Snipers who had already performed great service to SCIRA, but also a great number of them who were to provide leadership in the future. Among them: Chet Miller, SCIRA Commodore 1942-43, who was instigator and part time editor of Jib Sheet until it was succeeded by Snipe Bulletin in 1952; Charles Heinzerling 1946 SCIRA Commodore - and these future SCIRA Commodores: Don Simonds 1947-48; Harold G. Griffith 1949 (Chairman of the 1946 Internationals); John T. Hayward 1951; Carl Zimmerman 1953; Ted Wells 1954; Eddie Williams 1955; Alan Levinson 1959; Red Garfield 1960. (Birney Mills, SCIRA Executive Secretary 1953-1970 was here in 1946 and on numerous other occasions.)

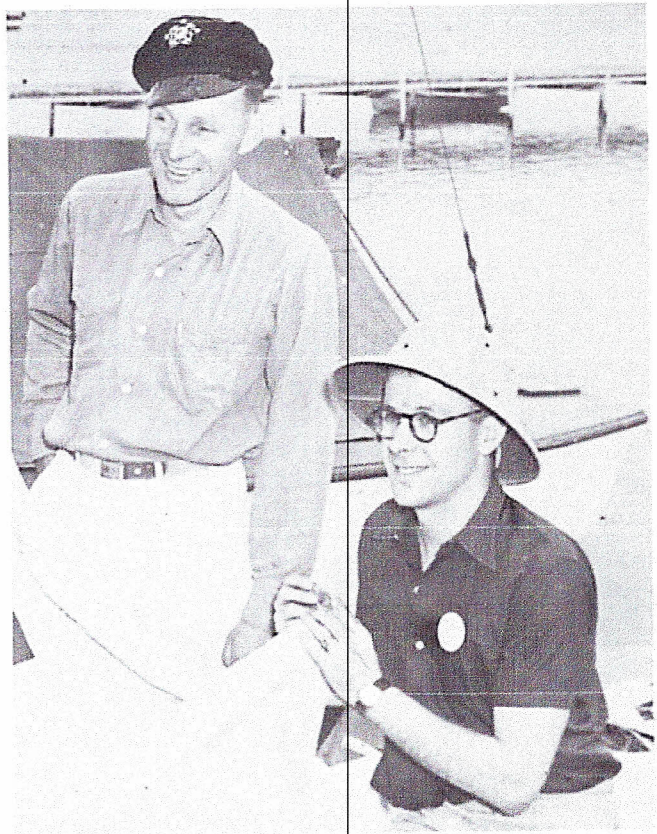
3 - The suggestion that one Snipe for every 5 in a fleet be permitted to sail in the Nationals was passed by the board and continues in effect. It led to the Crosby, Wells and Griffith trophies.

As a final aside, Chautauqua Lake has held 3 National Snipe Championships since the 1949 Internationals - 1949, 1958, 1966 - and each one had the largest number of starters up to that time. The Chautauqua Snipe Fleet had at least one representative in every National Championship beginning in 1942 thru 1969 and had one National Champion, Les Larson with his dad Vic as crew in 1962.

by Harold Griffith  
Chairman 1946 Internationals  
SCIRA Commodore 1949



Bob Davis taking firm hold of the Hub Isaaks Trophy which he won with his dad Ken as crew. Griff is happy thinking the event is almost over.



