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**The Count:** 35 new numbers were issued; Denmark-2 Brazil-2, Sweden-2, Portugal 1, USA-15, Italy-3, Norway-2, France-1, Poland-1 and 6 to builders.

**Numbered Snipes:** 29982  
**Chartered Fleets:** 859

10 away from 30,000!

## 3 New Fleets

Welcome to these new fleets:

**857-Póvoa de Varzim, Portugal**

**858-Club Nautico Hansa, Colombia**

**859-Caput Mundi, Rome, Italy**

## 2001-2004 Rulebook

New Rulebooks will be mailed to all members who request them. The new SCIRA Rulebook and the Rules Committees interpretations can be accessed on the Snipe web page:  
[www.snipe.org](http://www.snipe.org) -  
Rules Changes  
or visit:

[www.vivoscuola.it/us/brantn311/rules\\_page/index.htm](http://www.vivoscuola.it/us/brantn311/rules_page/index.htm)

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The 2002 ISAF Regulations are available for download on the ISAF website at [www.sailing.org/regulations](http://www.sailing.org/regulations) in entirety or to download by parts.

Also available is an overview paper highlighting the major changes which were made in November 2001. However, please note this paper is purely intended as a guide to assist and you should refer to the specific Regulations. 2002 ISAF Regulations [www.sailing.org/regulations](http://www.sailing.org/regulations)

### 2002 Special Regulations

The Special Regulations effective 1 January 2002 are available from the ISAF website <http://www.sailing.org/offshore>

**Masthead and other worlds photos: 2001 World Championship, Punta del Este, Uruguay. Photos by Ricardo Figueredo & Miguel Cvello. [imfoto@adinet.com.uy](mailto:imfoto@adinet.com.uy)**

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# Paradedas' Capture 40<sup>th</sup> World Championship

## Punta del Este, Uruguay

In SCIRA's 70<sup>th</sup> year, the Brazilians came on strong to finish in the top 2 positions and capture the 40<sup>th</sup> Snipe World Championship held in beautiful Punta del Este, Uruguay, November 24-December 2, 2001.

Consistency was again the factor with cousins Alexandre & Eduardo Paradedas, and the brother duo of Federico and Felipe Vasconcellos, in retaining the top spots. Tied with the Vasconcellos were another brother duo of Cristian and Alejandro Noe of Argentina who showed consistency with 3 first place finishes, but deeper finishes dropped them back and also became the determiner of the tie breaker.

Yacht Club Punta del Este's facilities and management were outstanding and gave all the competitors an equal footing both on and off the water. Unpredictably lighter breezes caused many of the heavier teams to be unprepared for the change in tactics, but those able to quickly adjust found themselves at the top of the leader board.

### Day 1

Winds from the northeast gave the most breeze of the Championship and big chop gave the sailors an added challenge. The Noe brothers won the opening race starting the regatta with a bang, looking like they were the team to beat. Local Uruguayans Santiago Silveira/Nicolas Shaban were cheered across the finish in 2<sup>nd</sup> with defending World Champions Nelido Manso/Octavio Lorenzo of Cuba 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### Day 2

An on-shore postponement started day 2 but was dropped by noon as the wind filled to get the races going. Races began in 6-8 knots out of the East-south-east with flat seas – quite an opposite to the previous day. A windward-leeward with offsets and a gate at the bottom mark was signaled and the fleet spread across the entire course looking for breeze and playing the current. Jr. World champions Lucas Gomez/Marcos Montanaro of Argentina led with another former Jr. world competitor Diego Garcia/Martin Dovat 2<sup>nd</sup> followed by the Noe brothers and Paradedas. By the bottom leeward mark, many positions had



2002 World Champions Alexandre Paradedas and cousin Eduardo Paradedas of Brazil enjoy their trophies with the crowd. Flanked by SCIRA Past Commodore Horacio Garcia Pastori & Commodore Bertel Bojlesen

changed and the Noe brother rounded first followed by Luis Soubie/Celia Granucci of Argentina. The wind shifted left and the course was moved leaving the competitors to pick their sides. At the finish, Noes crossed first followed by Hardesty/Rogers who charged through the fleet, with Paradedas, Garcia/Dovat & Spaniards Fernando Rita/Javier Sintes in 5<sup>th</sup>. As the breeze built, the course was again re-adjusted and the fleet finally got off under Z and I flags. The breeze shifted to the east at about 10-12 knots. Silveira/Shaban led the entire race with their easily recognizable yellow boat and extended their lead throughout, with the fleet behind them constantly changing positions. Brazilians Paradedas and Carlos Wanderley/Richard Zietmann were in the top until Wanderley hit the weather mark and had to do a circle. Cubans Manso/Lorenzo moved near the Brazilians with Gomez/Montanero close behind. Hardesty/Rogers climbed through the fleet again to keep another consistent score as did the Vasconcellos brothers, while double race winners the Noe brothers struggled mid-fleet. Japanese sailors Takushima/Kangi stayed near the top to score a good finish. The jury flagged a few sailors for kinetics and circles were done. At the end of the day, Hardesty/Rogers led the leader board with their consistent finishes.

### Day 3

Changing weather patterns with a nice breeze in the morning dissolved by the time the competitors reached the race course. After an hour postponement, the breeze began to fill from the East-south-east at 10-12 knots. The anxious fleet had several recalls on race 4 prompting another Z & I combination. 5 boats were caught over at the start. The Paradedas sailed well again leading to the weather mark and never looking back. Following them were Hardesty/Rogers, Manso/Lorenzo and Wanderley/Zietmann charging from behind. At the finish, Paradedas crossed first followed by Wanderley/Zietmann. Kevin Funsch and Watt Duffy of the US hit a shift at the finish to cross Manso/Lorenzo and capture 3<sup>rd</sup> with Soubie/Granucci rounding out the top 5. The breeze began to fill more shifting east with clouds rolling in, signaling the coming storm. Race 5 began again under the Z, catching 8 over early. The left side seemed to pay with more pressure and a clear path of breeze, and at the top mark, Cubans Manso/Lorenzo led, extending their lead away from the pack the entire time. Silveira/Shaban of Uruguay and the ever consistent Vasconcellos brothers of Brazil battled back and forth over the course of the regatta. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> leg, the wind shifted a little more left and positions

changed by the leeward mark. The Paradedas were moving ahead followed closely by "the Brazilian navy" of Wanderley/Zietmann, Vasconcellos brothers and double Jr. World Champion Andre Fonseca/Rodrigo Duarte. At the finish, Manso/Lorenzo crossed by 30 seconds, but had a Z-flag penalty, Vasconcellos brother, Paradedas, Japanese sailors Takeshi Yoshioka/Shinsei Ueda and Fonseca/Duarte, who were caught twice on recalled starts.

#### Day 4 – lay day

#### Day 5

Fresh breezes of 9-13 knots out of the SW gave 2 final challenging races for the 61 boats. Race 6 started in 8-10 knots with a clean start the first time around. A clearly visible current line ½ way up the course caused some major challenges, especially at the weather mark and offset. Many teams were unable to pass the offset and had to do several tacks just to round the mark. Wanderley/Zietmann rounded first with Funsch/Duffy 2<sup>nd</sup> and the Noe brothers 3<sup>rd</sup>. Those in the hunt for the title rounded substantially back, but some were able to crawl back through the fleet to get a nice end result. By the 2<sup>nd</sup> weather mark, the current had subsided some, but the competitors could still be seen giving the marks very wide berths! At the finish, Noe brothers added another 1<sup>st</sup> to their collection followed by Funsch/Duffy, Wanderley/Zietmann, Gomez/Montanaro and the Vasconcellos brothers. As the Paradedas crossed in 6<sup>th</sup> overall, the crown had been won and they celebrated and watched the remaining race from the sidelines.

