Argentinians Triumph At World Juniors

The two Argentinian crews dominated the World Junior Snipe Championship for the Lasino Trophy, finishing 1st and 2nd in the regatta, which was sailed in the Mediterranean Sea, September 7-14. Luis Martinez and Andres Longarela were first with 16 points, only one point ahead of Juan Cloos and Marcelo Escalada. Denmark's Heinrich Evers and Peter Schmidt were third; Colin Smith and Chris Atherton of England 4th; and Mike Segerblom and Brian Hosfeld of the U.S. rounded out the top 5.

Club Nautico Cuidadela on the Spanish island of Menorca was host and organized the activity for the 17 participants representing 10 Snipe nations. Because of ticket reservation difficulties from Cuidadela, Brazil, Sweden, Belgium and Norway were unable to attend. Angola cancelled at the last minute.

In the first race Martinez led from start to finish, with Smith of England 2nd, and Spain 3rd. Cloos won the second race in planing conditions, with Martinez 2nd, and Smith third.

The second day's racing saw near perfect conditions, with 10 knot winds, large seas, and plenty of sunshine. Denmark rounded the 1st mark first and won the morning race, followed by Argentina's two boats, and Colin Smith. The afternoon race was the closest of the series, with Martinez, Cloos, and Smith all finishing within 30 seconds.

The next day's one race was sailed in light wind, and Mike Segerblom of the U.S. won comfortably, followed by Argentina and Spain.

In the next day's shifty winds England led at the last mark, only to lose going to the finish by not staying to windward of the 2 Argentinians. Cloos won the last race in unsteady 8 knot breezes. Denmark and Spain were second and third.

The weather was excellent and the island was wonderful. All participants were put up at Hotel Farragut (named for a naval hero of both Spain and America).

Among those officiating at the prizegiving ceremony were Miguel Company, President of the Spanish Sailing Federation, and SCIRA Vice Commodore Arturo Delgado who wrote; "Noteworthy among the actual sporting events were the excellent sailing by both Argentinian crews, who absolutely dominated the Championship, and the bad luck of the first American crew (John Shadden), which was the only one with two breakages, . . . which ended their chances and



Argentina smiled all the way home: L to R: Alejandro Cloos, Marcelo Escalada, Coach Pedro Sisti, Sec. Monica Salvat, Andres Longarela and Louis Martinez. Roberto Salvat, kneeling in front, was SCIRA Representative for the series.

forced them to withdraw from two races. However, what was important was the extraordinary feeling of comradeship among all participants, many of whom ended up in the swimming pool at the

prize-giving feeling a strong desire to push in somebody else . . . "

SCIRA Vice Commodore Arturo Delgado and Colin Smith, England

WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP (Top 10 of 17 entries)

Skipper/Crew	Nation	Points	Finish
Luis Cesar Martinez/Andres Longarela	Argentina	16	1
Juan A. Cloos/Marcelo Escalada	Argentina	17	2
Heinrich Evers/Peter Schmidt	Denmark	45.7	3
Colin Smith/Chris Atherton	England	46.4	4
Michael Segerblom/Brian Hosfeld	U.S.A.	53.1	5
Fernando Rita/Pepe Barca	Spain	69.4	6
Manuel Marmolejo/Carlos Bejarano,	Spain	72.1	7
Antonio Madeira/Jaime Trabucho	Portugal	80	8
Tommi Valkila/Paivi Valkila	Finland	87	9
Andreas Rosenlew/Mikael Seppala	Finland	91.7	10



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