

# Junior European Championship

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Moscow, Russia

Hosting their first international SCIRA regatta, SCIRA Russia pulled out all the stops to provide an excellent regatta, proving that Moscow may have to be a new addition to the Snipe sailing circuit.

National Secretary Alexei Fomin presented to the International Board of Governors at the 1997 World Championship, that Russia would host the 1998 Junior European Championship, providing 25 new Snipes for all teams. His promise came through, with 25 new Snipes built by a new Snipe builder in St. Petersburg. SCIRA Russia went another step further by also provided housing for all competitors, coaches and guests at the spacious new Moscow Sailing Center.

The Junior Europeans took on an even greater importance in many ways; SCIRA

Europe voted to qualify the top 2 finishers of the Championship to the European Championship; and the Junior Europeans were part of the first ever Youth Olympic Games, being held concurrently in Moscow. In addition, the International Board of Governors voted to amend the deed of gift for the regatta to allow the invitation of sailors from other European countries to compete. Those who were able to attend were teams from Belarus and the Ukraine, and others invited but unable to attend were Bulgaria, Czecnia, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia. The introduction of the Snipe to these countries was an opportunity afforded to SCIRA through SCIRA Russia and Alexei Fomin's hard work and dedication, and we hope to continue to build the Class through these contacts.

Sailing on the Russian river, the sailors had a long tow out each morning, but once to the course site, their sailing was uncrowded with great sailing conditions. Providing 25 new boats proved to be a daunting task, and last minute rigging help by Bjarne Iversen and Jan and Jane Persson, readied the boats for the competitors, but not without a day's delay. The organizers responded by putting all the competitors on a bus and sending them to the Kremlin and other highlights of Moscow for a tour, complete with a stop in a local restaurant to taste local cuisine.

All in all, the championship was a resounding success and the competitors happy in all aspects. Our thanks for Russia for an excellent regatta.

## Memories of Moscow

by Phillip Marshall, Great Britain

We actually arrived at the sailing centre at about 1 o'clock in the morning, so we couldn't see much of the surroundings. It wasn't until the morning that we got to see what the place actually looked like. I liked the location of the centre, I thought that it was very nice the way it was surrounded by a forest.

When we arrived in Moscow, we did not know anybody, however, we soon met many people and were surprised just how friendly the other sailors were. What impressed me the most was that no matter how good you were, the other competitors were still prepared to talk to you about sailing. You don't get that very often in the other classes of boat.

I thought the boats were very good and although they were not completed when we arrived, when we sailed them they handled well and all of the controls worked as they should.

When we were sailing I found that the racing was incredibly close and even at the back the racing was still of a very high standard.

Although the Spanish dominated throughout the event, other competitors did not get disheartened and tried harder the next day. However, it was the sort of racing where if you had a bad first beat, it was incredibly difficult to make the places up again.

Although the sailing area was some way from the sailing centre, it gave you time to wake up while being towed out. It also allowed us to see more of the countryside.

On the lay day we had the chance to go and see the opening ceremony of the first ever Youth Olympic Games which was a great experience. I think that the idea of a lay day so that we could visit Moscow City was a

brilliant idea and I hope that the organisers will do that at more international events. After all when you sail in a foreign country you don't get to see much of the country when you are sailing every day.

However, the highlights of the socialising at the sailing centre were when we all watched the World cup final and when we played a game of football outside, in which most competitors joined in, even the two girls.

As it was my first international Snipe championship, I find it difficult to compare it with

anything else. However, I have picked up a lot of useful information from other teams, which I shall now try out back in Britain. One major thing we have learned from the event, is the benefit of a coach. And I shall now try hard to make sure that we have a coach with the British team at international events from now on.

Congratulations to the Spanish who did very well at the event. I wish all other junior Snipe sailors good luck with their sailing and hopefully will meet you at the Junior Worlds.

## Results

	<i>Skipper/crew</i>	<i>Country/ Sail Number</i>	<i>Finishes</i>	<i>Total</i>
1.	Gabriel Orfila/Arturo Barranco	ESP 28898	3-1-4-(8)-4-1	12.5
2.	Antoni Cavaller/Luis Vila	ESP 28493	1-6-(dsq)-2-1-5	14.5
3.	Enrique Mir/Macos Garcia	ESP 1	4-2-7-3-(8)-2	18.0
4.	Pedro Saura/Mateo Vives	ESP 28493	2-3-2-4-7-(11)	18.0
5.	Otto Nielsen/Thomas Rasmussen	DEN 29020	6-5-1-7-2-(10)	20.75
6.	Ekaterina Skudina/Tatiana Lartseva	RUS 1	5-4-5-(6)-3-6	23.0
7.	Boris Rugal/Valery Sushko	UKR 7	(12)-9-6-1-9-8	32.75
8.	Denis Parshikov/Iliia Ravvin	RUS 29105	10-(15)-9-10-10-3	42.0
9.	Georgy Komarovskiy/Alexei Lipkin	BLR	9-8-(dsq)-11-11-4	43.0
10.	Maria Skaliapova/Boris Burmentyev	RUS 2	11-10-12-5-(dsq)-9	47.0
11.	Jakob Soransen/Kasper Nielsen	DEN 26660	7-13-3-(14)-12-13	48.0
12.	Thomas Mercante/Simone Ricci	ITA 28771	17-7-8-(dsq)-5-12	49.0
13.	Ulrik Sandvig/Heidi Sandvig	NOR 27971	8-(19)-13-9-14-7	51.0
14.	Oscar Casanovas/Jose Morales	ESP 28914	13-14-11-12-13-(15)	63.0
15.	Alexander Kharlamov/Dmitry Sapronov	RUS 5	14-17-14-(dsq)-6-16	67.0
16.	Carlo Rivas/Pablo Rivas	ESP 28915	16-11-10-15-19-(20)	71.0
17.	Vitaly Moshkovskiy/Alexander Kapustin	UKR 1	15-16-18-13-(18)-18	80.0
18.	Anne Romain/Thomas Vernhes	FRA 29409	(20)-20-15-16-15-14	80.0
19.	Phillip Marshall/Nick Bray	GBR 20558	18-12-16-(dnc)-dnc-17	84.0
20.	Somachi Sporne/Duncan Read	GBR 20265	(21)-18-17-17-16-21	89.0
21.	Peter Jacobsen/Mark Johansen	DEN 22382	19-(21)-19-18-17-19	92.0