Going into the final race, there were several teams that could finish 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unfortunately after 1 general recall, 4 more starts under a Z flag caught 21 boats over; 2 were caught twice. The breeze had increased to 12-15 and the current had subsided even more, making the course more equal. Silveira/Shaban and the Vasconcellos brothers were 1 point apart, with the Noe brothers 7 behind and Hardesty/Rogers another 10 points out. Vasconcellos and the Silveira/Shaban had a close race until the downwind leg, while Hardesty/Rogers stayed in the top 3 and managed to move into 2<sup>nd</sup> at the finish. The Noe brothers hovered around 5<sup>th</sup> until the final beat where they man-

aged to pass the Russians and Fabini to finish behind Hardesty/Rogers for 3<sup>rd</sup>. Newcomers Cuban sailors Rogelio Padron and Eduardo Alonso won the last race to clinch the Earl Elms Perpetual.

#### Social

YC Punta del Este with Commodore (and past SCIRA Commodore) Horacio Garcia Pastori pulled out all the stops when it came to servicing the sailors, officials and guests. Each day when the sailors arrived on shore, they were treated to freshly grilled hamburgers or hotdogs and lots of soda & beer. The hungry sailors ate it up! The paella dinner for 200 was a site to be seen, and the South American grill night treated all to great cuts of beef. The Uruguayan hospitality was fantastic. The large boat yard had plenty of room for all the teams to rig & repair boats, and the separate regatta office provided an informal meeting area for everyone involved.

Meanwhile, the jury, headed by multi-Snipe champion Fernando Sanjurjo, was kept busy, but luckily the regatta was won cleanly on the water and not in the room. Race Committee chairman Bernt Knuppel and his band of race officials ran excellent courses and adjusted to each wind shift accordingly. All in a day's work to run another successful Snipe World Championship.

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Many of these sailors will be back in 2003 in Landskrona, Sweden for the 41<sup>st</sup> Snipe World Championship.



Photo: Jan Persson of Denmark with Brian Janney surf a wave during the Worlds in Uruguay

#### Stories from the Boat Yard

Every once in a while you run across stories that have to be shared. Like the one about 2 brothers, current Western Hemisphere & Orient Champions, who didn't think they would be able to make the Worlds, just one country away, due to university studies and lack of time & transportation to get their boat there. In steps Bibi Juetz, long time Snipe sailors and 1998 World Master champion. Bibi volunteered to drive the boys boat to Punta del Este (some 2000+ kilometers) and encouraged these young sailors to compete – and compete they did finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> overall!

The other is a local story. Skipper Santiago Silveira sailed with his crew, Nicolas Shaban, who had learned to sail through the YC Punta del Este community sailing program. The Worlds was Nicolas' first major regatta, and at 17 years old, he and his skipper at age 20 sailed the regatta of their lives to claim top local rights and announce they are a force to be reckoned with!



# Results - 40th Snipe World Championship

## Punta del Este, Uruguay

	<b>Skipper/Crew</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Sail #</b>	<b>Finishes</b>	<b>Total</b>
1.	Alexandre/Eduardo Paradedas	Brazil	29821	9-3-2-1-3-6-(dnc)	24.0
2.	Federico/Felipe Vasconcellos	Brazil	29631	(12)-7-4-12-2-5-10	40.0
3.	Cristian/Alejandro Noe	Argentina	28643	1-1-25-(29)-9-1-3	40.0
4.	Santiago Silveira/Nicolas Shaban	Uruguay	29827	2-12-1-8-6-22-(32)	51.0
5.	Bill Hardesty/Jon Rogers	USA	29222	4-2-5-18-18-(25)-15p20	62.0
6.	Carlos Wanderley/Richard Zietemann	Brazil	29822	28-(dsq)-11-2-7-3-(22p20)	73.0
7.	Diego Garcia Terra/Martin Dovat	Uruguay	29785	16-4-13-20-8-13(46p20)	74.0
8.	Adrian Marcatelli/Fernando Zapatoski	Argentina	29339	7-10-6-27-(31)-9-18	77.0
9.	Nelido Manso/Octavio Lorenzo	Cuba	29518	3-(43)-3-4-14p20-34-21	79.0
10.	Ricardo Fabini/Maria Stefani	Uruguay	28026	10-29-10-9-22-(42)-7	87.0
11.	Augie Diaz/Mark Ivey	USA	28810	32-6-17-6-20-8-(35)	89.0
12.	Lucas Gomez/Marcos Montanaro	Argentina	28785	(27)-11-7-25-19-4-27	93.0
13.	George Szabo/Eric Wilcox	USA	29672	13-(32)-19-22-16-16-8	94.0
14.	Luis Soubie/Cecilia Granucci	Argentina	28701	8-8-27-5-(34p20)-27-22	97.0
15.	Maxim Semerhanou/Dimitri Sapronou	Russia	29490	17-(48)-8-14-10-37-17p20	103.0
16.	Kevin Funsch/Watt Duffy	USA	29628	23-13-31-3-(37)-2-32p20	104.0
17.	Casto Martinez/Walter Pastor	Spain	29507	5-30-(44)-21-25-11-12	104.0
18.	Andre Fonseca/Rodrigo Duarte	Brazil	29254	14-(42)-20-20p20-31p40-14-6	105.0
19.	Enrico/Franco Solerio	Italy	29571	18-14-28-19-(48)-10-18p20	107.0
20.	Aureliano Negrin/Martin Perez	Spain	29792	20-19-15-10-24-33-(38)	121.0
21.	Doug Hart/Steve Stewart	USA	29314	25-9-18-39-11-24-(61p20)	126.0
22.	Fernando Rita/Javier Sintes	Spain	29376	15-5-9-30-38-(44)-39	136.0
23.	Yakeshi Yoshika/Shinsei Ueda	Japan	29073	38-(44)-37-16-4-29-13	137.0
24.	Rogelio Padron/Eduardo Alonso	Cuba	26916	11-38-35-26-27-(44)-1	138.0
25.	Raul Valenzuela/Jose Martinez	Spain	29787	36-16-12-33-(40)-15-36p20	148.0
26.	Tiago Roquette/Tiago Marcelino	Portugal	29967	6-17-39-43-26-28-(ocs)	159.0
27.	Hal Gilreath/Rob Hallawell	USA	29324	41-37-23-24-(42)-19-17	161.0
28.	Henry Filter/Lorie Stout	USA	29867	45-28-34-17-(62p20)-17-20	161.0
29.	Birger Jansen/Cecilia De Faire	Norway	29940	35-24-24-23-28p20-30-(47)	164.0
30.	Antonio Pons/Lorenzo Mesquida	Spain	29870	19-21-16-15-dnd-(35)-28p20	167.0
31.	Thomas Iversen/Karina Aamann	Denmark	29970	22-15-(55)-13-29-44-50p20	173.0
32.	Yuzo Morita/Akira Setoguchi	Japan	29392	30-27-38-40-12-31-(45)	178.0
33.	Andre Warlich/Fernando Alves	Brazil	26804	26-(45)-41-44-36-7-29	183.0
34.	Yorita/Miura	Japan	29744	29-40-42-(50)-17-12-43p20	183.0
35.	Ulrik/Heidi Sandvig	Norway	27971	43-26-(48)-38-32-20-28	187.0
36.	Dimitri Berezkin/Edward Skorniakov	Russia	29480	37-35-36-(41)-23-18-40p20	189.0
37.	Reidar Berthelsen/Marius Waersten	Norway	28775	33-22-14-(46)-45-44-21	189.0
38.	Patrik Jonsson/Richard Oberpichler	Sweden	29860	46-34-26-(67p20)-13-23-64p20	206.0
39.	Hirohito Takushima/Shinsuke Kangri	Japan	29620	54-50-21-11-28-43-(56p20)	207.0
40.	Katsuhiro Imai/Minoru Gejima	Japan	28729	44-46-22-(49)-34-26-36	208.0
41.	Takeyasu Sugiyama/Hirohisa Kaneda	Japan	29465	34-(54)-43-31-39-32 38p20	217.0
42.	Jerry Thompson/Rob Lindley	USA	24702	40-23-33-48-(54)-36-37p20	217.0
43.	Bjorn Forslund/Hilde Trettener	Norway	29897	47-39-(50)-36-14-41-50	227.0
44.	Damian Borrás/Juan Magro	Spain	29698	21-52-30-47-57p20-21-(dnf)	228.0
45.	Antonio Poncell/Daniel Bravo	Chile	29274	42-33-(45)-28-41-44-44	232.0
46.	Micky Costa/Giampalo Spera	Italy	29863	52-41-29-37-33-44-(dnf)	236.0
47.	Sebastian Rana/Mauricio Tejera	Uruguay	28633	24-20-32-(dsq)-68p20-44-54p20	242.0
48.	Bo/Bodil Lindsjo	Sweden	29149	51-31-51-32-(59p20)-39-42	246.0
49.	Kenji Abe/Hiroshi Yamachika	Japan	29527	48-36-(dsq)-ocs-43-38-16	249.0
50.	Jan Persson/Brian Janney	Denmark	29919	31-25-40-42-52-(dnc)-dnc	251.0
51.	Per/Axel Edwal	Sweden	28766	39-56-(dsq)-35-51-40-34	255.0
52.	Niccolo Belloni/Luigi Beducci	Italy	29365	(58)-58-47-45-56-44-11	261.0
53.	Pietro Fantoni/Gianvittore Pontonutti	Italy	28912	(57)-47-46-34-53-44-52	276.0
54.	Johan Majlender/Hege Berthelsen	Norway	29633	(56)-49-56-52-30-44-51	282.0
55.	Miguel Graca/Joao Gouveia	Portugal	29370	53-18-58-57-(60)-44-53	283.0
56.	Carlos Schauman/Guillermo Mendieta	Paraguay	22820	(60)-57-57-51-35-44-49	293.0
57.	Miroyuki Iwamoto/Norikazu Atsuchi	Japan	28605	49-51-49-(55)-44-53p20	296.0
58.	Thomas Vienhes/Maxim Romain	France	29367	50-(59)-52-53-57-44-44p20	300.0
59.	Santiago Uzcategui/Armando Garcia	Colombia	29350	(59)-53-53-56-55-44-54	315.0
60.	Claus Carpelan/Freddy Wegelius	Finland	29019	55-55-54-(ocs)-47-44-64p20	319.0
61.	Sebastian Gorostiaga/Augusto Masi	Paraguay	22272	(ret)-60-59-58-59-44-dnc	341.0

