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The Count: 32 numbers have been issued since the last issue; Finland 2; Argentina 3; USA 3; Japan 5; Brazil 12, and 7 to a builder.

Numbered Snipes: 30456

Chartered Fleets: 877

Cover photo: World Champions Augie Diaz & Pam Kelly of the USA chase down George Szabo and Eric Wilcox at the US Nationals in San Diego. Photo by Fried Elliott.

<http://www.friedbits.com/PhotoBits/Sailing/Snipe/index.php>



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March 1

From the Commodore....

Robert Dunkley

The Snipe class really is the best dinghy sailing class in the world. It's what many of us believe and is the reason why so many sailors in so many countries are members of SCIRA. "Serious sailing, serious fun" is our modus operandi and what distinguishes us from other classes. This motto is what will guide your Board of Governors in the recommendations and decisions we make and what we hope will also be in the forefront of all activities planned by Snipe regions, countries, fleets and clubs throughout the world. Whether it is a local series or a major international event, those involved with planning and running it should always strive to ensure it is well organized, well run and that everyone thoroughly enjoys themselves. To borrow a thought from Field of Dreams....if you plan it well, they will come and then return again and again!

Since the age of 10 when I first was bitten by the allure of Snipe sailing, I have travelled far beyond the waters of our Montagu Bay in the Bahamas, and have always marvelled at the camaraderie and warmth shown among the members of our class; its somewhat akin to being part of a large, albeit international, family. I have fond memories of the international Snipe events held here in my youth (late 1950's and early 1960's) when Ted Wells, Gonzalo (Old Man) Diaz and family, Earl Elms, Tom Nute and many other top sailors from the USA would come for our Snipe Winter Championships. Other major international events held here such as the Snipe World Championships in those days would also see the Schmidt brothers (Axel and Eric) from Brazil, John Hoyt from Puerto Rico, Anton Grego from Yugoslavia, Patrick van Godtsenhover from Belgium and many others travelling to participate and have fun in the sun. Everyone always seemed to have the greatest time. The guns could be heard from afar every day in preparation and start of the races and the club would rock and roll every evening to the sound of calypso music. The trend of "serious sailing, serious fun" obviously was set long before my time and it has become a tradition which we need to ensure continues.

2006 is the year we celebrate

the Snipe's 75th anniversary. With this in mind we plan to have a special Snipe Day;

to be celebrated by all Snipe Fleets in all countries around the world. As your Commodore for this year it is my wish and intention to see that Snipe Day, planned for May 21st, is an event everyone will enjoy and remember for a long time. We suggest all fleets start organizing early and combine the sailing during the day with a fun evening of entertainment at their venue. Everyone should be encouraged to invite non-members and particularly members of the ISAF committees as this is "An Occasion" and we are a class that deserves to be heralded world-wide.

We are the greatest sailing class in the world and I am honoured to be a part of it and to be your Commodore for 2006. Our Board of Directors is comprised of very talented and dedicated individuals and it will be my pleasure to join with them in working to serve and further your interests in the coming year.

Wishing you all a happy holiday and the best of sailing in the New Year,

Robert Dunkley

photos: top: Commodore Dunkley at the 2003 Worlds in Sweden; below: Past Commodore Lowe renames a street in Bracciano, Italy.



Rules Changes for 2006--SCIRA Rule Changes as passed by the Board of Governors. These rules go into effect January 1, 2006.

SCIRA SCORING

SCIRA Low Point scoring system be amended to "DNF equals 1 more point than the last boat to finish"

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

These affect the Rules of Conduct for Conducting National and International Championship Regattas, Notice of Race and Sailing Instruction templates:

. Proposed added amendments are underlined and proposed deletion amendments are in brackets [].

RULES OF CONDUCT FOR CONDUCTING NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL REGATTAS

Entry, Eligibility, and Measurement Restrictions

3. No boat shall be eligible to enter any Class championship race unless she has a Measurement Data Sheet (MDS) on file at the SCIRA office. No skipper or crew shall be eligible to enter any Class championship race unless they possess and present a current Class Membership Card, or its SCIRA-issued equivalent.

NOTICE OF RACE template

Entry and Eligibility: This regatta is open to SCIRA registered boats and Class Member skippers who are in good standing with SCIRA for the current year (insert [co-skipper if permitted and] crew for championship and sanctioned regattas) subject to any Deed of Gift trophy restrictions. No skipper or crew shall be eligible to enter any Class championship race unless they possess and present a current Class Membership Card, or its SCIRA-issued equivalent.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS template

Entry and Eligibility:

2.1 Eligible boats and Class [m]Member skippers (and crew for championship and sanctioned regattas) who possess and present a current Class Membership Card, or its SCIRA-issued equivalent, may enter by completing registration with (insert host club or SCIRA).

CONSTITUTION: Section 32 National Secretaries

A National Secretary may establish procedural rules for the administration of the Class within his country. Such procedures may be reviewed by the Board of Governors and modified by the Board if deemed appropriate. A National Secretary may also establish and maintain a distinct legal entity of the Class within his or her own country. Such corporation's, or legal entity's governing documents and all changes thereto shall be reviewed by the Board of Governors and modified if deemed appropriate.

JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP -

Deed of Gift change:

6. Competitors may use their own boats. The Fleet organizing the event shall provide to juniors not bringing their own boats of good quality and competitiveness that shall be chartered for an amount not exceeding US\$250.00, insurance inclusive. The boats provided shall be of hull #28000 or higher. A committee composed of the Commodore, National Secretary of the host country, a qualified SCIRA representative from the opposing hemisphere, and others to be designated by the Commodore shall be assigned to review and approve the boats. At least two extra

boats will be provided at the regatta site to allow for beyond prompt repair of a breakdown and replacement.

WESTERN HEMISPHERE & ORIENT CHAMPIONSHIP - Deed of Gift change:

Open to: Five qualified teams from each country in the Western Hemisphere & Orient in good standing with SCIRA.

1. Preference including the national champion and runner-up for the current year.

2. All competing skippers and crews must be members in good standing with fleet, country and Association.

3. All skippers must be citizens or bona fide residents for at least one year, of the countries they represent.

4. Each skipper must present credentials signed by its National Secretary attesting that skipper is the entrant.

5. The current champion automatically qualifies for entry to defend its title. The champion's participation is accretive to its country's other entries.

6. The current World Champion (providing it represents a Western Hemisphere and Orient nation) automatically qualifies. The champion's participation is accretive to its country's other entries.

7. The prior year North American and South American champions (providing each represents a Western Hemisphere & Orient nation) automatically qualify. Each champion's participation is accretive to its country's other entries.

8. One top junior qualifier each from: South America, North America, & Orient. These qualifiers' entries are accretive to their countries' entries.

9. One top women qualifier each from: South America, North America, & Orient. These qualifiers' entries are accretive to their countries' entries.

10. If three months prior to the official start of the championships Western Hemisphere & Orient countries in good standing with SCIRA have not registered five eligible skippers, and the number of registered entrants has not reached 50 teams, those entry slots will be reallocated to a pool of qualified entrants, as provided in item 11 below.

A. "Registered" is defined as a skipper has satisfied requirements 2-4 above, and paid to the regatta organizing authority a pre-registration fee as identified in the Notice of Race (NOR).

B. These entrants shall constitute the fleet of "qualified entrants". The organizing authority shall make a NOR available to National Secretaries of countries in good standing at least six months prior to the official start of the Championship.

11. A country may submit additional reallocated entrants up to its percentage of the entire fleet of qualified entrants. For the purpose of calculating the percentage, entrants qualified in 5-9 above shall be included.

12. Reallocated entrants will not count against, nor be limited, the initial per country limit.

13. The sum of qualified and reallocated entrants shall constitute the fleet of "total entrants".

TIME LIMIT - to be clarified at a later date.



SCIRA Officers for 2006

Full contact information available on www.snipe.org

Commodore: Robert Dunkley, Bahamas
Vice Commodore: Pedro Garra, Uruguay
Rear Commodore: Ben VanCauwenbergh, Belgium
Past Commodore: Henrique Motta, Brazil
Chairman, Rules Committee: Giorgio Brezich, Italy
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Western Hemisphere & Orient GS: Andre Wharlich, Brazil

Vice WH&O GS: Hal Gilreath, Jr., USA
US National Secretary: Don Hackbarth
Members at Large

2004-06: Mariana de Isaza, Colombia
2005-08: Elizabeth Crouch, United Kingdom
2005-08: Fernando Tajuelo Gil, Spain
2005-09: Zbigniew Rakocy, Poland
2005-09: Cliff Browning, USA

Treasurer: David Odell, USA
ISAF Representative: Brainard Cooper, USA
Chief Information Officer: Donald Bedford, USA
Legal Counsel: Leigh Savage, USA
Chief Measurer: Antonio Bari, Italy

Rear Commodore:

Ben VanCauwenbergh, Belgium

Ben began sailing at the age of 11 in Antwerp, Belgium and was fascinated that the boats could move by nature alone! Ben's first boat was a Moth-Europe, then an OK-Jolle and after moving to London, began sailing Laser and 470s. After moving back to Belgium, Ben met his future wife Nadia and saw how beautiful the Snipe was and since Nadia was not a sailor, felt the boat was perfect for them and her to learn. Ben's sailing titles include multi-Belgian National Champion, Scandinavian, Italian, English, French and German champions (although some the title remains with nationals) and 2nd in the 2004 World Masters Apprentice division.

Professionally, Ben is an internationally renowned ballet dancer having danced with and in some of the greatest theatres in the world: Rudolf Nurejev, the New York Metropolitan theatre, Covent Garden, in London, etc. Ben has won a gold medal in Lausanne and silver in Varna, one of the biggest ballet competitions. Since 1993, Ben has been the ballet director and chief choreographer of the state theater in Wiesbaden, Germany.

No doubt Snipe sailors also know Marie, Ben & Nadia's daughter who typically accompanies them to various Snipe regattas. Ben is also instrumental in starting the Snipe class in Germany.

Besides sailing, Ben enjoys motor trail riding, skiing, dogs and spending time with his family.



