

# South American Championship won by Silveira/Shaban

In a brilliant performance and taking the title in the last second from the Brazilians, Santiago Silveira and Nicolas Shaban won the South American Championship for the second time in a row. In spite of the area's strong recession, 25 excellent crews took part of this 26th edition of the most important regional championship. Crews came not only from Argentina, Brasil, Chile and Uruguay, but also from Bermuda and Japan.

Unlike expected, low to medium easterly winds prevailed. El Nino phenomenon seems to have suspended the 18-20 Kt typical sea breezes that everybody was ready for.

After the bermudan-japanese crew of Stephen Dickinson & Kimie Isobe easily won the first race, the Brasileans Wanderley & Zietemann and the Uruguayans Silveira & Shaban and Fabini & Stéfani took the top 3 places, wining every race except the third one, which was won by Diego García & Maria Stefani.

The last 2 races promised to be of high tension, as the Brazilians Wanderley & Zietemann and the Uruguayans Silveira & Shaban and Fabini & Stéfani were very close. In the first race of the day Wanderley & Zietemann didn't have a good performance, while Fabini & Stéfani and Silveira & Shaban finished 1st and 2nd respectively. With only one race left, the Uruguayans needed to win and prevent the the Brazilians from finishing second. Given the excellent competitive level of Wanderley & Zietemann, this seemed to be on the brazileans side.

Soon after the start, Silveira & Shaban took the right side which had been paying for most of the championship. At the windward mark, they comfortably led by 15 seconds. After continuously increasing their lead through the Olympic

course to 55 seconds at the last leeward mark, they noted that Wanderley & Zietemann followed them in the second place. Towards the end of the race, Silveira & Shaban slowed their boat, got close to the Brazilians to make it difficult for them, risking their own position as well with Fabini & Stefani who came in third. Following an electrifying tacking duel, Silveira & Shaban managed to slow Wanderley & Zietemann just enough so that Fabini & Stefani slipped in the second place by half a boatlength in the last moment of the race!

In this way Santiago Silveira and Nicolas Shaban from Uruguay won their second title in a row, followed by Carlos Wanderley & Richard Zietemann from Brazil in the second place and Ricardo Fabini & Nicolás Stéfani in third.

*Pedro Garra*



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### Results

Skipper/Crew	Country/Sail #	Finishes	Total
1. Santiago Silveira/Nicolas Shaban	URU29827	(7)-1-5-2-2-2-1	12.5
2. Henrique Wanderley/Richard Zietemann	BRA29822	3-2-3-1-1-(7)-4	13.5
3. Ricardo Fabini/Nicolas Stefani	URU28026	(4)-3-2-4-3-1-2	14.75
4. Andre Wahrlich/Atile P. de Lima	BRA26804	6-6-(9)-5-4-3-3	27
5. Stephen Dickinson/Kimie Isobe	BER25864	1-4-10-3-9-(13)-7	33.75
6. Roberto Fabini/Diego Stefani	URU29826	5-7-4-(8)-5-8-5	34
7. Diego Garcia/Maria Stefani	URU29785	(13)-10-1-6-7-4-9	36.75
8. Pedro Garra/Felipe Garcia	URU29251	12-(16)-6-9-6-6-8	47
9. Adolfo Benavides/Federico Pierson*	ARG22718	10-5-7-7-13-11-(14)	53
10. Andrea/Mariana Foglia	URU29829	(15)-9-11-12-12-9-10	63
11. Alex Juk/Piero Zurlan	BRA29971	(17)-11-12-11-8-12-11	65
12. Alejandro Carluccio/Phillip Umpierre	URU29828	2-14-8-13-11-(dnf)-dnc	73
13. Santiago Gari/Rosina Rodriguez*	URU29886	8-8-(20)-16-16-10-17	75
14. Crisopher/Alesandra Schewe	URU21597	11-15-(17)-14-17-5-16	78
15. Javier Moyano/Carlos Wybert	ARG29730	19-13-14-15-(dnf)-16-6	83
16. Sebastian Guerra/Juan Dris	ARG28647	14-(18)-18-10-14-17-13	86
17. Pablo Defazio/Diego Freiria	URU28024	16-12-(dnc)-22-10-15-12	87
18. Adolfo Idoyaga/Alejandro Rodriguez*	URU27785	18-19-15-18-15-(20)-18	103
19. Juan Sierra/Santiago Sanchez*	URU27784	9-17-13-(dnf)-21-22-21	103
20. Esteban Fourquet/Franco Camba	ARG29344	(22)-21-19-19-19-21-15	114
21. Cristobal Grez/Juan Sanchez	CHI28851	21-22-21-17-20-14-(dnf)	115
22. James Harvey/Yukiko Yanaga	BER27205	(25)-24-16-21-22-18-19	120
23. Matias Murguia/Federico Rodriguez	URU28193	20-23-22-(24)-18-19-20	122
24. Ignacio Capurro/Felipe DeLeon*	URU29346	23-20-24-20-24-24-(dnc)	135
25. Diego Ronco/Eduardo Medici	URU28025	24-(dnf)-23-23-23-23-22	138

\* Junior sailors

## Commodore's Comments

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ers' classes that receive funding from sources we cannot access. But we are competitors. We wouldn't be racing if we weren't. This is just one more challenge we must meet. And we are up to the task.

Oh, the commodore in 1951 was Commodore Owen Duffy, who died before that summer was out, and that boy, well, he is the current commodore of SCIRA.

In the last Snipe Bulletin an article titled "A commodore's Year" catalogued the travels of Commodore Birger Jansen's year as commodore of Snipe Class and the regattas in which he sailed. It is doubtful any commodore ever "showed the flag" so effectively or so broadly. And it will be a long time until someone matches his interest and dedication to our Class. The present commodore salutes you, Birger.

*Brainard Cooper  
Commodore*

