

2004 World Masters

Diaz Repeats Title

Lake Bracciano, Italy -August 2-7

Serious Sailing, Serious Fun was definitely the mantra for the World Masters hosted by AS Nautica Sabazia August 2-8. Claudio and Gabriella Ciolo and the many volunteers hosted an outstanding regatta on land with typical Italian flair.

83 boats from 16 countries flocked to Italy to what could be termed the "perfect site for a Masters Championship." The Cufos negotiated with the Aeronautica Militare Sports to enable the regatta to be hosted out of the base, which had the facilities to handle all the boats, people and cars. Because the wind usually doesn't appear until 2:00 pm, the competitors were able to have leisurely mornings either enjoying a cappuccino at the local café, exploring one of the 3 cities that ring Lake Bracciano or sleeping

the Winter Circuit in Nassau, but Carlos was able to pull a few strings and introduce a typical Borelli Rum party like the likes that many of us have never seen! Even the club members were amazed at the transformation of their club to a catered party with one of the largest and impressive bars complete with dedicated bartenders creating fresh blender drinks and other concoctions to cool the evening. Also back on



in after one of the memorable parties the night before! Quaint hotels ring the lake and all were full of competitors and their families who seemed to explore Rome and the various cities within train distance.

Opening ceremonies were held on the grass complete with a local batten & dance troupe and the flag raising. A quick competitors meeting briefed everyone for the next days racing. After the extremely efficient volunteers at registration checked in all competitors, everyone hit the warm beautiful blue/green waters of the Lake. For those who have not had the fortune to visit Lake Bracciano, you must put it on your "must-do" list of Snipe regattas. AS Nautica Sabazia scheduled the Vacanze Romane (Roman Holiday) regatta just prior and with 53 boats competing, many sailors had a chance to test the waters prior to the World's first start.

The social schedule included a party hosted by Borelli, a dream of Honorary Commodore Carlos Bosch who graced the regatta with his presence. Borelli has long been a supporter of

land, the mornings were filled with story swapping, photos with old friends, making new friends and kicking tires (shrouds?) in the boat yard.

The racing...as usual it was very competitive. You can imagine 83 boats on one starting line and the mark roundings were a site to behold. Jon and Jane Persson, regulars at the Lake, won the first 2 races right off the bat, although the 2nd race was not a wire-to-wire win as they hit a left puff propelling them past Giorgio Brazich and Lelio Penso who had led the entire race until the last 500 yards when Felix Gancedo and crew Angela Pumasquina began putting the pressure on Brazich with a tacking duel.

The 3rd day of racing began the controversy, which propelled probably the most protests (32 was last count) ever filed at a Snipe regatta, let alone a Masters. Just

prior to the final boat finishing race 3 and before the lead boats hit the beach, a quick moving thunderstorm hit the fleet that immediately caused everyone to drop all sails and wait the wind and rain out bare pole. After about 20 minutes of hard rain, lightning and thunder, the capable reserve boats who had surrounded by the fleet like a bunch of mother ducks, quickly gathered up the flock including 4 boats that had beached and found shelter in a beach bar that graciously served free beer! Once everyone was accounted for and back on land (about 8 pm) many competitors filed protests against the RC for running the race in excessive wind speed. Days of protests and appeals resulted in long nights and early mornings for the jury, RC and competitors. The following day, the RC let a start go with too many unaccounted OCS boats (the SCIRA rep counted at least 25 while only 6 were posted...), which encouraged another round of protests being filed. In addition, finishing positions were being debated, protests filed against the RC and witnessed by the competitors, which resulted in a result forum that was a constantly moving target. The SCIRA Board will be filing a letter with the Italian Federation and ISAF to ensure that our future



regatta receive competent Race Committees and our SCIRA rules are respected and observed.

Maybe a positive from all of this was that new friendships were forged as competitors witnessed for each other and all the Snipe sailors enjoyed camaraderie through an appreciation of the SCIRA rules. Unfortunately the fleet realized that both the Jury and RC were in cahoots and no amount of protests, appeals or discussions would persuade any changes.

The final day only one race was held although a second race was in sequence, but missed the time limit. Reigning World and World Masters Champion Augie Diaz with Lisa Griffith as crew won the other 3 races that secured their place at the top of the podium.

The division winners were all close with Bibi Juetz/Dante Bianchi topping out the Grand Masters division followed by Jerry Thompson/Jacket Kreffing and Sergio & Enrico Michel. The Masters division found Italians Mauro Maurizi and Fabio Nocera in 1st with Felix Gancedo/Angela Panaregina 2nd and Jan/Jane Persson in 3rd. Apprentice division winners were Augie Diaz/Lisa Griffith, Ben Van Duivenberg/Nadia DeJern in 2nd and Sherri Welch/George Szabo in 3rd.

Walking the boat yard after the last race, everyone was in high spirits because the Clifos and fellow club members had put on an excellent regatta that could not be dampened by the antics on the water. The Prize giving was celebrated with lots of good food and wine, laughter and dancing, trophies, speeches and the lowering of the flags.

Photos: Upper left: Claudio & Gabriello/ What the Masters are all about! Past Commodores, World Champions, royalty and Snipe officers. Below: Enrico crews for his Dad, Sergio Michel. Photos by J. Bichi.