## From the SCIRA Office

### Regatta Packages Now Available

The SCIRA office is now sending regatta packages to international regatta organizers complete with up-to-date SCIRA rules, Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions & forms for chartering boats, etc. Some of this information is available on the Snipe web site, or contact the SCIRA office directly if you'd like a copy.

### National Secretaries

Need assistance with registration for your regatta? E-mail or fax the SCIRA office (with at least 1 week notice) and we can send you up-to-date membership lists for fleets/districts/countries of your choice! This will ensure that competitors are supporting your Class and save the hassle of last minute SCIRA registration!

### Rulebooks

Requested quantities of Rulebooks have been mailed to each National Secretary as requested. Contact your National Secretary first if you have requested a copy. US requested copies are also being mailed in bulk separate from decals & membership card.



# Interview with Cristian Noe

I said "NO WAY" when I heard that Snipe Champion Cristian Noe (pronounced: 'no A'), won three races sailing with his brother at the 2001 Snipe Worlds

**Q** - After winning the first two races in the worlds things were looking good. What happened differently in the third race?

**N** - We think we relaxed a lot. We were afraid to be over at the start, and we thought we needed to sail cleanly or conservatively. Also, we had a little pressure of our fans at our club were waiting for more good results. We were cautious at the start line, but we could see everybody had their foot on the gas pedal. Everybody goes full tilt, so we needed to change our point of view in this situation. It took one more race to recover the strength of our position and get aggressive again.

**Q** - How long have you been sailing Snipes?

**N** - We have been sailing snipes for 14 years [Cristian is 32 yrs old],

Sailing Snipes, I have won:

4 South American Championships

1998 Argentine National Champion

2001 2nd place at the National Championship

This is our first worlds that we qualified for. All other worlds trials we had bad luck. At the 2000 Westerns we had very bad luck also. A boat hit us, separating the deck from the hull on the first race [the front three feet of the deck hull joint separated making the boat look more like a shark]. We were 2nd at the time. At the 2001 South American championship, again we were second overall with one race to go, we broke our mast with 35 knots), and so on. I'm not sailing any other kind of boat, at this time.

**Q** - How did you practice for the worlds?

**N** - We began the campaign with the training for the 2001 South American champ, then the trials, the nationals, the pre world and finally the world at last. We spent one hour sailing per day from Monday to Wednesday, and on sunny or free days only. We did not use coaching this time, but a top level a coach is definitely important. Look what happened to us, after the two first place finishes, we were stuck and we didn't have any idea. We seriously needed an outsider to get our butts in gear again.

**Q** - What preparation did you do to your Snipe before worlds to get it ready?

**N** - We revised all the fittings, the boat was painted recently, so the hull was o.k. Also, we had to repair our mast to get rid of a bend.

**Q** - What mast were you using?

**N** - Sidewinder, normal

**Q** - What tuning changes did you try leading up to the worlds?

**N** - We did not change any of our common tunings. We, at the biggest difference of all, do not carry a tape measure, so we use our boat as we see and as we like.

**Q** - How was your Snipe tuned for the worlds?

**N** - We use really soft rigging, with only a little bit of tension, almost none. For our heavy weight, we use really large spreaders, and we love to sail with really twisty sails. Our spreaders are 48cm (19") long. I never used stoppers, so only 4 cm (1.5") of curve on the mast. The tension of the jib is really light, with only 5 cm of tension. All other secrets are on the tension of the main, which I increase as the wind picks up, then, fix the base 1cm back (to re-tension the jib) and use lots of vang tension.

**Q** - How did these settings change for the conditions?

**N** - Because we love to have no tension, we only use the main sheet to re-tension the rig, but if the wind goes really up, we take one or two points below the stay regulation. Our mast rake for the different winds are: 655cm (21'6"), 650cm (21'4") & 645cm (21'2")

**Q** - Many Snipe Sailors worry about mast bend and spreader length. How do you think your mast was bending?

**N** - bah, our mast was really damaged at the Worlds trials, so we needed to re-shape this. Look, before we fixed it, I was standing with our mast on my shoulder, and the two ends of the mast were hitting the ground. With two torches to heat the mast, and the help of a crane, we tried to straighten the mast. This was a titanic effort to do. [On land, the mast was still bent during the worlds. Cristian sailed with all of his mast shims on one side of the mast to keep the mast straight on the water]. With this repair, we continued on the trials the next day and took two firsts in windy conditions - 25 knots and big waves.

**Q** - What conditions were you fastest in?

**N** - We think we are fast in all of conditions, but we are weighing 155 kilos [341 lbs], and in the last Worlds, we won the three races in light-medium air. We expected winds near 25 knots at the Worlds, which are usual in Punta Del Este that time of year.

**Q** - How long have you been sailing with your crew?

**N** - Since we start sailing snipes together in 1997, but I have also used other crews since then because he is working training Optimists.

**Q** - What information do you ask your crew for on the water?

**N** - Well, we make a good couple, normally, I do the tactics, the compass, and my brother looks at the sails and the fleet.