"The Snipe Class is great; serious fun, serious sailing. In the Snipe you meet very good sailors, but especially good people and friends which you see again around the world – amazing!" Ben's parting comment: "Let us try all to keep the soul in the Class."

Member at Large: Zbigniew Rakocy, Poland

Zbigniew began sailing 30 years ago on a tourist boat on Masuria Lakes in Poland. He had his first introduction to Snipes in 2000 in Poznan and crewed at the 2003 Worlds in Sweden and the 2004 Europeans in France.

Zbigniew manages STAR company and has a degree from the Technical University of Poznan. Together with his wife Aleksandra, they have a daughter, Natalia, who currently is a Law student.

Although the Polish Snipe fleet is relatively new, Poland boasts 10 registered boats and 17 members and Polish teams have been seen at most of the major Europeans regattas over the past several years!

Traveling, motocross and quad racing are Zbigniew's other interests when not sailing. He looks forward to the dynamic development of the Snipe in Poland and Eastern Europe.



2006 Committees

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Giorgio Brezich, Italy
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Membership Committee

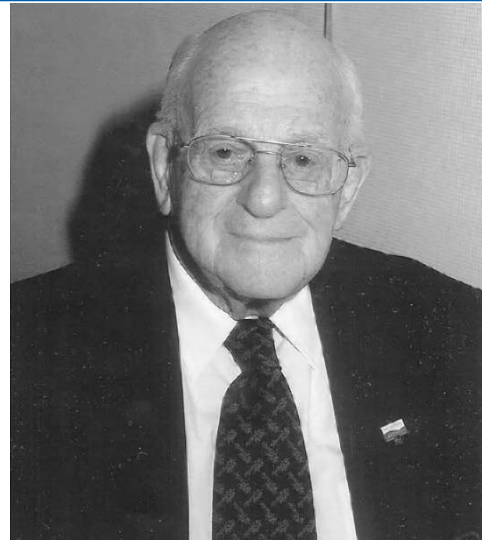
Chairman Cliff Browning, USA
Members Mariana de Isaza, Colombia
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Fernando Tajuelo Gil



SCIRA Loses Edward "Red" Garfield

1960 SCIRA Commodore

Edward G. "Red" Garfield, 91, passed away peacefully at his daughter's home in Grand Island, NY on September 18, 2005 after a short illness. He was a Past Commodore of the Chautauqua Lake Yacht (1965-66) and a member of the Lakewood Rod and Gun Club. He was a sailor for over seventy years, a Past Commodore of the Snipe Class International Racing Association (1960), and a mentor to many young sailors. His survivors include two daughters, Dr. Patricia G. Johnson (David) of Grand Island, NY, and Dr. Elizabeth A. Garfield, Boulder, CO. He has three grandsons, Damien (Erica), and Tullis, in Buffalo, NY, and Lukas, in Boston, MA. He is also survived by his beloved friend June Wahlberg, of Lakewood, NY.



From the SCIRA archives:

"Taylor Brown tuning "Alibi" #4002 for the 1958 season."

#4002 was first owned by Miss Georgie M. Dixon of Cumberland, Maryland, a member of fleet #66, Cumberland. The Snipe was built by Laird Boat Building Company of Norfolk, Virginia, measured June 16, 1940. Cost of the boat (on the MDS) was \$310. Hurst Sailmakers built the sails and the boat weighed in at 472 lbs. Last known owner was Susan Walker in 1966.

*Prepare
you for
the future!*

**Results 2002
Sidewinder mast**
1 – Masters Worlds
1,2 – Womens Worlds
1,2 – European Championship
1,2 – Nordic Championship

Results 2003
1,2,3,4,5 – Worlds
1st - 10th – Nordic Championship

Results 2004
1,2,3,4 – European Championship
1,2,3 – Master Worlds
1,2,3,4,5 – Nordic Champion
1,2,3,4,5 – South European Championship
1st - 15th – Western Hemisphere & Orient

It's not all but it say something about it's skill.

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US CLASSIC WOODEN SNIPE ACTIVITY

For the past year, efforts have been underway in the USA to assist owners of wooden Snipes obtain historical information on their boats, and provide answers to questions on repair and upgrading of these boats. The activity supports the development of the class, and a section of the SCIRA USA web site (www.snipeus.org) is devoted to information on Classic Wooden Snipes. A similar activity has been undertaken by the Snipe class organizers in Finland (www.snipe.fi). Other one-design sailboat classes such as Lightning, Thistle and Comet have similar activities for owners of wooden boats.



In the USA, John Rose of Tacoma, Washington has volunteered to oversee the Classic Wooden Snipe activity on the SCIRA USA web site. He started sailing Snipes in 1948 in Michigan and has owned 14 Snipes over the years (two currently, one a well-known wooden Snipe which is being restored, and the other a fiberglass Snipe), and other larger sailboats. He has seen most of the different styles of wooden



Snipes built by production builders in the USA, and has frequent contact with current and former owners and the SCIRA offices, and boat historians regarding historical information about these boats and their builders. Over the past three years, owners of over 30 wooden Snipes in the USA have maintained active SCIRA membership, and several more were active prior to that. Some of these boats were built in the early 1930s and 1940s.

