

Norwegians Win 3rd Women's World Title

Trieste, Italy

August 28-September 3

Snipe newcomer Karianne Eickland with veteran Snipe crew Janett Krefting won the 4th Women's World Championship, sailed in light air off the coast of Trieste, Italy, making this Norway's 3rd claim to the title. Eickland was encouraged to compete at the last minute by Krefting, having finished 2nd in the Norwegian 470 Olympic trials. Their finishes of 4 firsts, one third and 2 fourths clinched their victory early, but Japanese sailors Muneko Nakamura/Miho Yoshioka also sailed a great regatta to be in striking distance. Fellow Japanese sailors Kimie Isobe/Yoshimi Matsuura were the victims of measurement/safety spot check and their 1st place finish was replaced with a DSQ due to no paddle on board. For the rest of the fleet, other competitors had double-digit finishes.

Every day the competitors were towed out to the course to wait for wind and usually a longer tow further down the Adriatic chasing wind, which usually came in around 1:30pm. The Race Committee was able to set great courses and did an excellent job running races. With the famous Bora winds dissipating by race time, the RC only had to hold the competitors on shore one morning due to changing weather.

The atmosphere on the course was "serious sailing, serious fun" as most of the competitors were catching sun or taking a swim while waiting for the wind, but got down to business when the races began. With 30 competitors from 10 countries, friendships were made and reacquainted including those who had attended previous Women's Worlds.

The previous weekend the Italian Women's Nationals were held and many competitors from other countries used this as a tune-up regatta. Many junior teams sailed for Italy but the junior team of Maria Skoliapova/Julie Geraseva from Russia took the title.

Societa Triestina Della Vela had been completely remodeled and was newly opened the weekend prior to the Women's Worlds. The men's restroom was converted to women's for the regatta, giving a gathering place for all competitors. The majority of competitors were housed on private boats alongside the club, giving everyone a convenient and quiet home without worry of transportation or expense. The local hospitality of club members, boat owners, staff and sailors was outstanding!

<i>Skipper/Crew</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Sail #</i>	<i>Finishes</i>	<i>Total</i>
1. Karianne Eickland/Janett Krefting	Norway	29705	1-1-3-1-1-(4)-4	10
2. Muneko Nakamura/Miho Yoshioka	Japan	28551	4-2-(5)-5-2-5-2	20
3. Marcela Domata/Cecilia Granucci	Argentina	28698	(12)-5-11-3-5-1-3	27.75
4. Kimie Isobe/Yoshimi Matsuura	Japan	28792	6-9-1-4-(dsq)-7-8	34.75
5. Carol Newman Cronin/Jerelyn Biehl	USA	29592	2-(12)-7-6-8-10-7	40
6. Lisa Foulke Pline/Sherry Eldridge	USA	29147	7-(16)-8-10-6-11-1	42.75
7. Maria Skoliapova/Julia Geraseva	Russia	29480	8-6-4-11-7-(19)-9	45
8. Ulrika Nystrom/Kim Kulstad	Sweden	28221	(ocs)-15-2-2-11-6-10	46
9. Marta Seculin/Chiara Lamonarca	Italy	28867	5-22-10-8-3-3-(24)	51
10. Carolyn Brown/Julie Redler	USA	28955	9-(27)-9-7-23-12-6	66
11. Lise Gehrken/Anne Hege Roed	Norway	28531	3-(24)-12-17-16-14-5	67
12. Pam Kelly/Michele Bustamante	USA	28810	10-7-23-(28)-15-2-18	75
13. Sue Antonelli/Liz Crouch	Great Britain	27106	11-14-13-9-(dsq)-17-15	79
14. Luisa Spanghero/marina Simoni	Italy	28612	15-4-14-(21)-20-9-19	81
15. Anna Zerial/Liviana Picech	Italy	28688	14-13-16-(18)-14-13-13	83
16. Francesca Cappello/Annarosa Perini	Italy	29372	(21)-10-15-20-9-21-12	87
17. Elena Calza Jose/Maxi Cabrera Sanchez	Spain	29441	17-8-20-13-18-16-(22)	92
18. Francesca Komatar/Sharon Vignini	Italy	29000	18-17-17-25-10-8-(26)	95
19. Laura Gandolfo/Daniela Berto	Italy	26508	19-3-6-26-13-(28)-28	95
20. Sara Back/Linda Johansson	Sweden	26842	16-28-(dsq)-12-12-18-11	97
21. Barbara Giacometti/Alessandra Papa	Italy	29189	20-(26)-19-19-22-15-14	109
22. Gweneth Crook/Monique Gaylor	Canada	25843	23-19-(28)-14-17-20-16	109
23. Stefania Favrett/Francesca Mocnik	Italy	28905	25-18-21-24-4-22-(29)	114
24. Giulia Pignolo/Monica de Cata	Italy	24165	24-11-(ocs)-19-25-21	125
25. Manola Reis/Alessandra de Robertis	Italy	29081	13-25-24-(27)-24-23-17	126
26. Giovanna Bertocchi/Giulia Straneiro	Italy	29532	(26)-20-22-15-21-26-23	127
27. Efv Ingebrigtsen/Karin Pettersson	Sweden	27856	(27)-21-26-16-26-24-20	133
28. Rebecca Ulcigrai/Nicole Grio	Italy	29531	22-23-18-29-(dnc)-27-25	144
29. Kuniko Yamada/Hisayo Arai	Japan	28577	(29)-29-27-23-25-29-27	160
30. Marinella Gorgatto/Daniela Rochelli	Italy	29863	28-30-(dsq)-22-dnc-dnc-dnc	173