**Q** - What sail trimming notes/tips do you have for the rest of us?

**N** - Well, I am one guy who does not like to measure a lot. I prefer to sail as much as I can. On the water we probe anything, with no measuring tapes. We try to have a really clear mind.

**Q** - Any common mistakes that you saw the rest of us doing on the race course that we can all work on?

**N** - This was a really tight competition, and I have heard that this could have been one of the best championships. It was really difficult to stay in front. We saw our best of velocity, and when the waves got bigger, and the wind decreased, it was better for us. Next time I will sail lighter, like we sail in Rosario, so

we can go faster in flat water, we have no doubt. I may need to change my crew for different conditions.

**Q** - What was different about the races that you won from the races that you finished back in the pack?

**N** - Well, I think the starts are important. These two bad races we had, the wind was so strange. It seemed that anybody could win those races. We saw 30 degrees wind shift more than one time in one leg, and this, could be determinative.

**Q** - Where do you feel you can improve before the upcoming westerns?

**N** - Starts for sure, concentration level, and reaching speed.

**Q** - You have been doing a lot of coaching. Who is looking good for the next generation of Snipe sailors?

**N** - We need to work on preparation of new Snipe sailors, for this, we need to prepare the directives of each club, to support the coaching on bigger levels, until they are seniors and more.

**Q** - What is next?

**N** - Sail 2002 Westerns in USA, coaching 2002 Women's World, 2003 Junior Worlds and then the 2003 Worlds in Denmark, for the revenge.....

**Q** - While some sailors are out looking to buy the perfect piece of equipment or the stiffest and most fair hull to improve their boatspeed, I was impressed by Cristian Noe's approach to Snipe sailing. With a limited budget, Noe has put in his time on the water practicing to find his sailing style and speed while also giving a significant amount back to our sport through his coaching. Congratulations on a job well done.

*The above is a condensed interview with Cristian Noe of Argentina by George Szabo. For the complete version, go to [www.quantumsails.com](http://www.quantumsails.com).*

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## Tips from Bill Hardesty

I am writing to share a few experiences from this year's Snipe Worlds. The competition was tough but as with most Snipe regattas there was a friendly atmosphere and the after regatta parties were great.

It was re-assuring to see that a simple rig set-up was okay. I continued to use the 2-to-1 purchase on the mainsheet and found great upwind speed when the breeze was up. Interestingly, Wanderley had no jib lead adjustment. Most boats had no barber hauler and we had only one mark for our jib halyard setting. I think some of these complicated arrangements on the modern boats distract the average sailor and the important issues are lost in the confusion.

Here is where I had my setup:

**Rake** 21'5" heavy air with tight tension  
21'7" Light air with loose tension  
**Spreader Length** 15.75"  
**Spreader tip-to-tip** 30" heavy air  
28" or free swinging in  
light to moderate air

**Jib Lead position** moved back as the breeze built up to two holes.

I strongly believe the basics of boat speed come from a few

main areas. Sail selection, boat preparation, and technique. You can buy the right sails and boat but here are a few tips that might help you improve your technique.

### Upwind

- Keep the boat flat
- Set up the mainsail so that it will luff at the top first. Move the jib lead back if the sail luffs down low first or open your tip-to-tip measurement to 30"
- Constantly adjust the mainsheet to the changing wave and wind conditions. This will also help to keep the boat flat and moving fast.

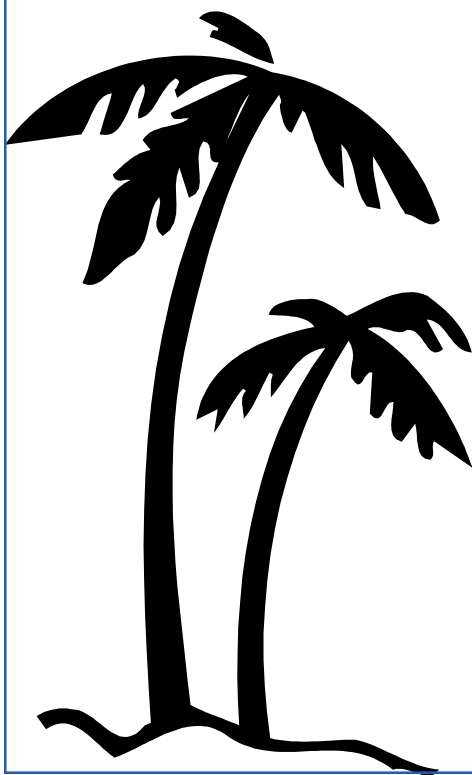
### Downwind

- Always try to use the pole, even on a fairly tight reach.
- Set the angle of heel to reduce the amount of helm. Too much windward or leeward heel will slow you down
- Put the board down a bit in wavy conditions to help the boat track. This will help you catch more waves.



**Bill Hardesty & Jon Rogers finished 5<sup>th</sup> at the recent Snipe World Championship. Bill's article is a condensed version of what is available on the North website: [www.onedesign.com](http://www.onedesign.com)**

## WINTER RACING CIRCUIT



### SCIRA Mid-Winter Championship

March 10-12, 6 races with one throw-out  
On the Gulf of Mexico, Clearwater, Y.C., Clearwater, FL  
Contact Bob Foster, 2031 Otter Way, Palm Harbor, FL 24685  
727-771-8744, [fosterbob@juno.com](mailto:fosterbob@juno.com)

### Don Q Rum Keg Series

March 15-17, 5 races  
Biscayne Bay, Coconut Grove SC, Miami, FL  
Contact Gonzalo Diaz, Sr., 5520 SW 72<sup>nd</sup> Avenue., Miami, FL 33155  
305-667-0492, [gcdiaz@accesspro.net](mailto:gcdiaz@accesspro.net)

### Bacardi and Gamblin Memorial Series

March 20-23, two series of 3 & 5 races  
Royal Nassau SC, Nassau, Bahamas  
Contact Peter Christie, PO Box N1628, Nassau, Bahamas  
Fax: 242-326-5642, [bswestbrook@hgchristie.com](mailto:bswestbrook@hgchristie.com)  
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*The Zimmerman Perpetual Trophy, emblematic of the Winter Circuit Championship, will be awarded at the conclusion of the Circuit in Nassau.*

**\*\*top country** of the Nassau series qualifies for the 2003 Pan Am Games (not already qualified)

# 2002 Brazilian National Championship

## "Old Guy" Wins Clube de Jangadeiros Porto Alegre

As part of the festivities of their 60<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary, "Clube dos Jangadeiros" in Porto Alegre, held from 19<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> January 2002 the 53<sup>rd</sup> Brazilian Championship for the Snipe Class. Not less than 40 boats participated on the 7 regattas plus the traditional opening regatta "Fernando Avelar".

As "starter" for the Championship, three short races were held for the "old guys" on the morning of 20<sup>th</sup> January. Winds where light from the North and we had on the water nothing less than: two former Senior World Champions (Nelson Picollo & Boris Ostergreen), the present Senior World Champion (Xande Paradedá crewing for his father "Careca"), a former World Master Champion (Bibi Juetz), a former WH&O Champion and Senior World Vice-Champion (Marco Aurélio Paradedá), plus "Pistola" a former South American Champion and, just to learn how to sail, the National Secretary for Brazil (Henrique Motta). It was fun. Careca with Xande Paradedá won the three races and the "Old Guys Regatta" followed by Bibi Juetz, Marco Aurélio Paradedá, Boris Ostergreen, Pistola, Henrique Motta and Nelson Picollo. The proposition made by the National Secretary that a handicap for the former Champions should be adopted (as an attempt to improve his final standing !) was rejected and final results remained as indicated above.

On the afternoon of the same day the opening regatta "Fernando Avelar" was attended by all participants and won by Ivan Pimentel/Felipe Trapatoni. The tradition within the top Brazilian Snipe sailors is that whoever wins the "Fernando Avelar" will not win the National's. Ivan, a 63-year-old guy with more than 40 years of snipe sailing was changing the "script".

