

# Pimentel Wins South Americans

*Third championship boasts record turnout*

With a number of crews that exceeded the most optimistic expectations, the IIIrd South American Championship was raced in Buenos Aires, Argentina between the 2nd and 6th of April. Fortunately, the crews of Brazil, Uruguay, Chile, Paraguay, and Argentina were here, and a

Canadian, Peter Baillie, an old friend who received our invitation, caught a plane, and came down to race.

Seven races were raced during the four days programed. In the first, after a start without any problems, Wilson Pereira was in front, followed very closely by Ivan

Pimentel. On the reach Pimentel passed Pereira, and he kept in front up to the end. Behind them, the fight was very hard with 6 or 7 boats fighting for the following places. Finally Rawson was 3rd; Carlos Murguia 4th, and Julio Labandeira 5th.

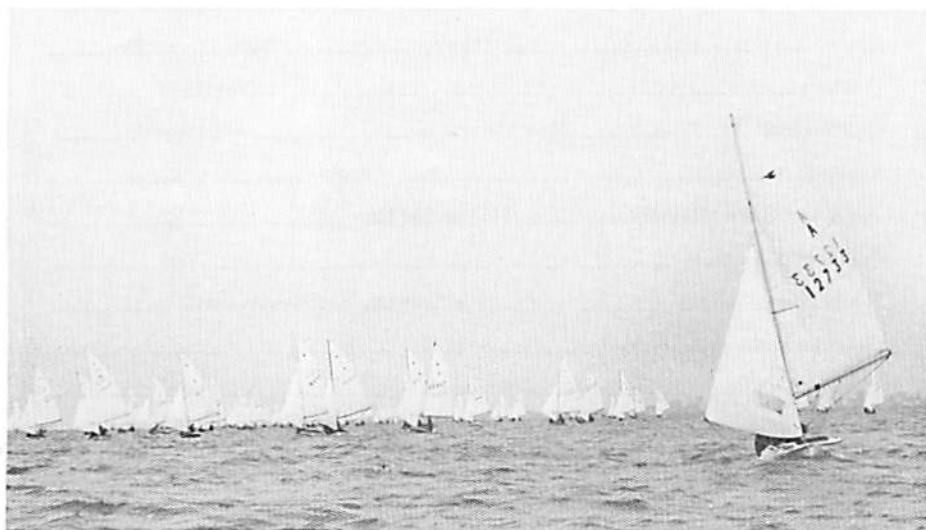
## SOUTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP (Top 9 of 95 entries)

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Home	Places	Points	Finish
23407	Ivan Pimentel/Jose Barcello Diaz	Brazil	1-5-2-1-1-3-3	14.4	1
12733	Pedro Sisti/Miguel Costa	Argentina	12-1-1-15-2-1-nf	42	2
23576	Julio Labandeira/Fernando Asad	Argentina	5-10-4-4-nf-2-9	60	3
22202	Eduardo Rawson/Hector Longarella	Argentina	3-16-6-8-7-5-10	66.1	4
24061	Wilson Pereira/Mariano Martinez	Argentina	2-13-15-5-3-29-4	66.7	5
22577	Gonzalo Campero/Pablo Mascias	Argentina	15-2-12-11-8-8-2	69	6
24057	Santiago Lange/Ricardo Ricoveri	Argentina	8-7-7-2-11-dq-5	70	7
22204	Fernando Sanjurjo/Pablo Bosch	Argentina	14-4-14-23-9-6-1	74.7	8
21671	Carlos Murguia/Ricardo Thode	Uruguay	4-9-8-3-6-15-16	75.4	9

With very soft wind, the second race was raced on Friday morning. It was started 3 times before it was done correctly. Very quickly Sisti caught the lead position followed by Gonzalo Campero, Alejandro Sisti, and Pedro Garra. The distance between Sisti and the second grew, and he finished three minutes before Gonzalo Campero. Pedro Garra was 3rd, Sanjurjo 4th, and Pimentel 5th.

The third race was similar to the second one, and the couple of Sisti-Costa proved again that they are the fastest in light, and they won the race. 2nd Pimentel, 3rd Hugo Longarella, and 4th Julio Labandeira.

On Saturday morning the weather was very bad, and the wind blew between 15-20 knots, with poor visibility and rain. The race was postponed up to one p.m., when the south wind cleared the fog, although it kept raining. The first triangle ended with Horacio Carabelli from Uruguay in front, followed by Santiago Lange, Julio Labandeira, and Ivan Pimentel. On the second reach, Pimentel passed Labandeira and Lange got close to the first. In the last leg, when Pimentel was going to pass Carabelli, this one broke his tiller and had to retire. Finally the race



*The crowd follows Pedro Sisti downwind. (Revista Barcos photo)*

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*Starting the 3rd race. (Revista Barcos photo)*