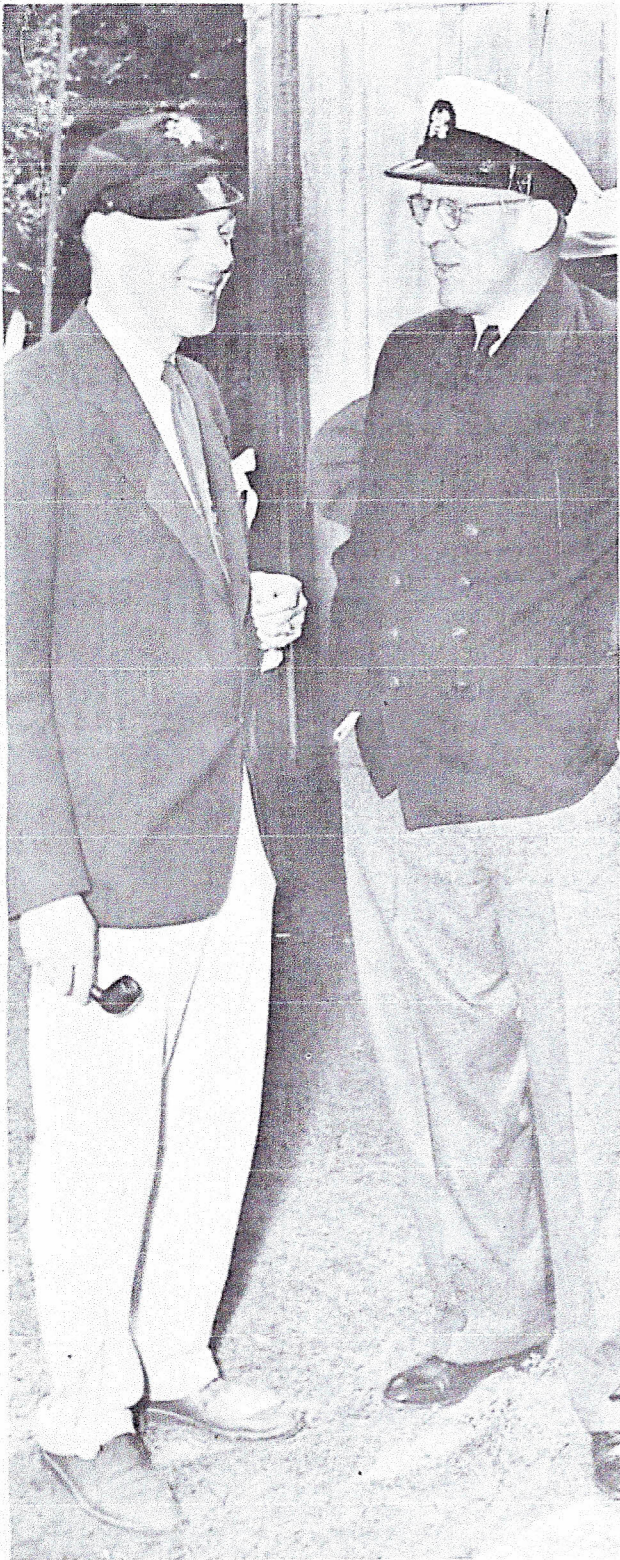
Griff with Dr. Martin DuPan from Geneva, Switzerland.



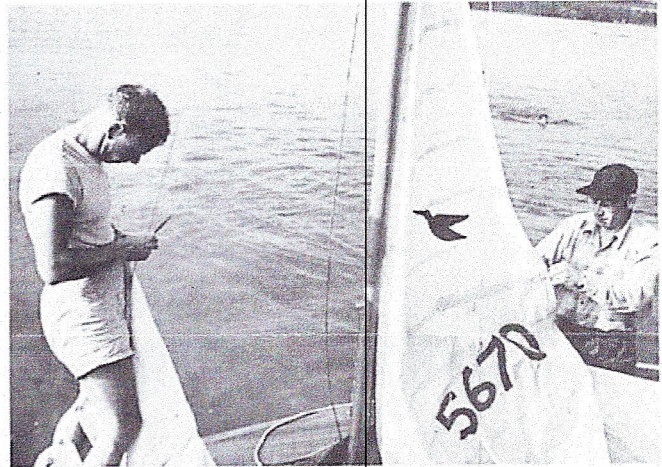
SCIRA 1946 Commodore Charles Heinzerling with Ed Kent, chairman of CLYC patrol and Leslie Powers, treasurer for the Regatta

