Ivan Pimentel Captures World Masters Title

CAMPEONATO MUNDIAL MASTERS



Ivan Pimentel and Ricardo Lebreiro are 1987 Masters of the Snipe World having won the title at the second World Masters Championship held May 4-10 at Yacht Club Santo Amaro, Sao Paulo, Brazil. Carlos Wanderley and Mario Barila were second of the 19 Snipes from three continents which competed in the six-race, one throw-out regatta sailed on Lake Guarapiranga.

Bibi Juetz and Christano Pontes were third and Wilson Teixera and Kurt Dimer finished fourth. The first non-Brazilians were Fernando Sanjurjo and Marcos Mugaburu of Argentina in fifth. Defending champions Ken and Bill Simons from the U.S. finished sixth, and Spain's Eugenio Taillefer and Carlos Llamas were seventh.

The mixed-up winds for the series were mostly light and shifty. The usual strong afternoon wind which rises over the mountains from the ocean only came one day. Instead, the wind came across the lake from a direction from which it NEVER blows. "This is an illusion," according to what one of the locals told Ken and Bill Simons.

Bibi Juetz, the only woman skipper, won the first race, but Ivan Pimentel, who won the Western Hemisphere Championship on this same lake in 1978 won the second, and also took the last three first place finishes to dominate the last half of the regatta. Carlos Wanderley, who finished second in the regatta, also won one race.

Contestants were housed at the club, and boats were loaned to skippers from the U.S. and Europe. Entertainment was low key and casual; good food at the club every night was fortified with good Snipe conversation.

Eduardo Bomeisel was chairman of the event which was co-sponsored by Volkswagen do Brazil S.A.

Ken Simons, who appreciated the special hospitality of his Brazilian hosts, writes:

"Following the races each day you could find a group of skippers and crews off in a corner beside the bar singing and tapping out samba rhythm on a variety of tamborines, drum sticks, beer cans containing pebbles, etc. Ivan and Carlos, one and two on the race course, were also one and two in the music department.

This article would not be complete without mentioning the rudders. At the awards presentation they had three of the most beautiful hand-made wooden rudders. These were made by a 72-year old local craftsman, who produces about one rudder per month. I can believe that he spends the better part of a month working on one of these rudders. You have to see

one to fully appreciate the workmanship. One went to the winner, Ivan Pimentel, One was awarded to Peter Harazin in a drawing of all the Brazilian skippers. The third award was drawn from the hat by Sherry Simons from the four non-Brazilian skippers — and made her father-in-law Ken Simons very, very happy.

The Simons — Ken, Lou, Bill and Sherry — left Brazil with a very warm appreciation of the people in Brazil, all of whom seemed to bend over backward to make our visit a wonderful experience. Their kindness and friendship was far and above the call of duty. Bibi took an extra day off (having missed almost two weeks attending this regatta and the one that preceded it) to escort us around Rio. Aliana Wollner spent the other three days showing us the many wonderful sights of Rio as well as having us to her home for dinner with her whole family.

Is it any wonder that we had such a great time?"

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Fleet	Places	Points 1	Points Finish	
23042	Ivan Pimentel (47)/Ricardo Lebreiro	Brazil	5-1-1-1	5.7	1	
17484	Carlos Wanderley (56)/Mario Barila	Brazil	1-2-10-2	17	2	
26447	Bibi Juetz (53)/Christiano Pontes	Brazil	12-3-5-4	26.7	3	
23630	Wilson Teixera (58)/Kurt Diemer	Brazil	3-5-4-12	42.4	4	
22204	Fernando Sanjurjo (52)/Mugaburo	Argentina	2-7-6-6	53.4	5	
24742	Ken Simons (62)/Bill Simons	U.S.A.	8-10-9-5	57	6	
25959	Eugenio Taillefer (55)/C. Llamas	Spain	4-8-11-8	57.7	7	
14414	Paulo Paradeta (48)/Mario Buckup	Brazil	7-6-3-3	61.1	8	
26682	Fernando Tuebner (56)/W. Rezende	Brazil	9-4-7-7	63	9	
22303	Nils Ostergren (46)/Antonio Martins	Brazil	6-9-8-9	67.4	10	
24225	Carlos Wollner (52)/Mario Simoes	Brazil	0-13-2-5	69	11	
23636	Walter Luthold (52)/Leonel Szterling	Brazil	1-17-17-11	93	12	
24720	Eduardo Freire (62)/Antonio Sobral	Brazil	3-11-14-10	98	13	
17475	Mauricio Nacgeli (45)/Jose Blanco	Brazil	8-19-16-16	101	14	
12304	Peter Harazin (47)/Juan Echenique	Brazil	4-15-12-13	104	15	
23007	Reginaldo Kuhlman (60)/Czaschke	Brazil	9-14-15-14	104	16	
22490	Darke de Mattos (56)/Luis Kessler	Brazil	5-16-13-17	105	17	
26277	Marques del Turla (55)/Juan Gaquez	Spain	6-12-df-df	111	18	
23044	Antonio dos Santos (51)/R. Block	Brazil	7-18-18-18	116	19	