

PARADEDAS TAKE SOUTH AMERICANS

by Luis A. Carluccio

Forty-four crews took part in the 14th edition of the South American Championships, organized the Yacht Club Punta del Este, Uruguay; 16 were from Uruguay, 16 from Brasil, 11 from Argentina, and one from Paraguay.

As the event got underway, the teams struggled to survive the strong violence of the wind and waves, but conditions moderated as the event progressed, finishing with pleasant navigation in light breezes.

Race one started with anemometers showing terrific figures, but just under the fatal limits allowed by regulations. After a good start the fleet spread out along the Punta del Este Bay as everyone seemed to have his own theory about the best way to reach the weather mark in the lead. Brazilian Marco A. Paradedada and his crew/sod, Alexandre, chose the correct path and arrived at the orange buoy in the lead feeling the breath of George Nehm and F. Krahe (BR) on their necks. The positions remained unchanged, but during the final leg Paradedada made a mistake and Nehm took the lead, followed by 1989 World Champion Fabini, with Ivan Guicheff crewing. At the finish it was Nehm, followed by Fabini, Ivan Pimental, and Andre Wurlich of Brasil, with the Paradedas in fifth.

The second race showed that Wurlich was very fast as he took the lead, followed by Pimental, Snipe Master Carlos Wanderley, and local sailor Alejandro Carluccio. These positions remained unchanged to the finish. Fifth was taken by Rezeade

of Brasil with Marco Paradedada in sixth, followed by Rafael Paradedada, and Hilton Piccolo. Fabini lost his rudder as a gudgeon was broken in a heavy collision, but managed to jury-rig it and limped home in 16th.

Winds were recorded at a steady 22 knots as race three got underway. Brazilian Junior Sniper Rafael Paradedada battled with John MacCall of Argentina and Ignacio Gercar of Uruguay, the three swapping the lead around the course. At the line it was Paradedada taking the gun, followed by Fabini, Piccolo, MacCall, Gercar, Uruguay's team of Shewe/Ranu, and Pimental.

Marco and Alexandre grabbed another great start in race four and led the way as locals Alejandro Carluccio and Christopher Schewe tried in vain to close the margin. At this point the winds were in the 30-40-knot range with huge broken waves. It was a real show to see the boats surfing the waves on the reaches. Meanwhile, on the RC boat, the officers had to rev up the engines to follow the fleet as the speedometer showed 10 to 12 knots. Unperturbed by the monstrous conditions, the Paradedas took the gun, followed by Carluccio, Shewe, Gercar, MacCall, Pimental, Fabini and Santa Cruz.

Winds moderated to 15 knots for race five as Paradedada and Fabini fought it out for the lead; Santa Cruz and Nehm worked on Edgardo Lozano of Argentina whose Rosendo Snipe was carrying a large patch, the result of a collision in race 4. At the line it was Paradedada followed by Fabini.

Santa Cruz, Lozano, Pereira, D'Elia and Piccolo.

Race six looked like a Brazilian competition, as most of the leaders showed "BL" on the sails. A few "U's" were in the bunch, and no "A". Marco and Alexandre showed that they are good in medium winds, too, as they led the whole way. This put the Paradedas in a position where the Championship was their's to lose, as Fabini was the only challenger with any remote chance.

The seventh and final race was marked by low clouds and moderate breezes. After six days of strong winds the seas were still turbulent, and the combination resulted in excellent conditions for the sailors to show their tactical genius. The Uruguayan junior team of Ignacio Gercar, with Argentine crew Andres Onis, Pablo Fernandez/Angel Marangos and Joaquin Berembau/Jose Romero were off to a great start and took the vanguard. It looked as though the older sailors were giving the youngsters permission to take the lead, but such would never be the case!

"Old man Pimental" and former South American Champion Nehm tried in vain to crash the teenage party. At the line it was Gercar, Fernandez, Rafael Paradedada, Schewe, Nehm, Berembau, Fabini, and Lozano. The equipment check showed that the young Uruguayan Fernandez did not have his paddle and so he was DSQ, a cruel lesson perhaps, but necessary to enforce the rules.

URUGUAY'S GERCAR AND ARGENTINE ONIS TEAM FOR JR. S.A. WIN

The third running of the South American Junior Championship preceded the South Americans and gave a great opportunity to judge the high level of competition and talent of the continent's brightest young Snipers.

