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Jerelyn, just a "heads-up" on background for this Snipe. It was built by James Vibert of Windwalker Boats (Ottawa, KS) for his own use. It has a plywood hull and deck, but the hull shape and other parts were "scaled" off the original Snipe plans in The Rudder magazine (1931), so it is most likely that it will never qualify for measurement or tolerances. There are parts which are non-standard, like the skeg at the transom, rudder shape and also he has a wooden centerboard, and the mast is of his own design. The owner does not intend to race it. So, it looks somewhat like a Snipe, but it is not really an official Snipe - although he has registered it with SCIRA (#30047). With the old framing details, the boat probably weighs a lot over the minimum (he intends to weigh it after a new deck is installed). It actually looks pretty good, Vibert is an experienced wood-worker and his craftsmanship is pretty good, judging from the photos of the boat and others he has built or restored. Too bad he didn't actually use the SCIRA plywood Snipe plans to build the boat in the first place.

Probably you should put this note in the file for that boat, in case someone acquires the boat in future years and wants to race it.

Vibert sails it on Clinton Lake at Lawrence, KS.

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