Sunday ended with the opening ceremony and a cocktail party where prizes and gifts for all participants of the "Old Guys Regatta" plus prizes for the "Fernando Avelar" were distributed.

On the afternoon of the 21<sup>st</sup> serious sailing commenced with 2 races. Just to name a few, within the participants we had the present Senior World Champion (Xande Paradedá), the present WH&O Champion and Senior Vice-World Champion (Frederico Vasconcellos). Xande Paradedá/Flávio Fernandes won the first race under 16 to 18 knots of south to southeast winds and those terrible short but high waves of the Guaíba

river and André Fonseca/Rodrigo Duarte won the second with considerably less wind (12 to 14 knots) but still with a lot of waves just to make life harder. Ivan Pimentel/Felipe Trapatoni placed third and second while Xande was seven on the second race. The 22<sup>nd</sup> January dawn came with a consistent and occasionally strong rain and no wind at all. On the late afternoon (sundown was at 20.30) a northerly and very light wind came in and one race extending almost to the limit of 2 hours was held. Xande/Flávio won again and Ivan/Felipe took another third place. Two more regattas were raced on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, with winds from southeast and east with 13 to 15 knots and Xande/Flávio placed first and seven with Ivan taking two second places showing a lot of consistency in his sailing. The last two races were sailed respectively on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> and at this stage only Xande/Flávio and Ivan/Felipe could win the National's. On the 24<sup>th</sup> Xande/Flávio got another first and Ivan/Felipe an OCS as their worst nightmare. On the 25<sup>th</sup> Xande

had 1 point advantage over Ivan and everyone was expecting a "match race" start that never occurred. Both sailors had a poor start but Ivan/Felipe with a better recover finished 5<sup>th</sup> with Xande/Flávio taking 11<sup>th</sup> as their worst place on the Championship. Ivan/Felipe granted a one point advantage to win the National's over Xande/Flávio.

It might be preposterous to say that it is harder to win a Brazilian National's than a Senior World Champion, but this was the common voice at the end of the event. Ivan was irreproachable on his sailing by consistently being at the right side of the course at the right time.

The next Brazilian National's will be hosted by late Clube do Rio de Janeiro and Affonso Abreu, the Captain of Fleet 159 and now also National Secretary for Brazil is promising an event with at least 80 boats and a lot of fun.

—Henrique Motta  
Bra 29950

### Results

	<b>Skipper/Crew</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Finishes</b>	<b>Total</b>
1.	Ivan Pimentel/Felipe Trajatoní	M	ICRJ	3-2-3-2-2-(ocs)	17
2.	Alexandre Paradedá/F. Fernandes	S	CDJ	1-7-1-1-7-1-(11)	18
3.	Carlos Wanderley/R. Zietmann	S	ICSA	2-3-5-4-5-(dsq)-4	23
4.	Frederico/F. Vasconcellos	S	Caicas	11-5-(12)-9-3-3-2	33
5.	Bruno Bethlem/E. Couto	S	ICRJ	6-(ocs)-4-6-1-10-7	34
6.	Andre Wahrlich/A. Tinoco	S	CDJ/ICRJ	7-6-7-5-(16)-6-3	34
7.	Andre Fonseca/Rodrigo Duarte	S	CDJ	4-1-16-10-(12)-2-9	38
8.	Ricardo/Roberto Paradedá	S	CDJ	10-4-2-8-20-(ocs)-1	45
9.	Paulo Santos/F. Bocciarelli	S	ICSA	5-10-9-(11)-9-8-8	49
10.	Arcelio Moreira/H. Oliveira	S	CNC	(17)-9-8-15-6-7-6	51
11.	Dante Bianchi/Fabio Horta	S	ICRJ	(21)-8-11-12-4-12-12	59
12.	Marcos Mascarenha/Pedro Caldas	S	RYC	12-(ocs)-6-23-10-4-10	55
13.	Bibi Juetz/Lucas Ostergren	M	ICRJ/VDS	18-(19)-10-16-11-5-17	77
14.	Luciano Oliveira/Diego Mello	S	CNA	16-14-(25)-18-14-9-13	84
15.	Fernando Kessler/Daniel Ortega	S	CDJ	(20)-13-18-14-18-11-14	88
16.	Fernando Madureira/B. Araripe	S	ICRJ	8-12-20-19-(27)-16-19	94
17.	Daniel Glomb/Eduardo Lebreiro	S	ICRJ	9-11-23-21-(ocs)-15	94
18.	Kurt Diemer/Ricardo Resende	M	ICRJ	13-16-13-13-(ocs)-21-18	94
19.	Alex Juk/Piero Furlan	S	ICSC/CNA	15-17-15-20-19-13-(21)	99
20.	Rafael Godoy/Lucas Andrade	J	CNC	14-15-22-(24)-22-18-23	114
21.	Rodrigo Menegassi/C. Boening	Mixed	CDJ	26-21-27-(33)-8-19-22	123
22.	Pedro Tinoco/Guido Diemer	J	ICRJ	(27)-20-19-27-13-25-24	128
23.	Eduardo Cavalli/Eric Niedermayer	J	VDS	22-18-14-37-17-(dnf)-26	134
24.	Kadu Berghental/T. Knippling	S	VDS	24-24-24-(38)-28-20-16	135
25.	Marcelo Bellotti/S. Sorrentino	J	CCC	19-23-30-28-24-14-(dnf)	138
26.	Henry Boening/J. Teixeira	J	CDJ	(dnc)-25-26-21-23-29-30	144
27.	Henrique/Gabriel Motta	M	ICRJ	30-27-(dnf)-33-29-15-25	159
28.	Renato Cunha/Paulo Mello	S	ICRJ	23-(dnf)-17-17-23-dnf-dnf	162
29.	Marcos Boas/Luiz Goncalves	S	CNA	29-28-31-26-25-(27)-27	162
30.	Andre Gick/Ronaldo Ruschel	S	VDS	25-22-29-35-(dnf)-17-dnf	169
31.	Mario Gomide/Ana Bellotti	Mixed	CCC	32-33-21-(44)-39-22-29	170
32.	Sergio Muller/Jeni De Souza	Mixed	ICB	34-32-28-34-26-24-28	172
33.	Katie Niedermeyer/K. Knebel	Mixed	VDS/VDJ	33-29-32-(43)-32-23-32	181
34.	Affonso/Silvio Abreu	M	ICRJ	31-31-(dnf)-39-30-31-30	192
35.	Thiago De Souza/Gabriel Strobel	J	CNA	28-26-33-31-25-(dnf)-dnf	194
36.	Luciano Bohrer/Marcelo Escobar	J	CDJ	37-(dnf)-dnf-32-31-26-31	198
37.	Rubens/Lucas Sabino	M	CNA	35-34-(dnf)-37-34-28-34	202
38.	Adrião Santos/Marcelo Severo	S	VDS	(dnf)-30-dnf-22-35-dnc-dnf	211
39.	Jose Escobar/Gabriel Dos Santos	S	CDJ	36-(dnf)-38-37-30-33	215
40.	Marcelo Reckziegel/Antonio Vieira	J	CDJ	dnc-dnc-dnc-dnc-dnc-dnc	246

## International Snipe Class 2002 Racing Calendar

### International Championships

Midwinter Championship	Clearwater, Florida, USA	March 10-12
Don Q Rum	Miami, Florida, USA	March 15-17
Bacardi/Gamblin	Nassau, Bahamas	March 21-24
South American Championship	San Bernardino, Paraguay	March 24-30
San Remo	San Remo, Italy	March 24-31
Jr. Europeans	Le Havre, France	July 21-26
Nordics	Bjorneborg, Finland	August 2-4
North American Championship	Carlyle, Illinois, USA	August 16-18
European Championship	Anzio, Italy	September 14-20
Western Hemisphere & Orient	Alamitos Bay, Calif., USA	September 21-29
Women's Worlds	St. Petersburg, Florida, USA	October 15-20
World Masters	St. Petersburg, Florida, USA	October 22-27