The Snipe class has a long history from its beginnings 75 years ago, when the design originated in 1931 by William F. Crosby, who was a naval architect and editor of The Rudder magazine, a monthly boating magazine in the USA. Many former and some current owners of wooden Snipes are still active in various avenues of sailing, even today. There is renewed interest in the USA and Finland for restoring wooden Snipes, which are becoming harder to find. Wooden Snipes are displayed or stored at five museums in the USA, and reportedly in one museum in Spain.

For countries with a long association with SCIRA, there may be some wooden Snipes still in existence, either in use or stored by their owners. Snipe associations in these countries are encouraged to promote the advantages and activities of SCIRA membership in their countries, and offer assistance or information to owners of wooden Snipes to build interest among these groups. Those who have been through the wooden boat restoration process have a special appreciation of the special characteristics of these historic boats.

For more information, contact the SCIRA organization in your country, or the SCIRA office: scira@snipe.org or www.snipe.org
Photos by Fried Elliott

Newer Primex Snipe

The Primex Snipe, built in Chile, has been remolded since the last Snipe was produced in the older mold of 1997. The principal modifications are:

- 1) new aspect of the bow at the deck zone, utilizing transparent vinylester resin on the deck to highlight the Snipe as a racing boat;
- 2) Wider work zone for better crew hiking
- 3) NO rail near the stern
- 4) Reinforcements inside the hull on stages 3 and 4, changing dynnicells from 6mm to 10mm
- 5) Reinforcement strength of the deck at the crew hiking zone (stages 3-4-5), changing dynnicells from 6mm to 10mm.
- 6) A new piece to be suitable for all Snipes to reinforce the centerboard box. The visual aspect has changed and is more similar to a 470/420 on this zone. This piece will be available to all sailors for purchase if they feel their boat is becoming flexible (see photo to right)

The weight of the boat alone with elemental fittings is 125 kgs.

Cristián Noé
ARG - 28643



The Position of National Secretary

With Snipes currently active in 30 countries, the role of National Secretary becomes the main and official voice between SCIRA International and their members.

Responsibilities

The SCIRA Constitution outlines the position in Section 32:

Section 32. National Secretaries

Each nation shall elect a National Secretary. Each National Secretary will serve for two years and is eligible for re-election. New officers will begin January 1st of even numbered years. The National Secretary shall be the official representative of the Association in his country and will act as direct liaison between the General Secretary of the pertinent hemisphere, the Board of Governors, Executive Director and the fleets of his country. All correspondence, dues, race results and other Association matters are to be handled through the National Secretary. The National Secretary shall not have powers to interpret the restrictions of the Class, such work to be entirely done by the International Rules Committee, but it shall be the duty of the National secretary to submit such problems to the Rules Committee for settlement. However, the National Secretary does have authority to approve or disapprove the appointment of measurers in his country. National Secretaries, being direct representatives of the Association, shall promote more Snipe racing, aid the growth of new fleets, promote inter-fleet and inter-country racing and shall in general have full charge of Snipe activities in the countries that they represent. They shall, in cooperation with the General Secretary, approve or disapprove of applications for fleet charters and regatta sanctions.

A National Secretary may establish procedural rules for the administration of the Class within his country. Such procedures may be reviewed by the Board of Governors and modified by the Board if deemed appropriate.

In addition, National Secretaries have added responsibilities:

Dues

Collect dues and distribute decals and membership cards in time for racing season.

Collect fleet dues

The following dues schedule applies (in US\$):

Junior dues (not 20 in year)	\$ 5
Senior dues	\$ 15
Boat registration	\$ 5
Annual fleet charter for each fleet	\$ 5

Pay SCIRA office applicable dues by March 31 of each year; zero balance by December 31 of each year (see attached yearly timetable)

Rules & Measurement Compliance

Appoint national measurers and forward names to SCIRA Chief Measurer

Request and distribute Rulebooks to members

Suggest rule changes to the Rules Committee

Request sail royalties as needed

Request new hull numbers as needed

Growth & Promotion

Request new or renewed fleet charters

Assist in growth and support of fleets and development

Reporting & Communication

Hold an annual meeting in your country, preferably at your National Championship. Suggestions for rules changes can be forwarded from this meeting.

Attend annual National Secretaries meeting at the World or Hemisphere meeting. If you are not able to attend, you must select a representative or send a report to be included in the meeting minutes (see attached sample).

Set annual racing schedule as soon as possible; forward to SCIRA office

Forward regatta reports to SCIRA office for printing in Snipe Bulletin
Maintain website (if your country has one)

Championships

When an international Championship is held in your country, the NS is responsible for initial set-up of the championship including the Notice of Race and ensuring the Federation has approved the Championship. Regatta Organization packets are available from the SCIRA office.

Sign SCIRA Bid form and ensure bid is properly completed before forwarding to the SCIRA office.

Sign entry forms for competitors attesting they are eligible for the Championship. Signature of this ensures:

Both skipper & crew are paid members for the current year

The hull being used is registered for the year and a MDS is on file in the SCIRA office.