Apprentice Masters (45-54)

1	USA 30288	Diaz, Augie/ Griffith, Lisa	15,25
2	BEL 30008	Van Cauwenbergh, Benjamin/ DeJern, Nadia	74,00
3	USA 30027	Welch, Sherri/ Szabo, George	76,000
4	ITA 29722	Pantano, Marco/ Meritani, Alfredo	97,00
5	ITA 29555	Braga, Ezio/ Parodi, Stefano	107,00
6	ITA 29900	Pense, Marco/ Parisi, Annarosa	113,00
7	USA 29941	Grubbs, James/ Ahmanson, Abby	120,00
8	ITA 29774	Tamborella, Giulio/ Langhi, Stefano	125,00
9	GBR 30227	Martin, Neil/ Stuy, Randi	129,00
10	ITA 29935	Tracento, Sergio/ Pozzo, Barbara	157,00
11	DEN 29939	Andersen, Svend/ Skjoldvang, Pia	161,00
12	ESP 30058	Nogues Soriano, Ferrico/ Vilar, Jesus	177,20
13	FIN 28704	Vejus, Stamps/ Valjus, Reeta	181,00
14	ITA 5513	Dari, Antonio/ Lambertini, Paolo	182,00
15	ITA 28864	Mariani, Giuseppe/ Romani, Marco	185,00
16	USA 29044	Walker, Robb/ Carlson, Rowena	187,00
17	ITA 29975	De Proli, Alberto/ Massa De Paoli, Annamaria	205,00
18	ITA 30001	Crafo, Claudio/ Mazzarova, Gabriella	207,00
19	ITA 28550	Mengoli, Massimo/ Patricolo, Eleonora	211,00
20	JPN 28078	Nohua, Okumura/ Ojivieri, Ringer	215,00
21	ITA 28867	Staffè, Fabio/ Dosutti, Stefano	216,00
22	ITA 30222	Padusa, Alberto/ Minardi, Andrea	224,00

Overall Results - top 5 of 83

Country/Club	Skipper/Crew	Platches	Total
1	USA 30288	Diaz, Augie/ Griffith, Lisa	2 11 0,75 0,75 0,75 15,25
2	BRA 29143	Juetz, Bibi/ Bianchi, Dante	4 4 16 11 4 37,00
3	ITA 29868	Maurizi, Mauro/ Nocera, Fabio	27 5 6 8 8 54,00
4	ESP 19981	Gancedo, Felix/ Panaregina, Angela	3 3 19 7 23 55,00
5	DEN 30303	Persson, Jan/ Persson, Jane	0,75 0,75 10 37 13 61,50

Grand Masters (65 +)

1	BRA 29142	Juetz, Bibi/ Bianchi, Dante	37,00
2	USA 24792	Thompson, Jerry/ Kreffing, Janet	69,00
3	ITA 28812	Michel, Sergio/ Michel, Enrico	75,00
4	FRA 29440	Eichler, Jean Pierre/ Martiniere, Jean	199,00
5	ARG 29341	Gonzalez Uguile, Oscar/ Iglesias, Ramiro	210,00
6	JPN 21349	Yamamoto, Jiro/ Gamilli, Ivo	221,00
7	NOR 29458	Ronoldo, Brynjulf/ Ronoldo, Anne	280,00
8	NOR 29447	Standsby, Bjørn/ Bonini, Barbara	319,00
9	ESP 28392	Perez Lopez, Francisco/ Gines/ Perez Morales, José	347,00
10	NOR 15569	Johnsen, Kristen/ Johnsen, Metilde	252,00
11	FRA 28853	Mazage, Bernard/ Marage, Claude	355,00
12	ITA 29531	Risando, Luigi/ Gualtieri, Fozzar	360,00
13	ESP 19424	Gonzales Marquis Valle del Turia, José/ Belda/ Cervigon, Pablo	371,00

Masters (55-64)

1	ITA 29365	Maurizi, Mauro/ Nocera, Fabio	54,00
2	ESP 19981	Gancedo, Felix/ Panaregina, Angela	55,00
3	DEN 30303	Persson, Jan/ Persson, Jane	61,50
4	FIN 29965	Carsson, Claus/ Wegelius, Fredy	75,00
5	NOR 30018	Majalaender, John/ Kasperdal, Maudunze	75,00
6	BAN 29899	Dunkley, Robert/ Barthelsen, Hege	79,00
7	BAN 2811	Lowe, Jimmie/ Lowe, Lori	82,00
8	NOR 29940	Junson, Birger/ de Faire, Cecilia	89,00
9	DEN 28769	Larsen, Ove/ Petersen, Bo	91,00
10	ITA 30099	Rizzoli, Giorgio/ Panso, Lucia	119,20
11	NOR 30255	Haga, Joan/ Sæverdal, Ida	120,00
12	ITA 29976	Solakis, Alessandro/ Soleris, Enrico	148,00
13	BEL 30199	Calton, André/ Calton, Eric	159,00
14	USA 30262	Irgens, Stephan/ Irgens, Michael	178,00
15	ITA 30212	Tozzi, Roberto/ Vieytes, Edoardo, r.	182,00
16	USA 30231	Timm, Terry/ Timm, Audrey	185,00
17	ESP 28218	Garcia de Soto, José/ Bata, Carlos	212,00
18	USA 29700	Norwood, Woody/ Pedriva, Silvia	222,00
19	SWI 29862	Akerbae, Marc/ Friis, Peter	223,00
20	DEN 28539	Rasmussen, Flemming/ Holstein, Harold	237,00
21	ITA 28958	Tiribassi, Renzo/ Reatti, Alessandro	243,00
22	NOR 30229	Langfeldt, Jan/ Langfeldt, Marit	265,00
23	NOR 28542	Kaiser, Fredrik/ Kaiser, Britt B.	268,00
24	GER 27024	Höckerich, Herbert/ Humann, Margit	304,00
25	ITA 30066	Costantini, Gino/ Renzi, Silvia	325,00
26	JPN 28877	Ohtani, Naoki/ Watanabe, Tetsuhiko	326,00
27	ITA 28860	Pizzarello, Giorgio/ Scrimici, Susa	355,00