### Other Major Regattas

Princess Sofia	Mallorca, Spain	March 24-31
Copa Espana	Almeria, Spain	March 28-31
Mai Snipen	Goteborg, Sweden	May 4-5
Wiibroe Cup	Espergaerde, Denmark	May 18-20
Vitus Bering Cup	Horsens, Denmark	June 15-16

### National Championships

Portugal	Tavira	April 25-27
Germany	Lake Caldonazzo, Italy	May 24-26
Italy – Women's, Masters	Castelletto di Brenzone	June 15-16
Italy	Anzio	June 27-30
United States	Pass Christian, Mississippi	June 29-July 6
Norway	Stavanger	July 3-7
Sweden	Motala	July 22-28
Denmark	Greve Sejlklub	August 8-11

## Thank You to Retiring Board & National Secretaries

### Retiring Board members:

Past Commodore **Id Crook**, Canada  
 Member at Large, **Enrico Michel**, Italy  
 Member at Large, **Pedro Lorson**, USA  
 ISAF Representative **Gonzalo Diaz, Jr.**, USA  
 Chief Information Officer **Alex Pline**, USA

### Retiring National Secretaries:

Henrique Motta, Brazil  
 Jerry Thompson, USA  
 John Love, United Kingdom  
 Pedro Garra, Uruguay

### New National Secretaries for 2002:

Brazil	United States
Affonso Abreau	Bill Welch, MD
United Kingdom	Uruguay
Miss Liz Crouch	Mariana Foglia



# 2001 Board of Governors Meeting

## Punta del Este, Uruguay

The meeting was called to order by Commodore Bertel Bojlesen at 7:25pm. A quorum was established and a motion was made to ratify and adopt all acts taken since 1995 including the Constitution and By-Laws. Jerry Thompson seconded and the motion passed. Those in attendance were: Commodore Bertel Bojlesen, Vice Commodore Birger Jansen, Rear Commodore Brainard Cooper, Past Commodore Id Crook, Northern European Secretary Ola Nygard, Eastern European Secretary Alexei Fomin, Western Hemisphere Vice Secretary Celia Garrafa, Rules Committee Chairman Giorgio Brezich, US National Secretary Jerry Thompson, Members at Large Jiro Yamamoto, Sherry Welch, Executive Director Jerelyn Biehl, Past Commodore Horacio Garcia Pastori.

Id Crook made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the past Board meeting and accept them as printed in the Snipe Bulletin. Motion was seconded by Steve Stewart, motion passed.

A summary of the recent National Secretaries meeting was read including the proposals:

Proposal 1) Mandatory membership. Motion to table was proposed by Jerry Thompson, seconded by Bertel Bojlesen and passed.

Proposal 2) Deed of Gift change to the Isaacs: Motion to table proposed by Jerry Thompson, seconded by Bertel Bojlesen and passed.

### Hemisphere Reports:

**Europe:** South Europeans were held in Sanremo, Italy with 41 boats from 6 countries. Belgium held the European Cup with 40 competitors from 6 countries, qualifying the top 2 for the 2002 Europeans. UK, Belgium & France organized a regatta circuit named the Yves Le Bour, with more than 30 boats at each regatta, showing great cooperation between different countries. France will hold the 2004 Europeans. East Europe is growing with Poland entering and now holding the Devoti Snipe mould. Russia has a big fleet and a boat builder and organized the first East Europeans. The Jr. Europeans also had a good result and a Ladies Europeans are in the plans for 2003 or 2005. 2002 Europeans in Anzio, Italy are underway, a change of venue from Chioggia. It is important that all countries respect the dues payment & timing. There were several European countries that did not pay their dues or send a report of their members.

**Western Hemisphere & Orient:** Vice Secretary Celia Garrafa reported that membership has declined 50% in the WH & O from 2000 members to 1000. Japan decreased from 900 – 500 and the US from 1,000-600. Concerns are held that SCIRA nations aren't pay-

ing dues. SCIRA must make the Snipe more evident, particularly women & youth. Clubs need to help and major international regattas need to go to smaller groups. WH General Secretary Don Hackbarth was disappointed at the Europeans not supporting the addition of women's teams to the Westerns when they passed the same issue within Europe. Celia Garrafa reported that a junior from S. America will represent SA at WH&O.

### Future Regatta bids:

**2003 Worlds** - P.O. Ekstrand from Sweden presented the bid & a presentation. Motion to accept bid by Jerry Thompson, seconded by Brainard Cooper. Motion passed.

**2005 Worlds** – Japan submitted interest

**2002 Europeans** – Anzio, Italy. Motion to accept by Brainard Cooper, seconded by Id Crook, motion passed.

**2004 Europeans** – France submitted interest

**2002 WH & O:** Alamitos Bay Yacht Club, California. Motion to accept by Brainard Cooper, seconded by Id Crook, motion passed.

**2004 Westerns** – Colombia submitted interest

**2003 Jr. Worlds** – Norway withdrew bid, Russia proposed. Motion to accept by Jerry Thompson, seconded by Brainard Cooper, motion passed.

**2005 Jr. Worlds** – to be held in the WH&O

**2002 Master Worlds:** Uruguay withdrew their bid. St. Petersburg has already begun planning but it was pointed out that the NS must ratify the site. Because of the lack of time, the regatta was approved by the Board and future site bids will be voted upon by the NS.

**East European & Ladies European Regattas:** Russia has been asked to draft Deeds of Gift and forward to European General Secretary Braga and then to the Board of Governors for approval. It was pointed out that a division of North, South & East Europe need to be established.

### Committee Reports

**Finance:** Brainard Cooper read Treasurer Pedro Lorson's report: The \$35,000 increase in decals and dues is a result of the new dues structure passed by this Board at the last Worlds meeting. These increased revenues have brought the International's revenue base close to its current expenditure level. Although royalty income fell this year due to less sail orders, this was offset by a one time expenditure last year for royalty patches.

The largest increase in International expenditures this year over last year was the payroll and related benefits for the SCIRA Executive Director. This results from a long overdue raise awarded to Jerelyn. In addition the allocation of Jerelyn's salary and her

related benefits increased from 60% last year to 68% this based on a daily time sheet, submitted by Jerelyn to the Finance committee. Other increases in expenses this year were a \$3,000 increase in printing costs for new rulebooks. A \$4,000 increase in postage costs for the distribution of the Snipe Bulletin to all International members as, this is the first year that this Bulletin is included in their dues payment. In years prior to 2001, all members paid separately for this Bulletin. Travel is down \$4,000 as last year Jerelyn traveled to Norway for the Europeans and on to Denmark for the World Masters upon the Commodore's request.

Finally, it is the Finance Committee's goal to carefully monitor all revenues and all expenses so that SCIRA International comes as close as possible to a break even position. Based upon our new dues structure, I believe that we will meet that goal for 2001."

Brainard Cooper then discussed the importance of dues collection and the effect upon cash flow. In addition, England has decided not to pay their dues. Commodore Bojlesen stated that the Board cannot permit 1 country from unilaterally deciding what dues will be. In the future, the Board may assess a penalty for countries paying late.

### Rules Committee

Giorgio Brezich commented on a busy year and the loss of Mr. Kato, our Chief Measurer. 2001 the rulebook was re-written and now includes metric only measurements and a revamped Constitution & By-Laws. ISAF caused some delay to the printing of this book. The new rule of Certified Builders is being monitored. Each country has been offered one set of measurement tools and the SCIRA office will inform of the cost of extra sets. The new measurement sticker program is in force and working well. The MDS and Measurement card with new papers standardized throughout the world will be next.