The sail number being used is registered for the year and the proper country code and sail numbers are on the sails. Sail royalties must also be affixed to each sail.

SCIRA Office Support

The following is available from the SCIRA office at any time:

--Extra copies of the Snipe Bulletin (reasonable numbers)

--Extra copies of the SCIRA Rulebook for juries, etc.

--Membership lists or labels

--Regatta Organization Packets

--Measurement Handbook (currently in the process!)

National Secretary List

The Snipe web page lists current contact information for all National Secretaries. Current lists are also available from the SCIRA office at any time.

The National Secretaries also have a list-serve where they can discuss among all National Secretaries questions, problems and solutions to further Snipe sailing around the world. National Secretaries meet yearly at: Hemisphere meetings (Europeans and WH&O) Championships and the World Championship to give annual reports and share information.



What Snipe Sailors Do When The Water Gets Hard!

The Monotype-XV (15 m2) ice yacht is the only 2-seated ice yacht in Europe today that regularly arranges a European Championship. Top speed is 120-155 km/h and the ice yacht is very, very nice to sail and compete with. The class is active in the following countries: Russia, Estonia, Latvia, Finland, Sweden, Netherlands, Germany, Poland, Hungary and Lithuania. Who will build and race the first Monotype-XV in USA??

We are a couple of Snipe sailors that are active in racing the Monotype-XV iceboat in Sweden. This spring we raced the European Championship in Fiskeboda on Lake Hjälmaren (mid Sweden). 13 iceboats from 5 nations competed. The race course consists of a windward mark and a leeward mark. The distance between those two marks is about 2000 meters and is raced in three laps. The start is from standstill on a line at the leeward mark. At the starting signal you and your crew run like hell to get the ice boat quickly up to maximum speed. The helmsman and crew quickly jumps into the boat when the boat is going faster than you can run.

The winning team came from Russia with former Champions Igor Bolchakov/Kirril Ivanov being to hard to beat this time. In second place with a tight margin came Peeter Sinniväli/Rein Leitmaa from Estonia. The Swedish Snipe sailors George Bolsch/Ergo Kosk (Estonian), Mats Akerblad/Peder Friis and Bernhard Rost/Nicklas Torlegard finished in 3rd, 4th and 5th place. The conditions were a bit tricky with a lot of snow spots on the ice which caused problems in lighter winds (the ice boat stops!) The Swedish team has narrowed the gap to the top three competitors and we hope that for next season that we can close it and see a Swedish European Champion for the first time ever. The competition is very tough and most of the top teams are summer sailing at high level (even Olympics).

I think that ice sailing during the winter season up here in the north where you can't use your Snipe for several months, is very good for your competition skills and also for training your feeling for the material. Ice boating is 20 percent sailing and the rest is trimming and preparation as the material is worn out rapidly if not trimmed right.



The Monotype XV is especially suited for Snipe sailors as it also a two person boat. The crew is a very important person sitting with his back facing forward, using a nine blocked mainsheet. To help him sheet, he has a vest equipped with a chest mounted steel hook. The helmsman has both his hands on the steering wheel and one foot on the release pedal for the mainsheet. The team spirit in the ice boat is very essential as the speed is dependant on constant cooperation between crew and helmsman.

There is also of course the DN class (singlehanded) that is lighter and easier to transport and therefore also more widespread. Check out a short 3 minute video, 35mb at; www.isjakt.se/xv/ with Snipe sailors Bernhard Rost/Nicklas Torlegard in SWE 29 and Mats Akerblad/Peder Friis in SWE 16.

See you on black ice!

Bernhard Rost

National Secretary Sweden

SWE 12375

SWE 30044

Int. Monotype XV

SWE 29



Junior Activities in Norway

Recently I have tried to raise interest at Vestfjorden Seilforening (Oslo, Norway) about junior Snipes (which presently is close to zero—one 13 year old racing with his father).

I took a poll of the various junior racing in Norway and have found the following, although there may be other junior activities in Norway that I'm unaware of.

At Risør Yacht Club they have about 26 snipes, mostly older ones, and about half of these are raced by juniors. Risør village is situated on the Scaw coast, where the

wind and waves are more challenging than most places.

There is also Snipe interest at Kristiansund Yacht Club on the North sea, where they have 5 Snipes for sail training purposes.

There are 2 Snipes bought for junior sailing at Moss and Svolvær. One or two boats are used at a school on the west coast at Oelen.

In Norway it seems that our sailing federation is set on using the Swedish 2krona dinghy for teaching the young ones

who have grown out of the Optimist/E-dinghy, as well as older people who want to go sailing.

If there is any information about how to get a junior program going in a Snipe fleet, I would very much appreciate receiving it, or a reference to where I can find it.

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Croatia Update

Over the weekend of October 15-16, 2006, the Croatian Open was organized by Bojan Grego at Kostrene, Rijeka. Snipe sailors from Italy and Croatia raced with 11 total boats competing. It was a happy day to see Snipe activity back in Croatia. The Grego's, champions from years past, won the inaugural regatta with plans to continue and grow this in the future. Welcome back Croatia!

