

BRASIL'S NEHM AND BERGALO TAKE 1991 SOUTH AMERICAN'S

The 1991 South American's were hosted by Clube dos Jangadeiros on the waters of the Guabiá River in Porto Alegre, Brasil. Thirty-nine crews—twenty-one from Brasil, fourteen from Uruguay, and four from Argentina—competed in the event. All of the competitors were housed in the club facilities.

The organization was excellent despite frequent changes in wind direction and strength. The difficult weather conditions complicated the task of the Race Committee and forced skippers to use all of their seamanship, strategy and ability.

The Race Committee was made up of notorious Snipers of the host country, guys like Flavio Caluby and Paulo Renato Paradedá. Your reporter was present in measurements, meetings, and the seven races. All seven races were completed, each sailed with strictly enforced rules, especially Rule 54 (Kinetics).

The presence of such talented Snipe sailors gave the event a very high technical and tactical level of competition.

In a meeting held during the Championship, the National Secretaries decided that the 1992 South Americans will be hosted by Uruguay. At the same time, the 1992 South American Junior Championship will be sailed. An increased number of junior sailors will participate in the 1992 event, taking advantage of the fact that they will sail immediately after in the 1992 South Americans and get training of the Junior Worlds.

In the first race, poor winds and no current showed the picture of the first race at the moment the red flag went down. At the second rounding of the leeward mark the Uruguayans Carabelli/Chiquarro headed the fleet, followed by the local star "Dodão" Nehm/Bergalo, and the young Dominican/Krahe. The positions reversed unchanged up to the finish line, giving Carabelli a good gap back to Nehm and then Weinschuster, Marco Paradedá/Richard were fourth.

The second race started immediately following the first, as the winds had increased. Rezende/Alves of Brasil got a good start, followed closely by Echenique/Chvo, a Chilean living in Brasil, the Uruguayan Ricardo Fabini/Mereshoff, the current World Champions and a second group consisting of Nehm, Carabelli, Paradedá, the Legarelli brothers, and Pimentel. Taking advantage of his knowledge of his home waters, the local Nehm improved positions and took the victory, followed by Echenique, H. Piccolo/Hübne, Fabini, Rezende, Carabelli, and Pimentel.

The next day the third race was started with ten knots of wind and small waves. It was a big surprise to see the Uruguayan juniors Alzola/Saracqui complete the first triangle in first place. Trying to catch them were veterans Boris Ostergren and his son, the Argentinians C. and A. Noe, the Uruguayan teenager Nico Gonzalez with G. Faggi, and R. Paradedá/Garcia. The presence of all of these name sailors generally not the leaders, indicated that a big juke had been played by Aeolus to the detriment of the usually wise sailors. Finally things got back to normal, and the final result of race three was as follows: Fabini, Rezende, Hilson Piccolo, Echenique, Nehm, Carabelli and Schewe.

During the fourth race Carabelli, Echenique, Nehm and Pimentel took a good distance from the rest of the fleet consisting of Boris, Schewe, the Thode brothers, Alzola and Ribeiro/Niso. As the leader approached the finish line Nehm made a good move and got the second. Carabelli won his second race, Pimentel was fourth, Fabini fifth, Piccolo sixth and Thode seventh.

A big problem faced the organizers as they were forced to try to sail three races and have the prize-giving on the final day of the event (Saturday), so

the sailors from distant points could arrive home on Sunday. The weather conditions did not look promising. Nevertheless, the Gods "up there" surely sail Snipes, and against all nasty perspectives, the Race Committee managed to get in the three remaining races. The permanent changes in wind direction (and consequently mark positions) tried the spirits of the officers and sailors. This "tour de force" was executed by the General Secretary of the Western Hemisphere, the Uruguayan Luis Alberto Carluccio, with a wide smile on account of the good management and efficiency showed by the local authorities.