The SMC centerboard is a bad situation with the health of Antonio Roquette and the discussion of the conflict to negotiate the contract. Tiago Roquette feels the problem may be resolved shortly.

**Sail Royalties:** SCIRA has been notified of possible counterfeiting and will attempt to stop it.

**Low Point scoring:** Giorgio discussed if the bonus should be included or not. Id Crook made a motion for the Rules Committee to discuss and recommend to the SCIRA Board. Bertel Bojlesen seconded. Motion passed.

**Promotion:** Vice Commodore Birger Jansen brought posters & postcards produced by Skipper Snipe. These are available to anyone to help promote the Class.

**Long Range Planning:** Currently the committee does not exist. It will be a committee for the Commodore to assign in 2002.

**Juniors:** No committee currently exists. It

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## 2001 Board of Governors Meeting - continued from page 12.

will before the Commodore to assign in 2002.

**ISAF:** Currently we do not have an ISAF representative.

**Nominations & Organization:** The ballot for the proposed slate of officers was handed out to those Board members in attendance. Those not in attendance will receive theirs via e-mail & fax. Alexei Fomin discussed that the East European Secretary be awarded a voting position. Motion was made by Bertel Bojlesen, seconded by Id Crook. Motion passed.

**Report & Evaluation of Executive Director:** Commodore Bojlesen noted that since the figures relating to the Executive Director's salary were not clear, Bertel made a motion to in principal grant a raise pending clarification of the Finance Committee of the present situation.

### Old Business:

Tabled proposals from 1999 Board meeting:  
5.2 Course length 60-70 minutes: Brainard Cooper suggested not discussion on this issued. Giorgio Brezich said the new prescription of shortening or lengthening the course no more than 20% than the original gives this the possibility to change the course. The motion was disconsidered.

12.1 Consider suggested time limit of 2 hours for each race and 1 hour for first lap. Motion was also included under the new Sailing Instructions; motion disconsidered.

### New Business:

Dues: discussion of late or non-payment of dues was discussed including the possible elimination of a position in the World Championship if dues are not paid by the due date. It was suggested to publish the number of paid members in each Bulletin. The entire motion was sent to the Finance Committee for consideration, made by Jerry Thompson, seconded by Id Crook and approved by the Board.

Review of new Worlds quota: Jiro Yamamoto requested a review of the quota and the effect upon the organizers and charter boat availability. All comments were positive.

Id Crook proposed a standard charter fee for major regattas set at a maximum of \$500. Discussion was held and Giorgio Brezich pointed out that this would be taken out of the control of the organizing host. Brainard Cooper sited abuse of the charter fee at recent WH&O Champs. It was suggested to add the charter fee to the bid form. Motion was defeated.

Past Commodore Terry Timm presented a motion to delete the junior world champions as a automatic qualifier for the Snipe Worlds. Motion defeated.

East European Secretary Alexei Fomin presented a motion to expand Category C to the Worlds and Hemisphere Championships.

## 2001 National Secretaries Meeting December, 2002

### Punta del Este, Uruguay

The meeting was called to order at 9:15am by Commodore Bertel Bojlesen who welcomed everyone and gave some opening remarks. Those in attendance were: Commodore Bertel Bojlesen, Rear Commodore Brainard Cooper, Northern European Secretary Ola Nygard, Rules Committee Chairman Giorgio Brezich, Western Hemisphere Vice Secretary Celia Garrafa, East European Secretary Alexei Fomin & Past Commodore Id Crook. National Secretaries: Jiro Yamamoto, Japan; Sebastian Gorostiaga, Paraguay; Mats Gothlin, representing Sweden; Claus Carpelan, representing Finland; Giorgio Brezich, representing Italy; Jan Persson, representing Denmark; Jerry Thompson, USA; Id Crook, representing Canada; Alexei Fomin, Russia; Henrique Motta, Brazil; Maxim Romain, representing France; Vicente de la Guardia, Cuba; Pedro Garra, Uruguay; Cristian Noe, representing Argentina.

Giorgio Brezich presented the new measurement tools as the new standard, manufactured by Vice Chairman Steve Stewart and distributed one set for each country with extra sets available for \$80 from the SCIRA office.

Membership and collection of dues was discussed with each National Secretary thanked for their hard work and dedication with the conversion to the new system. The relationship between the responsibility to ISAF and the Deed of Gifts was discussed. Commodore Bojlesen discussed the importance of dues being collected on time and forwarded to the SCIRA office. Discussion was held with Italy asking to change the collection of dues. Italy explained that all members in Italy must be members of SCIRA Italy. Crews only have to pay for sanctioned regattas. It is mandatory for all crews to join SCIRA Int. which possibly may decrease the dues. Italy proposed that the membership cards be sent blank to each

Brainard Cooper seconded. Discussion was held and the motion was defeated.

Treasurer Pedro Lorson proposed to publish the Snipe Bulletin only on-line. Jerry Thompson seconded. Motion defeated.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:45pm.

NS to help them distribute them. Brazil also explained that crew dues were difficult to obtain. Denmark, Uruguay & Russia added that they collect \$30 per boat which covers the crew.

Japan discussed the proposal in the April 2001 Bulletin also supporting that membership cards be sent to each NS blank for them to complete & distribute.

**Rules Committee** – Giorgio Brezich discussed the reorganization of the Rulebook, Deeds of Gift, Constitution & By-laws and the transition to metric only measurement. The SMC centerboard was discussed with explanation the Antonio Roquette has been ill and the company now belongs to his brother. Ola Nygard was attempting to negotiate a contract with Inapal, but his business travel has precluded him from further contact combined with the Roquette's illness. Giorgio stated that the measurement & interpretations are all accessible on the Snipe web page and asked that if any of the countries have measurement problems to please contact the Rules Committee to help solve.

### National Secretary Reports

**Argentina:** Cristian Noe reports that the Class remains active despite economic problems. They are adopting to the new membership & decal system and they are attracting more juniors. It is a high level of competition and the fleets are recovering in Buenos Aires.

**Japan:** More registrations will be sent in to the SCIRA office, but their numbers are lower than last year. Yamamoto discussed the membership system once again and the production of the Bulletin 4 times per year. Japan has their qualifying & nationals in October & November, which is their major opportunity to collect dues making it difficult to make the March deadline. Japan lost Hisano Kato this past April. Matsumoto has been elected Vice Commodore of the Japanese Sailing Federation.

**Paraguay:** Membership is improving. Paraguay is organizing the South Americans 2002 in San Bernardino over Easter. Paraguay hopes to add one more fleet and to expand to 15 boats.

**Sweden:** The Class is optimistic. The first regatta has 18-20 boats including from other countries. Sweden needs to get

other sailors on the race course and more volunteers to help run the Class. Older people made the Class grow and now the younger are needed to carry on. Sweden will host the next Worlds in 2003.

**Finland:** 100 members are supporting the Class. 20% increase at the Nationals. The Classic Snipe has brought back older boats and marketing efforts and the Finnish Bulletin & e-Bulletin have helped as well as participating in boat shows.

**Italy:** 150 boats are in the country but only 70 are active. There were 44 boats at the Nationals near Naples with lots of interest. The website is good with 300+ daily hits. The 2002 Europeans have been moved to Anzio (near Rome).

**Denmark:** There are hardly 20 boats active in the country and so the Nationals have been opened up to foreigners to increase the numbers. The Danish Federation has a minimum of 20 boats for a National Championship. Hopes of attracting the Olympic sailors after the Games back to the Snipe. Free space at boat shows is offered, but it is difficult to attract the juniors. Danish Federation is pushing other classes. The Finn dinghy has a new resurgence and there are hopes to cooperate and have joint regattas.