Results from Croatian Open

1. CRO 29569	Bojan Grego/Vlado Grego
2. ITA 30412	Enrico Michel/Alessandra Papa
3. ITA 30334	Fabio Rochelli/Daniela Semec
4. ITA 29900	Marco Penso/ Annarosa Perini
5. ITA 30374	Stefano Longhi/Pietro Fantoni
6. ITA 30369	Alessandro Rodati/Barbara Bonini
7. ITA 29935	Sergio Irredento/Enrico Bonivento
8. CRO 29908	Milko Volaric/Denis Grego
9. ITA 30066	Gino Costantini/Silva Rondi
10. ITA 30268	Giorgio Stefani/Anna Zerial
11. CRO 15006	Dario Kastelanic/Miro Zlataric

Erith Yacht Club Open

England

3-4 September 2005

Marshall brothers, Iain and Richard pictured at right, win the Erith Open.



			R1	R2	R3	Nett	
1	29501	Iain and Richard Marshall	Maldon YC	.75	4	.75	5.50
2	30315	Brian and Ian Gregory	Blue Circle SC	2	2	2	6
3	27106	Guy Welch, Alison Brannon	Maldon YC	3	3	5	11
4	29611	Sue Roberts, Alan Williams	Blue Circle/Budworth	4	5	4	13
5	29164	Ian Knight, Peter Reeves (Jnr)	Maldon/Erith	5	6	3	14
6	29303	Nic and Hannah (Jnr) McGonigle,	Rutland	6	.75	DNF	17.75
7	26090	J. White, D. Fletcher,	Brightingsea/Erith	7	8	6	21
8	28384	Richard Banner, Eve Peyto	Erith YC	9	7	7	23
9	28276	Peter Wibroe, Debbie Carden	Blue Circle/Maldon	8	9	DNF	28
10	27329	Dawn Snape(Jnr) Sarah Fletcher,	Erith YC	10	10	8	28



2005 Polish Open & Polish Nationals

September 2-4

17 boats from Poland and Italy competed in the Polish Open and Nationals on Lake Zbaszyn. There were 5 races total with 3 on Friday, 1 Saturday and 1 Sunday under sunny skies, but not much wind! Saturday a general meeting was held followed by dinner and dancing with party tales too numerous to recount here! But the Polish sailors followed the Snipe motto: "Serious Sailing, Serious Fun!"



Polish Open – top 3

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| 1. POL 26744 | Manczak Piotr/Blaszka Przemyslaw |
| 2. POL 29973 | Knasiecki Janusz/ Ratajczak Bogdan |
| 3. ITA 29783 | Zuanelli Silvano/ Misiorny Milosz |

Polish Nationals – top 3

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| 1. POL 26744 | Manczak Piotr/Blaszka Przemyslaw |
| 2. POL 29973 | Knasiecki Janusz/ Ratajczak Bogdan |
| 3. POL 29411 | Michalski Zbigniew/Dobrzynski Romauld |

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| 1 st 2 nd 4 th 5 th | Italian Nationals |
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International Swedish Championship

Stunungsund

June 16-19th, 2005

18 Swedish and 2 Norwegian boats made up the fleet for this years championships held on the west coast of Sweden an hours drive north from Gothenburg. Thanks to the two Norwegian boats coming over from Oslo, the Snipe class will have official championship status another 2 years (that requires min. 20 boats competing)

Ebba and I went to this year's event with a mix of hope and nervousness. We did our 3rd racing season together and the first two season had been quite average, only being ably to pull of good results when there where some hiking to be done. However, we felt that light air performance during the spring training had improved due to some changes in sailing style/technique but we still didn't feel we were completely comfortable in this area.

The regatta was sailed over 3 days and 9 races were completed. Many former champions were present and Ebba and I arrived in good time to be able to do some training the day before racing started. We stayed at a youth hostel located 200 meters from the boats right on the cliffs near the shoreline. Staying at these hostels when racing in Scandinavia can really be recommended – friendly, cooking abilities, often close to the water/harbour and cheap.

Most of the regatta was to be sailed in light to medium airs. First day was very light and on the first beat the fleet split left and right. At the top mark all of the boats that went left had good marginal to the right hand boats. Rest of the day turned out do be a left hand corner affair with almost no passing lanes on the beats. We managed three pin end starts and scored a 2-6-4 and were very happy. Last years winners Per-Anders Johansson and Karin Pettersson were in top together with us and Birger Jansen and Cecilia de Faire from Norway. Getting back from a long and sunny day, the organizers helped hosing the boats off and at the same time serving hamburgers/beers to the sailors who just stepped ashore. This was kept up during the rest of the days and it was really appreciated among the sailors.

Second day saw some more wind, but from same direction. Was the left going to pay today as well? Even if it was clear that the left paid day 1, no one could really explain why in the post race discussions. Ebba and I had a mixed day; we tried with pin end starts again only we only has a success

rate out 1 good out of 3. The good one we turned into a bullet, (a bit of more breeze in this one as well) but we got an OCS and a 16th in the two others. Going to bed at night, I blamed myself for putting too much on one card in the starts and due to that making us look bad on the overall results. Still, without the aggressiveness, we wouldn't have won 4 out of 6 starts in the regatta so far. Sometimes it's a fine line to balance.