The first race was aborted by the Race Committee, as the winds at the start were a steady 24 knots with gusts to 28. Everyone sailed back in for milkshake hour with sniffling faces!

A few hours later the gusts were down and the race got underway. Santa Cruz and crew, Eric Siegmann, took the lead at the start and were followed closely by Gercar and Sojo/Carran. Santa Cruz had speed and suited away

from the chasers. In the excitement of the battle and a lack of attention to the Race Committee, the leaders failed to see that the course had been changed from Olympic to a more comfortable Triangular one. Sagacious Berembau noted the change and took the win, followed by Gercar, Carran/da Souza, B. Sojo/Carran, and Gonzalez.

Winds were still solid for race two, and there were plenty of breakdowns and DNFs. Santa Cruz managed to stay buoyant and wait, followed by Gercar. Andre Ligick and crew, Claudio Beier of Brasil, with J. P. Fernandez in fourth.

Race three was another good test of seamanship in severe conditions and Ligick

and Santa Cruz passed with ease as they fought it out for the win. Ligick was dominant and took the first, followed by Santa Cruz and then Sojo, Gercar and Gonzalez.

Results

1	Ignacio Gercar/Andres Onis (U)	14.0 pts.
2	Mauricio Santa Cruz/Eric Siegmann (B)	16.0 pts.
3	Andre Ligick/Claudio Beier (B)	22.7 pts.
4	Enrique Sojo/Adolfo Carran (U)	23.7 pts.
5	Joaquin Berembau/Jose Romero (U)	26.0 pts.
6	Juan Fernandez/Angel Marangos (C)	31.4 pts.
7	Nicolas Gonzalez/Hector Seraglio (U)	31.7 pts.
8	Juan Carran/Enrique da Souza (U)	39.7 pts.
9	Castello Nieto/Federico Antononi (U)	42.0 pts.
10	Juan Cheparri/Alvarado Peira (U)	50.0 pts.
11	M. Tejera/F. Maciel (U)	50.0 pts.

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SOUTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP Yacht Club Punta del Este, Uruguay Top 20 of 34 Boats

Finish	Boat	Skipper/Crew	Fleet	Place	Points
1	27535	M. Paroleda/A. Paroleda	ICF, Brazil	5-6-9-1-1-1-12	36.7
2	25186	R. Fabiani/G. Gouzeff	YCU, Uruguay	2-18 2 7 2 7 7-6	46.7
3	27523	G. Mohr/T. Kralic	JCF, Brazil	1-10-16-16-5-2-4	59.0
4	23012	I. Pimentel/Ca. Varga	RYC, Brazil	3-2-7-6-15-14-13	73.4
5	28291	Elizete Pissoto	ICJ, Brazil	11-8-3-10-8-3-16	75.1
6	21771	Aljondres Coluccini	YCU, Uruguay	8-4-14-2-10-15-11	78.0
7	21587	Christopher Scherer	YCPE, Uruguay	12-13-6-3-14-16-5	80.1
8	26449	André Wehrlich	ICJ, Brazil	4-1-20-19-5-12-17	89.0
9	18115	Rafael Escobedo	ICJ, Brazil	6-7-1-and-21-9-2	95.7
10	25985	Judrey MacCall	Argentinia	6-9-18-1-5-16-10-9	95.0
11	27889	I. Gerson/A. Onis	YCU, Uruguay	13-23-4-4-13-and-5-1	100.0
12	27822	W. Bezen De Ulloa	VEN, Brazil	10-5-8-8-13-and-22	105.0
13	22303	Carlos A. Winstanley	YCSA, Brazil	14-3-10-25-11-21-21	112.7
14	28004	Nicolau Gouveia	YCU, Uruguay	18-14-12-11-20-13-14	115.0
15	27539	TYPE D'ELI	RYC, Brazil	7-6-and-18-7-1-23	120.0
16	28006	Fernando Keller	ICJ, Brazil	17-15-11-13-23-11-25	136.0
17	21871	Edgardo Lozano	CIFB, Argentina	22-23-23-15-4-23-7	138.0
18	10863	AJ. Ferrel	CYB, Argentina	23-19-23-14-4-17-18	132.7
19	27190	Miriam Santa Cruz	ICRJ, Brazil	16-and-21-8-3-8-and	135.1
20	27571	Rafael Franco	RYC, Brazil	9-12-23-16-22-30-24	142.0

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