**United States:** The US is steady at 670 members and 60 active fleets. The Nationals were moved from a lake to a windy river – Cascade Locks in Oregon, with only 36 boats. The 2002 Nationals will be held in Pass Cristian, Mississippi in the Gulf of Mexico and we expect a large turnout of 80-90 boats. The US is hosting the 2002 Westerns in Alamitos Bay and the Women's Worlds and World Masters in St. Petersburg, Florida. Promotion of the Class includes payment to individuals who publish articles in major magazines. Our new National Secretary is Bill Welch.

**Canada:** 2 fleets are currently active, Armdale & Oakville. 1 junior team at the Jr. Worlds this year and the World Military Games will be held in the Snipe so we have teams currently training.

**Russia:** On Russia's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Snipe Class, the first Open European Championship with 12 countries was held. Currently there are 33 active boats and 60 crews. Plans are in place to hold the 2002 Open East Europeans August 1-5. One crew from each country will be invited. Russia is proposing to hold the first Women's European championship in 2003 and will attempt to build additional 25 new boats and establish new fleets in different regions of Russia. Russia would also like to re-open discussion of expanding Category C for the Worlds and Hemisphere championships.

**Brazil:** Younger members of the class prefer to sail and not run the Class. Dues collection varies; if the nationals are in the center of the country, collection is easy. If the Nationals are in the South or North, attendance is down and dues are hard to collect. Nationals will be held in Victoria in 2002. Having a builder is very important as there is a constant exchange of old for new boats. The increase in dues was difficult to convince people to join. There are many people interested in the SMC centerboard.

**France:** French policy is in 2 directions. We pull together with England and Belgium to make 40-50 boat regattas. Junior sailors are difficult to encourage. 30-40 year olds are easier to join. The juniors want a serious boat, not serious fun, but also want the Olympic boats. The French Federation pushes Olympic boats, but our fleets are increasing. France will host the Jr. Europeans in

Le Havre, July 2002. Web link is: [juniorsnipe2002@hotmail.com](mailto:juniorsnipe2002@hotmail.com) and [www.snipefrance.com](http://www.snipefrance.com).

**Cuba:** Cuba has a small fleet of 5 boats. Kids from the Cadet & 470 sail Snipes. We have kids but no boats! Fleet is deteriorated through the age of the boats. Our results are from training from 3 crews. The Jr. Championship is the same 5 boats for seniors, 3 crews and sr/jr. Women go from the Cadet to the 470. We cannot organize a big event because we don't have the boats to rent. Cuba has been able to bring 2 crews to Uruguay, thanks to the hospitality of the Uruguayans.

**Colombia:** The Snipe is the best organized Class in Colombia between the Laser, Snipe, Lightning & Opti. 17 new boats were bought. Colombia will hold the 2002 ODESUR Games in April in Bogota and 9 more boats will be needed. The Snipe & Laser are recognized as the boat for younger sailors. Newer sailors can sail the Snipe because the lake in Bogota has light winds. Our active fleet attracts the juniors. Peru, Ecuador and other countries will be invited to an open regatta soon.

**Uruguay:** Pedro Garra welcomed everyone to Uruguay and the World Championship. Uruguay has a strong Class organization. The Class has grown to 18 boats where 50% are junior sailors. 16 boats attended the nationals. Juniors are attracted to the Snipe. Racing is promoted year-round. Special events are organized for all classes at multi-class events. The qualifying system is clear way ahead of time and we promote our international championship. We use media relations to promote the events and have yearly programs for sponsors & support. E-mail is used extensively for communication and we help other classes, especially the Optimists. An exchange of sponsorship & ads is used. In the future we hope to promote exchanges with Rosario, Buenos Aires & Porto Alegre sailors and increase the importance of the Snipe in South America, coordinating the racing calendars. Promotion of juniors & women help the Optis grow. Uruguay proposes to let the S. American champion qualify for the Worlds & WH & O. Uruguay has additional ideas for juniors and women; increasing the jr. quota to the top 5 from the Jr. Worlds qualify for the Sr. worlds and to make the Jr. Worlds annual. Mariana Foglia is the new National Secretary.

#### **Submitted reports:**

**England:** 5 fleets are currently active in England with an additional 10 members who do not belong to registered fleets but compete in major regattas. Membership stands at 79 with 64 seniors, 13 crew & 2 juniors. Each of the fleets holds an open weekend regatta with attendance varying from 26-9. Nationals attracted 19 UK boats and 12 visitors from France & Belgium. A ladies & junior event was held which proved very popular. Top sailors traveled to France, Denmark and the European Cup. UK members feel the present SCIRA world dues are excessive and poor value for money compared with other comparable dinghy classes and will lead to serious defection of members plus loss of income at both national and world level. UK members have submitted suggestions to the Finance committee to cut expensive bureaucracy and make better use of the Internet. Concern over no dues concessions to encourage junior membership. High interest in the SMC centerboard. New National Secretary is Liz Crouch.

**Switzerland:** The Swiss report 5 Snipes and hopes of increasing the fleet.

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**Germany:** German sailors attended several European regattas and have increased the number of Snipes in Germany. Guliano Dematte is helping to organize a regatta at Lake Caldonazzo in May of 2002 for the German Open.

Japan is interested in hosting the 2005 Worlds.

### Proposals to the Board of Governors:

1) Italy and Japan proposed to amend the membership to one membership with no distinction of skipper or crew and a special rate of \$5 for juniors. Passed. (This motion was presented to the Board of Governors and forwarded to the Finance Committee for consideration)

2) Argentina & Uruguay proposed to amend the Isaacs Deed of Gift to allow:

- national champion from each country
- S.American Champion
- N.American Champion
- European Champion
- Jr. European Champion
- Women's World Champion

Motion passed. (This motion was presented to the Board of Governors and subsequently defeated)

Ballots of future sites for the World Masters 2004 will be distributed for voting.

Minutes were approved as printed in the Bulletin. Motion made by Id Crook, seconded by Giorgio Brezich; motion passed.

Meeting adjourned.

## 2002 Dues Paid as of January 31, 2002

As suggested at the recent Board of Governors, each Snipe Bulletin will carry a current listing of dues paid members current as close to the printing date of the Bulletin.

This is to assist countries and sailors to know if their dues have been received in the SCIRA office as well as regatta organizers to assist in registration.

The 2003 Worlds entry quota will be based upon the average of boats paid for the years 2001 & 2002.

	<u>Boats paid</u>	<u>Skippers</u>	<u>Crews</u>
Argentina	-0-	-0-	-0-
Bahamas	1	2	-0-
Belgium	-0-	-0-	-0-
Bermuda	3	2	-0-
Brazil	1	1	-0-
Canada	3	4	1
Chile	-0-	-0-	-0-
Colombia	-0-	-0-	-0-
Cuba	5	2	2
Denmark	1	1	1
Finland	-0-	1	-0-
France	-0-	-0-	-0-
Germany	-0-	-0-	-0-
India	-0-	-0-	-0-
Italy	1	2	2
Japan	-0-	2	-0-
Norway	-0-	-0-	-0-
Paraguay	-0-	-0-	-0-
Portugal	-0-	-0-	-0-
Russia	-0-	-0-	-0-
Spain	-0-	1	-0-
Sweden	-0-	1	-0-
United Kingdom	-0-	-0-	-0-
United States	238	230	8
Uruguay	18	19	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>33</b>

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2001 North Americans	1,2,4,6
2001 Winter Circuit	1
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2001 Bacardi Cup	1,3,4
2001 Midwinters (Clearwater, FL)	1
2001 Brazilian Nationals	1
2001 Atlantic Coast Champs	1
2001 Pacific Coast Champs (PCC)	1
2001 District 4	1
2001 District 6	1
2001 District 7	1
<b>2000 Western Hemispheres</b>	<b>1,2*,6,7,8,9,10</b>
<b>1999 Worlds</b>	<b>1,2</b>

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