It was tight, tough and tactical racing the whole day. Gustaf Svensson/Lennart Ljunggren who had a ocs in the first race of the regatta, were sailing without apparently thinking of that, and had a very good score with one discard. Birger/Cecilia were sailing very consistently and had a nice score. Last day was going to be a race between these two boats for the championship. Robert Winther/Martin Persson and Father/Son Edvall had also made some solid sailing and were to battle it out for the bronze.

Last day and the wind had changed 180 degrees. It started out very light and increased over the day to around 16 knot in the last race, which were the strongest for the whole regatta. Father/son Burman got a bullet in the first race. They got off to the right directly after the start and got to the windward mark first. They then managed another 3 laps in front even after heavy attacking from both Jansen/De Faire and Svensson/Ljunggren. Well done!

For us we just kept on sailing as good as possible and pulled of another bullet in the last race. This was partly because of a covering duel between Jansen/De Faire and Svensson/Ljunggren out on the unfavoured left side of the beats. Jansen/De Faire held out in front and became Swedish Champions with a 2 point margin in front of Svensson/Ljunggren. Robert Winter/Martin Persson sailed the whole regatta with very few mistakes and counted only races where the finished between 2nd and 7th. Very solid sailing. Per/Axel Edvall got 4th and Ebba and I were 5th thanks to the last race 1st place.

Best junior team was Oskar Taurell/Simon Edvall in 11th and Mats Gothlin sailed his 44th consecutive Swedish Championship!! Who beats that?

It all ended with prize giving and dinner. Nice prizes from North Sails and Sidewinder Sweden.

Next years Championships will be held on Lake Vettern in Motala 7-9 of July. This could be a good preparation before the Europeans later on in Finland. You are all very welcome.

Henrik Jörhov/ Ebba Friis
SWE 30197

Results - Top 10 of 20

<i>Skipper/Crew</i>	<i>Country/Sail</i>	<i>Finishes</i>	<i>Total</i>
1. Birger Jansen/Cecilia deFaire	NOR29940	1-8-3-1-(11)-5-4-1-3	26
2. Gustav Svensson/Lennart Ljunggren	SWE28042	(ocs)-2-5-2-6-4-2-3-4	28
3. Robert Winther/Martin Persson	SWE29860	5-3-6-7-(15)-3-7-2-5	38
4. Per/Axel Edvall	SWE30068	(13)-4-2-3-2-11-12-7-2	43
5. Henrik Jorhov/Ebba Friis	SWE30197	2-6-4-16-1-(ocs)-11-4-1	45
6. Tomas Berg/Patrick Wollmersson	SWE27459	6-(15)-1-4-8-9-6-5-6	45
7. Per-Anders Johansson/Karin Pettersson	SWE29819	3-1-8-13-9-1-(ocs)-12-7	54
8. Bo/Bodil Lindsjo	SWE29979	8-10-10-11-13-(ocs)-8-6-11	77
9. Martin Alvefjord/Rickard Oberpichler	SWE27448	10-7-13-(Ocs)-4-ocs-3-8-16	82
10. Mats Akerblad/Morgan Broberg	SWE29862	7-12-15-8-12-13-10-(10)-8	85



South Brazilian Championship - 2005

September, 7 - 11, 2005
Santos, Brazil

Tinoco brothers win South Brazilian regatta

After three days of good winds and eight races, the brother sailors Alexandre and Mario Tinoco won the 35th South Brazilian Championship, that took place in Santos a harbor town on the southern shore of São Paulo state (the first state to the south of Rio de Janeiro).

On the first day scheduled for races to take place everyone was there, except for the wind. Luckily on the following days, the customary easterly prevailed favoring competitors and competition.

“Those who could not or wanted not to come really missed a first rate regatta. The racing was very close since the beginning. Wind conditions turned out excellent and the organizers themselves did a real good job”, where the words Alexandre Tinoco.

Runner up was the local crew of Rafael Gaglioti and Henrique Gomes, newcomers to the class; third place went to Ricardo Barbosa and Felipe Britto, from neighboring São Paulo city.

A fact worth of notice was the true interstate characteristic of the event, with crews from a whole many states besides São Paulo, including Rio de Janeiro, Santa Catarina and Sergipe.

Besides the racing itself, on every single day the sailors where hosted to a traditional brazilian *churrasco*, after the races. On the last day a big party crowned the event with a prize giving ceremony with everyone participating and having a big time.

Full results can be found on the site www.snipe483.org



Results:

1- BRA 30333 A.Tinoco, M.Tinoco:	2-3-5-1-(dsq)-3-1-2 – 17 pts.
2- BRA 30100 R.Gaglioti, H.Gomes:	1-4-2-3-4-(7)-2-5 – 21 pts.
3- BRA 9156 R.Barbosa, F.Britto:	4-(9)-1-8-1-4-3-1 – 22 pts.
4- BRA 29823 M.Bellot, E.Molina:	3-2-7-2-3-2-(7)-4 – 23 pts.
5- BRA 30230 R.Rezende, K.Diemer:	7-(7)-4-5-6-1-4-3 – 30 pts.