# INTERNATIONAL AND JUNIOR NATIONAL RACES

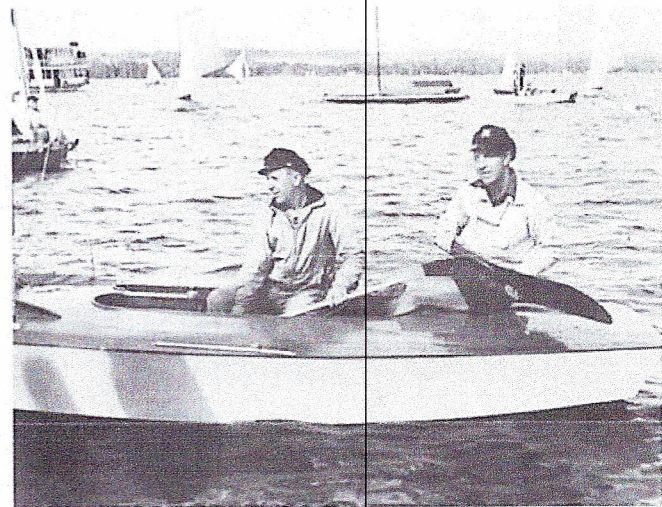
INTERNATIONALS NUMBER	BOAT PRCY	FIRST RACE	SECOND RACE	THIRD RACE	FINAL STANDING	SKIPPER	CREW
2541 Geneva Y. C. Switzerland		11	11	25	2056 14	Dr. Raymond Du Pan	Jed Garfield
2638 Miami Y. C. Florida		32	14	DNF 37	812 36	Johnny Montanari	Charles Branning
3144 Clecott Y. C. (N.Y.)		13	21	DNF 37	1200 25	"Doc" Moyer	Howard Fletcher
3322 Cedar Pt. Y. C. Conn.		22	7	22	1876 15	Patricia Hurley	David Graham
3518 Balboa Snipe Flt., Calif.		1	1	4	4569 1	Bob Davis	Ken Davis
3741 Dallas Snipe Flt. Texas		25	34	16	930 29	Diok Gozzaldi	Hugh Jamieson, Jr.
3777 Leon Lake Y. C. (N.Y.)		27	4	24	1854 16	Ed McHenry	Wally Pinch
3852 Lake Mohawk Y. C. (N.J.)		37	18	15	1221 24	Eric Hauschild	Kenneth Persak
3929 Canandaigua Y.C. (N.Y.)		33	9	37	1104 26	George Bridgman	Eleanor S. Bridgman
3977 Sea Cliff Snipe Flt. (N.Y.)		28	24	19	942 28	Ed von Wolfersdorff	Chapman Martin
3987 Lake Merrit Snipe Flt. Calif.		2	12	3	3806 3	Bob Carrick	Bob Klein
4140 Winchester Boat Club, Mass.		14	23	7	2209 12	Don R. Simonds	Don C. Simonds
4141 Chicago Corinthian Y.C. Ill.		15	13	23	1784 18	Kenneth Schmid	Joseph Thompson
4186 Youngstown Y. C. (N.Y.)		34	31	29	293 36	Clarke Cassidy, Jr.	Allen Spafford
4225 Wichita Sailing Club, Kan.		12	DSQ 38	2	2371 10	Ted Wells	A. N. Lippett
4228 P.L.Y.C.#110 Akron, Ohio		3	6	12	3510 4	Carl Zimmerman	Joan Dawson
4440 Mentor Harbor Y.C. Ohio		30	17	9	1721 19	Newton D. Baker III	John Dixon
4497 Clearwater Y. C. Florida		4	8	17	3034 5	Guy Roberts	Ted Kemansky
4586 Corpus Christi Y. C. Texas		23	26	13	1333 22	Billy Wicker	Bob Vettters
4587 Eagle Lake Y.C. Mich.		8	15	20	2206 13	Curtis Gerber	Maxine Gerber
4589 Detroit River Y.C. Mich.		5	16	8	3010 6	Vic Schneider	Fred Pessl
4578 Privateer Y. C. Tenn.		10	28	31	1236 23	Don Munson, Jr.	W. Don Munson
4584 Sequoyah Y. C. Okla.		7	3	DSQ 38	2609 9	John T. Hayward	John M. Henry
4727 Diamond Lake Y. C. Mich.		36	32	27	302 35	Bill Borough	Virginia O'Boyle
4842 Honey Island Y. C. (N.J.)		35	33	18	629 31	John F. Stillmun, Jr.	Edna Mae Stillmun
4805 Rio de Janeiro, Brazil		31	25	30	477 34	Dirk van Eyken	Ljuba van Eyken
5115 9-Mile Point Y.C. (N.Y.)		19	20	14	1654 20	Tom Hanna	Jack Hanna
5256 City Island Snipe Flt. (N.Y.)		16	5	21	2321 11	Ray Kaufman	Harry Klein
5525 Chautauque Lake Y.C. (N.Y.)		9	2	5	3841 2	Vic Larson	Augie Erickson
