

Fabini Wins 1996 South American Championship

The 1996 South American Championship was organized by the Yacht Club Uruguayo, in the same area where the last Western Hemisphere Championship was raced.

Thirty three crews from Argentina, Brasil, Chile and Uruguay competed for the most important trophy in the area.

After five races, Ricardo Fabini and Ignacio Saralegui from Uruguay won for the second time the South American Championship.

The first day's weather wasn't good enough for sailing as there were gusts of up to 23 knots and very high seas. Even as Nicolas Gonzales/Diego Masironi showed that it was possible to sail a Snipe, the Race Committee understood that it was too risky to go out in such an unstable weather condition, and we all stayed ashore waiting for the second day.

For the second day things went better. Sailing south easterly winds of about 15 knots, Pereira/Pereira from Argentina won the first race followed by Ricardo Fabini/Ignacio Saralegui and the defending champions Paradedra/Fernandez from Brasil.

The second race followed, and the first positions switched. Ricardo Fabini/Ignacio Saralegui won followed by Pereyra/Pereyra and Roberto Fabini/Juan Esterovich.

The weather didn't change for the third day. Three races were held this day, as the Race Committee took the chance that the weather would worsen for the next day.

The third race was won again by Ricardo Fabini/Ignacio Saralegui, followed by Montes/Fernandez and Despontin/Romero from Argentina.

The defending champions Paradedra/Fernandez won the fourth race followed by Ricardo Fabini/Ignacio Saralegui and Carluccio/Garra (Jr).

We will never forget the fifth race! After two exhausting ones, it was hard to believe there was another one. But all who complained about it, ended up acknowledging the excellent criteria showed by the Race Committee as this fifth race was in fact the last race, due to the 30 knot wind that blowed on the following and last day.

The fifth race was won again by Paradedra/Fernandez followed by Ricardo Fabini/Ignacio Saralegui and Peralta/Baquedano from Argentina.

The invited international jurys Jorge Carrer and Fernando Krahe fortunately didn't have much work to do, as there were only a few protests. They taught us a lot about the new SCIRA and IYRU rules and participated us of their extremely rich experience.

—Pedro Garra (Jr)
506 Fleet Captain

Results

Pos	Sail#	Skipper/Crew	Hull	Points
1	URU 28026	Fabini/Saralegui	Rosendo/Fabini	07.50
2	BRA 28650	Paradedra/Fernandez	Persson	15.50
3	ARG 1086	Pereyra/Pereyra	Rosendo/Fabini	20.75
4	ARG 28640	Despontin/Romero	Eclipse	26.00
5	URU 28826	Fabini/Esterovich	Rosendo/Fabini	31.00
6	ARG 28984	Montes/Fernandez	Persson	38.00
7	ARG 28647	Ocariz/Ocariz	Persson	39.00
8	URU 28025	Carluccio/Garra(Jr)	Rosendo/Fabini	40.00
9	BRA 26211	Fonseca/Furlan	Windstar	45.00
10	URU 28024	Gonzales/Masironi	Rosendo/Fabini	51.00
11	URU 27218	Garcia/Aguirre	Mc Laughin	55.00
12	URU 21597	Schewe/Aguerre	Skipper	57.00
13	ARG 28207	Peralta/Baquedano	Rosendo/Fabini	58.00
14	ARG 28696	Fernandez/Garcia Persson		72.00
15	ARG 20243	Engelhard/Mellino		78.00
16	ARG 28698	Longarella/Gomez-Joly		81.00
17	ARG 12000	Crivello/Garcia		85.00
18	ARG 28786	Zabalua/Arroyo		92.00
19	ARG 28642	Ferrarons/Mendez		102.00
20	ARG 28785	Gomez/Hormazabal		105.00
21	BRA 26653	Linhares/Witolawski		112.00
22	URU 27210	Berembau/Berembau		115.00
23	ARG 28789	Pena/Velasco		116.00
24	ARG 28683	Romero/Romero		121.00
25	CHI 28833	Galilea/Galilea		124.00
26	URU 22206	Carrau/Stefani		128.00
27	CHI 28974	Robles/Larrain		129.00
28	URU 27785	Mariño/Williman		135.00
29	ARG 29012	Agusti/Nieto		145.00
30	URU 26356	Alzola/De Souza		150.00
31	ARG 23380	Rodriguez/Troiano		150.00
32	ARG 22205	Crivello/Vettori		151.00
33	CHI 28835	Puga/Puga		151.00

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