Russians Hold 4 Major Regattas

Eugeny Ryzihikov/Semen Chistikov dominate in all 4!

East European Championship

August 10-14 Top 5 of 23

1. Eugeny Ryzihikov/Semen Chistikov	Russia	1-1-4-1-(10)-2-1-1-1-6	16.5
2. Maksim Kuzmin/Aleksandr Shirokov	Russia	7-(9)-2-2-5-1-2-2-2-3	25.75
3. Andrej Astashev/Anna Kovrigina	Russia	3-(7)-3-6-7-7-6-5-3-1	40.75
4. Konstantin Umnov/Dmitrij Sapronov	Russia	5-8-(14)-4-6-3-3-3-4-9	45.00
5. Ekaterina Bessonova/Aleksandra Sokolova	Russia	6-4-8-3-1-8-5-(13)-5-8	47.75

Russian Open

June 22-26 Top 5 of 20

1. Eugeny Ryzihikov/Semen Chistikov	Moscow	3-(8)-3-3-1-5-1-1-2-(ocs)-1	19.00
2. Maksim Kuzmin/Aleksandr Shirokov	Moscow	2-2-2-1-2-1-3-2-(6)-(dnf)-5	19.50
3. Juliya Geraseva/Mariya Larceva	Moscow	5-(10)-7-4-7-4-(11)-5-1-7-2	41.75
4. Anna Kovrigina/Natalya Reshetova	Moscow	8-1-(12)-10-9-6-2-8-4-1-4	42.50
5. Sergej Avdonin/Ivan Druzhinin	Sochi	4-3-4-2-(14)-3-(12)-4-8-4-12	44.00

Moscow Open

June 22-26 Top 5 of 23

1. Eugeny Ryzihikov/Semen Chistikov	Moscow	1-1-3-1-2-(6)-1	8.00
2. Valentin Uvarkin/Vyacheslav Sivenkov	Dolgoprudnyj	(9)-2-1-2-4-3-4	15.75
3. Maksim Kuzmin/Aleksandr Shirokov	Moscow	2-4-(13)-9-1-2-2	19.75
3. Juliya Geraseva/Mariya Larceva	Moscow	5-(9)-5-6-7-1-3	26.75
4. Anna Kovrigina/Natalya Reshetova	Moscow	4-5-8-4-6-(dnf)-5	32.00

Fleet 832 Champions

Eugeny Ryzihikov/Semen Chistikov

2006 Snipe Racing Schedule

International Championships

Winter Circuit - Midwinters	March 26-28	Clearwater, Florida, USA
Winter Circuit - Don Q	March 31-April 2	Miami, Florida, USA
Winter Circuit - Bacardi	April 5-8	Nassau, Bahamas
South Americans	Easter	Mar del Plata, Argentina
Majsnipen*	May 6-7	Gothenburg, Sweden
Wiibroe Cup*	June 3-6	Espergaerde, Denmark
Scandinavian Championship*	July 28-30	Pori, Finland
European Championship	July 31-Aug. 5	Pori, Finland
North Americans	August 18-20	Gull Lake, Michigan, USA
Polish Cup	September	Poznan, Poland
Vikingsnipen*	September 26-27	Oslo, Norway
Master Worlds	October 3-7	Nassau, Bahamas
Western Hemisp. & Orient	October 22-27	Miami, Florida, USA
Women's Worlds	November 19-26	Punta del Este, Uruguay

*Nordic Championship - series of regattas

National Championships

USA-Womens	March 11-12	Jacksonville, Florida
Italy - Women's & Masters	June 3-4	Caldonazzo, Italy
Germany	June 9-11	Caldonazzo, Italy
Norway	July 6-9	Oslo, Norway
Sweden	July 7-9	Motala, Sweden
USA	July 7-14	Erie, Pennsylvania
Italy	August 23-26	Trieste, Italy
Poland	September	Poznan, Poland

Long Range Championships

2007

Pan Am Games	July	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Snipe Worlds	September 8-15	Oporto, Portugal

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full rotation schedule on www.snipe.org

Year	Event	Scheduled venue
2007	Junior Worlds	Southern Europe
2008	Women's Worlds	Southern Europe
2008	World Masters	Europe
2008	WH&O	South America
2008	Europeans	Southern Europe



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Bahamas	12	11
Belgium	22	39
Bermuda	3	2
Brazil	75	110
Canada	10	19
Chile	23	48
Colombia	24	27
Croatia	1	4
Cuba	0	0
Denmark	20	20
Finland	25	47
France	46	74
Germany	8	11
India	5	3
Italy	143	299
Japan	313	768
Norway	149	198
Poland	10	17
Portugal	62	93
Puerto Rico	9	14
Russia	49	65
Spain	186	216
Sweden	51	70
United Kingdom	19	28
United States	516	682
Uruguay	10	24
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2004 Japan Championships 1,2,3,4,5
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