"Dodão" led most of the fifth race and took the bullet. Fabini followed him closely up to the finish where he was passed by R. Paradedá. In fourth it was "Chiquarro" Pimentel, and the Piccolo, Carabelli and in seventh, Marco Paradedá.

The sixth race showed a good start by Ostergren, sailing a "dinosaur" 12,000 series boat, typical of the type that he exhumed from strange places and restores through his talents and manual skill.

In second place appeared Adão/Silva and R. S. Paradedá was third. Then came that pretty and talented representative of female Snipers in South America, Brasil's Bibi Juetz, in fourth. At the finish it was Ostergren, A. Paradedá, Aydos, M. Paradedá, Nehm, Rezende and Fabini.

Ribeiro Neto had a good start to the seventh and final race and led the boats at the first mark, followed by Carluccio, who was sailing a brand-new boat from Rezende, manufactured in Uruguay. Pimentel was third. "Shame" Ribeiro managed to maintain his lead, taking advantage of a huge luffing match between Carluccio and Pimentel. The positions remained unchanged and Ribeiro took the victory. Carluccio was second, R. Paradedá got around Pimentel for third. Piccolo was fifth.

In the final accounting it was Brasil's Nehm and Bergalo taking the overall victory with a 25-point margin over Carabelli and Chiquarro of Uruguay.

The Clube dos Jangadeiros did a fine job under very trying conditions. As it has been selected to host



Action at the 1991 South American's. L. A. Carluccio photo.



Uruguay's Minister of Sport, Dr. Juan Carlos Pavlier, has a sail with World Champion Ricardo Fabini. The Uruguayan government has been most helpful to the Snipe Class. L. A. Carluccio photo.

the 1993 Snipe Worlds, this is a good sign that this most important of Championships is in good hands.
Luis A. Cordasco

1991 SOUTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. Nohu/Bergallo	Brazil	26 points
2. Casabelli/Chaparrin	Uruguay	51.1
3. Rubin/Meehoff	Uruguay	59.7
4. Echenozaga/Celvo	Chile	60
5. Pamento/Vergo	Brazil	64
6. M. Paradedala/Richard	Brazil	68.4
7. Ficoelo/Hubbe	Brazil	69.1
8. R. Paradedala/Alves	Brazil	74.7
9. Rezende/Alves	Brazil	78.7
10. Selawel/Ram	Uruguay	84.1

68 BOATS COMPETE FOR SPAIN'S NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

The Club Maritimo De Melilla was the host for the 1991 Spanish Nationals. The Bermudez brothers of RCM La Cuenca posed five hulls to take the seven-race series with a comfortable 33-point margin over Oliver Gonzalez and Leopoldo Merida of RCM Malaga.

In the Women's Classification, Maria Castenedo and Elena Lopez of RCM Santander scored 9th overall to take the title from the six other all-female teams in the event.

The Junior title went to RCM La Cuenca's team of Manuel Bermudez and crew Francisco Jimenez with a 10th overall. There were 14 all-Junior Crews.

1991 DISTRICT ONE CHAMPIONSHIP

Doug Clark and Scott Taylor of Annapolis sailed to a victory in the District One Championship sailed at the Eastern Yacht Club, Marblehead, Massachusetts on June 15 and 16. Clark, last year's District Champion, outshipped 31 other competitors in the challenging five race series.

The first day featured warm, light southeast breezes with relatively flat water and few shifts. Clark and Taylor battled Bryan Fishback and Laurie Stott, also of Annapolis, to secure on a victory in the first race. Clark's second and third races were not as successful, and at the end of the first day, they sat in third place with 11.75 points, behind Henry Filler and Nancy Green of Cottage Park with 5.75 and Jim Bowen and Dave Lanza of Winchester with 7.75. The inclusion of a throwout race left the series open, and assured that Clark, who had an eighth in the second race, would be a formidable contender on the second day.

