

Lake Ypacarai — Uruguay Ivan Pimentel Is South American Champ

Twenty-five boats from Chile, Argentina, Uruguay, Brazil, and Paraguay arrived at this beautiful lake hoping to win the VI South American Championship sailed March 28th-April 1st. Past champions, and a lot of young juniors were there, especially from Argentina and Uruguay.

Competitors were pleased to have the Vice-Commodore and Rear-Commodore of SCIRA, plus National Secretaries, and the Vice-Secretary of the Western Hemisphere attending. All these people gave the Championship a special value.

During Tuesday the 29th only one race could be sailed, because of the extraordinary calm weather. After a very interesting race, three boats were on the last leg with possibilities of winning: the Wanderleys (father and son), and Raul Revora. Finally, just at the line, Carlos Wanderley Sr. got the first, second was Raul Revora-Pablo Rodriguez, and third Carlos Wanderley Jr.-Francisco Perez. The next five positions were very close, with nothing guaranteed because the wind came and went, but finally Luis Martinez-Marcelo Sallovitz were fourth, and Pedro Sisti-Federico Amadeo fifth.

On Wednesday two races were completed with very light wind. The first one was won by Carlos Wanderley Sr., second Ivan Pimentel-Marcelo Maia, third Carlos Wanderley Jr., fourth Raul Revora, and fifth Alejandro Bugacov-Eduardo Ceusi. The next race, with the same wind conditions, was won by Ivan Pimentel, second Pedro Sisti, third Carlos Wanderley Sr., fourth Alejandro Bugacov, and fifth Luis Martinez.

After the race, when the weight of Carlos Wanderley Sr.'s boat was questioned, she was found to be light, and was disqualified in the third race. After some disagreeable arguments with the Race Committee, Carlos Wanderley Sr. was put away from the championship, and had to see the races from the beach.

Other problems with the moment-of-inertia had happened with Pimentel's boat, but as there was no possibility of measuring it, nothing happened.

On Thursday, the wind finally arrived, and the two races of about 10 miles were sailed. The first of them was perfectly won by Carlos Wanderley Jr., after an interesting match with Alejandro Bugacov, who finally was second. Third was Luis Martinez, fourth Raul Revora, and fifth, the defender, Julio Labandeira-Horacio Rosito, who up to that moment were absent from the first positions. In the after-

noon, the race was won by Julio Labandeira from start to end. Second was Ivan Pimentel, third Luis Martinez.

Finally, on Friday April 1st, the last two races were done, and both of them were won by Julio Labandeira-Horacio Rosito. In the morning, second was Luis Martinez, third Alejandro Bugacov, fourth Bibi Juetz-Andrea Boddner, and fifth Ivan Pimentel.

In the afternoon, second position was very disputed, and finally was won by Ivan Pimentel-Marcelo Maia. Third was Luis Martinez-Marcelo Sallovitz, fourth Alejandro Bugacov-Eduardo Ceusi, and fifth Carlos Wanderley Jr.-Francisco Perez.

The final positions showed a very close difference between the first five boats, considering the very different weather conditions.

A real champion — Ivan Pimentel; a nice place — Ypacarai Lake; and great hospitality — the Paraguayians, were the most important events of the VI South American Championship.

Some considerations: lots of incidents happened, most importantly:

1st: Some boats had no measurement certificates. This is not the first time this has happened in a South American Championship.

2nd: The winner came with a new boat, not measured before the championship, with some doubts about the moment of inertia. This problem was observed previously at the championship when held in Buenos Aires, and Punta del Este.

3rd: The Paraguayians had organizational problems, and didn't have measurement facilities, so it was not possible to resolve the doubts.

4th: Snipe class is the most important in South America without any doubt, and skippers really sail just thinking of fair play.

I hope next year in Porto Alegre, Brazil, all these problems will be resolved, and that we can have representatives from Peru, Colombia, and Venezuela, too.

Julio Labandeira
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SOUTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP (Top 10 of 25 entries)

Ivan Pimentel/Marcelo Maia, Brazil, 27.7; 2. Luis Martinez/Marcelo Sallovitz, Argentina, 38.1; 3. Julio Labandeira/Horacio Rosito, Argentina, 39; 4. Carlos Wanderley (Jr)/Francisco Perez, Brazil, 40.1; 5. Alejandro Bugacov/Eduardo Censi, Argentina, 44.7; 6. Pedro Sisti/Federico Amadeo, Argentina, 63; 7. Raul Revora/Pablo Rodriguez, Argentina, 63.7; 8. Bibi Juetz/Andrea Boddner, Brazil, 77; 9. Horacio Carabelli/Cristhian Rippe, Uruguay, 91.4; 10. Jorge Fernandez/Guillermo Botteri, Argentina, 93.

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