

Norway Captured European Championship

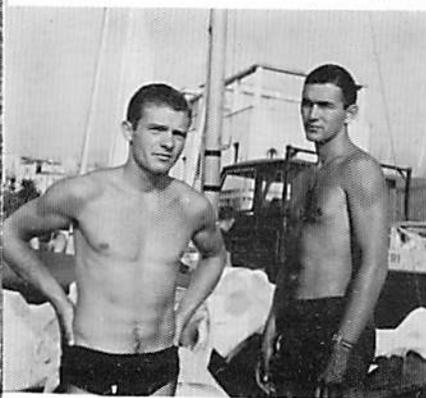
14 Nations Compete - Jugoslavia in Second Place - Sweden Gets Third



The Winning Snipe



THE NEW CHAMPIONS - Niels Monstad (right) and his crew Thor Borgen.



THE YUGOSLAVS - Skipper Grego (left) and his crew Nikolic.



The runner-up boat makes nice stern waves

The Yacht Club San Remo of Sanremo, Italy, hosted the 1964 Snipe Class European Championship Regatta Aug. 26 - 30 th.

There were 14 boats from 15 different nations with two from Sweden as the current champion is automatically entitled to defend his title. N. Monstad of Norge, sailing his Snipe "Chico V", won, while the former title holder, V. Almkvist of Sweden, finished 5th.

The schedule consisted of 7 races and all were sailed eventually. The first 5 were in weak winds with light and variable breezes and there were a lot of postponements with three races being canceled because the time limit had run out.

But in the last two races on the day of reserve, the wind blew "lovely", according to our Danish informant. These were started in 24 knots winds with it blowing, at times, up to 36 knots during the races. It was indeed weather for the Northern European Snipers and they made the most of it.

Almkvist looked awfully good when he won the first race with Spain and Jugoslavia following. Monstad, the Norwegian, tallied a modest 6th then.

In the 2nd race, Grego (Jugoslavia), proved it wasn't a fluke when he won handily while Almkvist slipped back to 9th. Monstad remained consistent and improved his position slightly to a 5th place.

In the 3rd event, Monstad made his first win and the Italian skipper Dellacasa came in 2nd, after suffering misfortune and some boat damage in the very first race. Grego went back to 7th.

A new winner popped up in the 4th race with two-time champion Raymond Fragniere of Switzerland showing old winning form, but the two consistent sailors, Monstad and Grego, finished 2nd and 3rd behind him to maintain positions which insured that final victory was only possible to them

and gave notice that their duel would be most interesting to watch.

This proved true in the 5th race when Fragniere won again, and with Grego coming in 2nd while Fragniere slipped back to 6th, it put Jugoslavia in a nice overall leading position.

However, Mother Nature had something to say about it and provided some Viking breezes. Here the sailors of Norway, Sweden, Denmark, and Finland came to the front, and when Monstad won both events as Grego got a DNF after hitting a mark coupled with a third place, the ultimate victory went to him.

In the 6th race, there were 5 capsizes and the 5 Northern Snipes were included in the 7 of the 15 starters which ultimately crossed the finish line. And they all were included in the first 7 top boats in the final standings.

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FINAL RESULTS - EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA SANREMO, Italy -- Aug. 26-30, 1964

BOAT	COUNTRY	SKIPPER - CREW	RACES	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Pts.	Fin
13923	NORWAY	Monstad-Borgen		6	5	1	3	8	1	1	18765	1
11473	JUGOSLAVIE	Grego-Nikolic		3	1	7	2	2	2	3	8686	2
7803	SWEDEN	Blomkvist-Anderson		11	2	4	4	6	5	7	7936	3
12693	FRANCE	Uthuralt-Dumas		8	3	11	6	4	4	5	7323	4
11658	SWEDEN	Almkvist-Lomquist		1	9	8	8	5	6	6	7323	5
14814	DENMARK	Herlevsen-Lindback		12	15	6	5	11	2	4	7152	6
5555	FINLAND	Weber-Cronros		5	7	14	10	3	4	11	7126	7
13255	MONACO	Battaglia-Grovetto		7	6	12	9	13	3	8	6779	8
14800	PORTUGAL	Rodrigues-Da Silva		4	12	3	14	R	R	2	6580	9
11571	SWITZERLAND	Fragniere-Keller		10	4	10	1	1	NP	NP	6491	10
12127	ITALY	Della Casa-Scognamiglio		15	8	2	7	7	R	NP	6274	11
11197	TURKEY	Hilmaz-Sengun		9	11	R	12	9	7	9	5969	12
15126	SPAIN	Masso-Lloves		2	10	13	13	10	R	NP	5787	13
14132	ENGLAND	P.Harris-M.Harris		14	14	9	15	14	6	10	5397	14
14053	BELGIUM	De Brie-Wagendorp		13	13	5	11	12	R	NP	5281	15