Off the water, on Saturday night, the Marblehead flow, coordinated by Mary Jodice, Bill Page and Rob and Lisa Gorman provided a real New England lobster dinner along with a spectacular thunderstorm. If the food was not enough to remind the competitors that they were truly in New England, the weather certainly was. The ninety degree temperature and light winds of Saturday gave way to a raw, rainy and cold Sunday and dryvets were unpacked from suitcase storage for the flume. The fifteen- to eighteen-knot northeast breeze of the first race on Sunday provided the heavy air sailors with a chance to recover from the previous days' performances.

Clark and Taylor showed their versatility by edging out John Kistna and John Tagliacarne of Marblehead and Ian Brown and Doug Behar of Toronto to win the first race. Going into the last race, Filler, who had a fourth place finish in the race, accumulated a 2.75-point lead. With the throwout, the championship came down to who beat whom in the last race, unless Filler could force Clark to have a race worse than a sixth.

The last race featured medium air and chop. In an exciting finish, the lead in the last race changed

SPANISH NATIONALS SENIORS

Top 10 of 68 boats

Rank	Skipper/Crew	Club	Points	Points
1	R. Bermudez/C. Bermudez	RCM La Cuenca	74-24-13-0-0	13.0
2	Oliver Gonzalez/Leopoldo Merida	RCM Malaga	5.7-11.7-14.3-11.7-24	46.1
3	Ricardo Rubin/Ricardo Solson	RCN Santander	3-14-18-0-15-30	50.0
4	Carlos Llanas/Javier Gomez	Malaga-Santander	0-15-5.7-5.7-27-35	51.4
5	Javier Perez A./Ricardo Perez S.	CN Los Ninos	21-3-8-27-10-11.7	53.7
6	J. Luis Perez/Miguel Barrio	M de Melilla	10-15-13-9-4-15	59.0
7	Inmaculo Carrillo/Isabel Barreiro	RCM Santander	3-7-5-25-11.7-20-10	74.7
8	Fernan. Berthel/Ricardo Trovato	RCM La Cuenca	18-16-16-14-13-32	77.0
9	Miguel Castenedo/Elena Lopez A.	RCN Santander	16-26-10-30-3-43	85.0
10	Manuel Bermudez/Fco. Jimenez	RCM La Cuenca	22-14-26-42-23-3	88.0

WOMEN

Seven of seven boats

Rank	Skipper/Crew	Club	Points	Points
9	Miguel Castenedo/Elena Lopez A.	RCN Santander	16-26-10-30-3-43	83.0
10	Maria Sanchez/Maria Sanchez	RCN de la Ribera	32-42-59-35-75-28	216.0
12	Pepi Sena/Felix Mora	CN Santa Pola	58-29-51-52-75-58	228.0
44	Felix Castenedo/Pablo Marco	RCM Malaga	64-61-42-28-0-51	236.0
62	Oliver Gonzalez/Diaz Melia	RCN Vigo	73-61-75-75-48-70	329.0
65	Jana Negra S./Isabel Negra S.	CNN de Ansoñe	68-61-75-75-75-62	341.0
66	M. San Martin/Maria Guiso	RCN Vigo	70-61-75-75-75-64	343.0

JUNIORS

Top ten of 34 boats

Rank	Skipper/Crew	Club	Points	Points
10	Manuel Bermudez/Fco. Jimenez	RCN La Cuenca	22-14-26-42-23-3	86.0
11	Fernando G. Laguardia/Rafael	RCM La Cuenca	34-20-15-26-73-13	83.0
12	J. de La Yrujo/Pablo Juan Gil	RCN Santander	30-24-11.7-20-3.7-47	91.4
18	E. Miras. Urrego/Pablo Linares	CN de Cardado	24-44-21-15-16-33	109.0
21	Rene Pagon/Jose R. Solaun	RCN Valencia	11.7-81-35-19-34-5.7	125.6
30	Las Darcas/Jesus Bas	CN Almeria	25-61-33-25-33-70	177.0
34	Luis Pulgarin/Ruth Alta	CN Bizkaia	30-33-3-6-29-75-40	190.0
38	Marin Sanchez/Maria Sanchez	RCN de la Ribera	32-42-59-35-75-28	216.0
51	Pablo Marco/Luis Sanchez	RCN de la Ribera	39-61-52-75-44-31	247.0
57	Cesar Urtecho/Carlos Bermejo	RCM Malaga	19-75-61-75-75-75	304.0

