

SANTOS AND SILVAS TAKE MASTER'S WORLDS

By Roger Nylund

Eds. note: This is the first (and only) report that we've received on this event. Let's call it "Team Finland's Masters Report."

It's a long way from Finland to Portugal, but the prospect of facing another long, dark, Finnish winter was enough for Claus Carpelan, Freddy Wegelius and I to make the trip for one last dose of warm air and sunshine. It was my intention to have former Finnish Champion Carl-Christian Trapp as my crew, but a couple of weeks before the regatta his hog prevented him from making the trip. I sent a fax to Vilamoura and asked if the club could find me a crew. While "Clapa" and Freddy chose to fly down, I made the trip alone in the car. I took the ferry from Helsinki to Travemunde, Germany, and then had a three-day drive. I arrived on Saturday and the event was scheduled to start on Thursday so we had plenty of time for sightseeing, rigging and tuning, and practice sailing.

This was my third visit to Vilamoura. At this time of the year (October) the worst tourist boom is over, so most of the restaurants were not very crowded in the evenings. We usually started with some bottles of wine, cheese and crackers at our hotel which was just a few steps from the big marina and Clube Internacional da Marina de Vilamoura.

The official events started on the social side with a cocktail party on Tuesday eve-

ning. I had the pleasure to meet several friends from the 1990 World Masters in Spain, including, among others, Carlos Wanderley, Bibi Juetz and Eduardo Freire from Brasil, John and Jo Broughton and John Love and wife, from England.

Unfortunately, my crew was unable to sail, so I met my crew, Jose Leandro, about an hour before Wednesday morning's first race. Luckily the weather was nice, so Jose had the chance to get used to the boat in easy conditions. Three Brazilian teams, led by Carlos Wanderley, topped the first race, followed by the Americans, Jerry Thompson and crew, Sherry Eldridge.

That night the Opening Ceremonies and dinner were held at the Vilamoura Marinetel. Two races were sailed on Thursday with Domingos Borralho and Jose Filipe from Portugal finishing first and Thompson second in the first race and Brazilians Paulo Santos and Fernando Silva winning the second race. They were followed by Antonio Roquette and Luis Pessanha in second. Clapa and Freddy got their Snipe swinging well and posted a fifth and a third. I had some time near the front of the fleet in the second race, but dropped to 12th at the line. That evening the program included dinner at one of the many local golf clubs followed by a visit to a local music club where the party continued.

Only one race was scheduled for Friday

and Jerry Thompson, Paulo Santos, and Clapa were 1-2-3, after some very tight competition. This was followed by another great evening with a barbecue at the Ampalius Hotel with entertainment provided by local musicians and dancers.

The final race was sailed on Saturday, and Wanderley became the only winner of two races as he finished just ahead of Carpelan and Santos.

The Awards Banquet was held at the Casino de Vilamoura with dinner, prize giving and a floor show. A warm thank you goes to the staff at CIMAV. Great memories are made of Snipe events such as this one. It was great from start to finish.

Now that the event was over I faced the 3400-kilometer (2,000 miles) return drive to Finland, and looking back I can say that I would not do it alone. Back in Helsinki it was -10 degrees centigrade and snowy. At least I had great memories of the beautiful Algarve and warm thoughts of the great Portuguese hospitality as I stopped to put the snow tires on my van.

MASTERS WORLDS
October 21-25, 1992
Vilamoura-Algarve, Portugal
Top 20 of 49

Finish	Boat	Skipper/Crew	Places	Points
1	BL-26447	Paulo Santos/Fernado Silva (Master Junior)	3-15-1-2-3	14.40
2	US-24702	Jerry Thompsom/Sherry Eldridge (Master Junior)	4-2-8-1-5	21.00
3	L-28145	Claus Carpan/Freddy Wegelius (Master Junior)	11-5-3-3-2	24.40
4	BL-27535	Marco Paradedda/Alfredo Correa (Master Junior)	2-3-5-6-15	30.40
5	P-26841	Domingos Borralho/Jose Filipe (Master Junior)	5-1-4-32-11	35.00
6	BL-22301	Carlos Wanderley/Mario Barila (Master)	1-13-16-29-1	41.00
7	P-28028	Antonio Roquette/Luis Pessanha (Master Junior)	12-6-2-5-17	42.70
8	E-27427	Angel Alvarez/Fernando Nunez (Master)	9-8-6-4-14	48.70
9	P-25981	Jose Guerra/Goncalo Guerra (Master)	14-12-7-7-4	52.00
10	P-26840	Orlando Rodrigues/Fernando Carlos (Master)	7-9-9-10-7	56.00
11	E-23809	Carlos Castro/Roberto Castro (Master)	15-11-10-8-9	62.00
12	D-28200	Jan Persson/Harald Holstein (Master Junior)	8-10-14-17-8	64.00
13	P-25980	Raul Xavier/Jorge Telhada (Master Junior)	10-4-13-22-22	71.00
14	E-28200	Diego Cuenca Bosque/Jose Maria Lorente (Master Junior)	18-14-11-26-10	77.00
15	E-27976	Eugenio Taillefer/Juan Chinardo (Master)	22-7-17-15-23	85.00
16	N-28157	Stephen Irgens/Grete Irgens (Master Junior)	24-16-15-11-21	87.00
17	P-25120	Ruben Domingos/Maria Jesus Domingos (Master)	20-26-23-13-12	92.00
18	I-28353	Tua Marco Alvise/Borea Sergio (Master Junior)	21-17-21-23-13	96.00
19	E-23261	Jose Morales/Francisco Lopez (Master Junior)	23-19-dnf-18-16	100.00
20	L-28153	Roger Nylund/Jose Leandro (Master Junior)	31-18-12-21-29	104.00

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