5527 Sodus Bay Y. C. (N.Y.)		24	30	28	579 33	Don C. Laurer	Fred Johns
5835 Wawasee Y. C. Indiana		17	10	6	2762 8	Frank Levinson	Allen Levinson
5670 Avalon Y. C. Newfoundland		29	35	DNF 37	196 37	Don Clouston	George Jost
5834 Fleet #197 Lisbon, Portugal		20	27	11	1537 21	Francisco De Andrade	Francisco Guina
5867 Clear Lake Snipe Club, Iowa		26	29	26	594 32	John V. Hayward	Lewis Spaethe
5884 Newport Y. C. (N.Y.)		18	22	10	1851 17	Ernie Coleman	Ruth Coleman
5885 Corinthian Snipe Flt. Calif.		6	DSQ 38	1	2834 7	Marr Grounds	Pierre Havre
5933 Lake Lotowena, Missouri		21	19	32	979 27	Ed. W. Williams	Eleanor Williams
<b>JUNIORS</b>							
1900 Youngstown Y. C. (N.Y.)		15	14	14	2134 16	Don Allen	John Hubbs
2638 Miami Y. C. Florida		9	7	8	3269 7	Johnny Montanari	Charles Branning
3949 Lake Mohawk Y. C. (N.J.)		2	4	4	4259 3	Geo. J. Michel, Jr.	Hans Blocklin
3647 Canandaigua Y. C. (N.Y.)		13	9	6	3033 9	Henry Rohrer, Jr.	Dick Hargrave
3967 Lake Merrit Snipe Flt. Calif.		1	1	1	4800 1	Bob Carrick	Bruce Baldwin
4225 Lake Merrit Sail. Club, Calif.		4	2	2	4411 2	Pierre Havre	Haven Kuttner
4250 Detroit River Snipe Flt. Mich.		8	12	12	2771 11	Jerry Jenkins	Ronald Sutton
4568 Detroit River Snipe Flt. Mich.		5	6	7	3677 5	Sandy Free	Bruce Davenport
4578 Privateer Y. C. Tenn.		7	15	13	2616 13	Don Munson, Jr.	Jimmy Garner
4727 Diamond Lake Y.C. Mich.		11	11	15	2476 14	Dick Brotherson	Nancy Richardson
5115 9-Mile Point Y. C. (N.Y.)		16	16	10	2211 15	Jed Hanna	Bill Sweeney, Jr.
5526 Chautauque Lake Y. C. (N.Y.)		12	10	11	2702 12	Beebe Russell	Manley Johnson
5827 Sodus Bay Y. C. (N.Y.)		14	5	9	3049 8	Don C. Laurer	Fred Johns
5835 Wawasee Y. C. Indiana		6	13	3	3453 6	Harry Levinson	Mary Hough
5885 Corinthian Y. C. Calif.		10	3	DSQ 17	2982 10	Marr Grounds	Timmy Kay
5886 Corinthian Y. C. Calif.		3	8	5	3829 4	Elaine Kirchmann	Randy Hough



CLYC Commodore Griff with Snipe designer & SCIRA Secretary Bill Crosby.



George Jost crew and Don Cluston skipper from St. Johns, Newfoundland.



Vic Larson holding rudder with his crew Augie Erickson from Chautauqua Lake Yacht Club - finished second.



Right, left to right: Francisco DeAndrade, Lisbon, Portugal, Ljuba and Dirk van Eyken, brother and sister team from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and Francisco Quina, crew for Andrade, Lisbon, Portugal.