SNIPER DISTRICT I CHAMPIONSHIPS Eastern Yacht Club June 16-6, 1991

Rank	Boat	Skipper/Crew	Club	Points	Points
1	24050	Doug Clark/Scott Taylor	Annapolis, MD	1-0-3-1-3	7.5
2	25094	Henry Filler/Nancy Green	Quincy, MA	3-2-1-4-6	9.75
3	23781	John Kistna/John Tagliacarne	Cambridge, MA	4-4-1-6-2-4	10.75
4	23780	Jim Bowen/Dave Lanza	Winchester, MA	5-1-4-1-7	13.75
5	23412	Art Robinson/Carol Muzzan	Andover, MA	7-3-6-15-4	20
6	26307	Bryan Fishback/Lori Stott	Dorset, MD	2-1-1-1-5-7	23
7	27133	Andrew Finner/Thomas Sweet	Portsmouth, RI	9-6-5-4-1-4	28
8	25483	Neil O'Brien/Margaret Podlich	Arlington, MA	6-5-17-17-2	30
9	26894	Harry Levinson/Sam Lawless	Medford	8-10-4-12-9	33
10	24163	P. J. Schaefer/Liz Merrifield	Newport, RI	10-1-13-7-10-5	35
11	27372	Ian Brown/Doug Behar	Toronto, Ontario	17-7-27-3-10	37
12	28044	Paulo Lanza/Maria	Port Washington	18-9-9-14-13	41
13	28067	Jerry Thompson/Sherd Ehrstige		14-27-13-7-12	46
14	26108	Steven Vuono	Providence, RI	12-10-11-12-10-10	46
15	26754	Bill Page/Mary Jordan	Marblehead, MA	11-4-28-23-9-11	54
16	26810	Rob Gorman/Lisa	Marblehead	10-20-DNF-11-15	56
17	27054	Les Griffith/Chris	Yorkley, PA	15-22-12-16-16	59
18	26131	Michael Boovers	Winchester, MA	23-15-10-18-DNF	66
19	25197	Dan Nash	Newport, RI	29-26-15-21-8	70
20	27101	John Lilly/John Muljine	Waltham, MA	20-18-19-23-19	76
21	24451	Ben Casse/Kevin BeJ	S Norwalk, CT	19-21-8-DNF-DNS	80
22	24452	Max Kosteles	Falmouth, MA	19-4-7-DNS-DNS	82
23	23659	Ray Schmitz/Twee	Athol, MA	26-19-21-19-DNS	87
24	27099	Stephanie Keefe/Jason Werten	Waltham, MA	21-0-0-20-27-18	87
25	25073	Darryl Warkov/Rusin	Princeton, NJ	22-17-29-20-DNF	86
26	26316	Niles Stogals	Washington, DC	27-23-29-22-20	94
27	24999	Marin Swanson/Beuster Swadell	Medford, MA	25-24-24-24-23	95
28	28199	Ralph Swanson/Karen Weisker	Winchester, MA	31-23-14-DNF-DNS	100
29	27377	John Duryan	Rockline, MA	(DNF)-14-22-DNF-DNS	100
30	24695	Robert Coyle	Lexington, MA	(2)-29-26-26-22	103
31	26406	Paul Wood	Smythport, CT	28-DNF-30-25-21	104
32	25078	Jim Alwood/Lydia Hodson		24-(22)-DNF-DNF-DNS	120

