Europe, Africa Junior Races Held at Alicante Bay

The Europe and Africa Junior Snipe Championship races were held in Alicante Bay (Spain) from August 2 to 5. 21 crews took part, of which 10 were from Spain, 5 from Portugal, 2 from Italy and one each from France, Germany, Sweden and Norway.

The first race had to be suspended by the race committee shortly after the start as the wind increased to force 6. With the improvement in weather conditions, the Championship was resumed and the second race was run with an Easterly wind, force 2.5, and heavy seas. The entire race was dominated by the Spanish Snipe "Grego" which raced alone, followed by the "Spanish Vikingo" and "Olimpo".

The third race was run with the same easterly wind at force 3. The leading positions were alternatively occupied on rounding the buoys by the Spaniards "Olimpo" and "Jorge Juan II", together with the Italian "Mia", which finally won, followed by the Spaniard "Vikingo".

The fourth and fifth races were run with the same wind, force 2, and in the first of these the Spanish Snipes "Olimpo", "Grego" and "Vikingo" finished in that order, while in the second the winner was the Italian "Mia", followed by the Spaniards "Cesar Porcel V" and "Olimpo."

On the last day, the sixth race was run immediately by the first race of the Championship which had been suspended. The sixth race was dominated throughout by the Italian "Mia", with south-easterly wind at force 1.5. The Spaniards "Vikingo" and "Jorge Juan II" finished second and third.

In the re-scheduled first race, with force 2 wind, the Italian "Mia" had the best chance of winning simply by coming in third or fourth, but engaged in a pointless struggle with the Spaniard "Cesar Porcel V", coming in eighth; while "Olimpo" succeeded in winning the race and with it the championship.

All the crews and guests were splendidly looked after by the host club in Alicante, who were warmly congratulated on the successful organization of the regatta.

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1. OLIMPO SPAIN Sanchez and Alonso
2. VIKINGO SPAIN Belles and Fondevila
3. MIA SPAIN Zaoli and Zaoli
4. JORGE JUAN II SPAIN Haenelt and Albadalejo
5. GREGO SPAIN Villen and Arribere
6. CESAR PORCEL V SPAIN Hermanos Lara
7. ROXANE VIII PORTUGAL Moreira and Roquet
8. KIMBOIO PORTUGAL Noguera and Moreira
9. PUNTA SALVORE ITALY Godino and Fornaro
10. SANTA CRUZ II PORTUGAL Talone and Pichel

Winners Sanchez and Alonso receiving their trophies.