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The regatta was held Oct. 21-30 under the auspices of the Club Nautico San Isidro, Buenos Aires, Argentina, in conjunction with the Sesquicentennial Celebration of the Revolution of the 25th of May in which Argentina gained her freedom from Spain. Snipe Fleet 274 was the official host for the series.

Entries were national champions and runners-up from each country, plus the defending champion, and this was the sixth Western Hemisphere Championship Regatta. Races were all held on the Rio de Plata directly in front of the club. Thirty-two miles wide at this point and from 3 to 9 feet deep, the river provides excellent sailing conditions with little current and all races were sailed exactly as scheduled over a week's time, a remarkable feat in itself. Olympic courses under IFYU rules were sailed for the first time in major Snipe Class competition and met with universal approval. Weather conditions were generally favorable, with little or no rain. Fresh winds the first part of the week under stormy conditions lightened toward the end and provided a range of from 25 to 5 mph, and a true test of high winds and rough water, it was like his own river at home. But Bermuda took over from here on and Gonzales did not repeat his performance until the last race of the series after the die was cast.

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Hayward sailed consistently under all conditions. The first two races under heavy seas and strong winds saw him in the lead with a 3rd and 1st, and while he had a 10th in the 3rd race (which he subsequently dropped), he bounced back with a 2nd the next time sailing conditions were the roughest encountered all during the week. He clinched the title with a 2nd and 1st in light airs in the next two races.

Fernando and Jorge Sanjurjo, brothers who competed in the Pan-American Games in Chicago, carried Argentina's hopes for victory and made a grand fight for it right through the series. A 7th place in the 4th race was their worst and 'Easter' Hayward simply had to be good to beat their consistency. Hayward made excellent starts, usually on the windward end of the line, and once he got away with some free wind, he was almost impossible to catch. In several races, he gradually crept up to top positions, improving steadily on each leg. There were no flukes in his performance and very little luck was involved - either good or bad.

While there were some equipment failures when the wind and waves were high which caused some withdrawals, this series was marked by the fact there were no restarts, recalls, or cancellations in 7 races run off a day apart.

The racing schedule started Saturday afternoon with a tune-up won easily by Gabriel Gonzales of Brasil - not unexpected in high winds and rough water, it was like his own river at home. But Bermuda took over from here on and Gonzales did not repeat his performance until the last race of the series after the die was cast.

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had a substantial lead over the rest of the fleet and were

never threatened again. Unfortunately, Altmaier lost his rudder

on the last beat and had to abandon the race, and the finish was

Levinson, Oatley, and Gonzales (later disqualified). Hayward
took a tack by himself in to shore and a 10th for his worst score.

High water, very choppy seas, and winds 18-22 mph greeted
the sailors in the 4th race. Victor Pena Pumkin of Uruguay led
Oatley and Wolcott on a windward start and he got way out in
front to the right before the mark, his mast broke and he was
through. Oatley led Altmaier around, but then Altmaier sailed
away from all the boys to a gratifying first after his DNF of
the day before. Hayward, who had been in the middle of the fleet,
showed his championship qualities when he started to move on
the last two beats to nudge Sanjurjo out of a 2nd place. This
comeback put him 113 points ahead of Sanjurjo for overall
standing at the end of the 4th race with Levinson and Simmons
not far behind.

The 5th event brought almost perfect weather after the cloudy
skies of the days before with light winds and no waves. Levinson,
Wolcott, and Altmaier got away first, but at the first mark,
the two Argentine boats were in front, and there they stayed in a
dying wind, followed by the other three around the next mark
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marks. But then the wind picked up and the Bermuth Wonders
made their move. Sure enough, they came from way back to get
in between Levinson and Wolcott, who had passed the Argentine
skippers, and so 2nd went to Hayward and 3rd to Simmons. This
was probably the critical turning point, for Sanjurjo got a 7th
and Easter was 269 points out in front while Simmons jumped ahead
of Levinson.

The last two races were run in perfect weather with clear
skies and varying, shifty winds of 6-8 mph. Simmons, Levinson,
and Soares got good starts in the 6th race, but from here on
Levinson faded away as he had changed to flat sails expecting
increasing winds which never came and he finished 11th for his
worst race. At the first mark it was Hayward, Cuba, and
Simmons. With the order unchanged until the last beat, Cuba
dropped back, Simmons moved into 2nd, and Sanjurjo popped up
for a 3rd. This victory put Hayward in a commanding position.
Saturday was another beautiful day with winds of 8-12 mph
but very choppy waves. The start at the leeward end of the line
had Simmons, Sanjurjo, Wolcott, Gonzales, and Levinson bunched
a t the mark, but then they tacked with Simmons and Sanjurjo going
inshore, Gonzales and Levinson to sea, while Wolcott was in the
middle. The shore tack proved bad, for Levinson and Gonzales
had a nice lead at the mark. Here Gonzales took over and the

rest of the way around was a merry chase with Levinson vainly
trying to catch him while managing to keep ahead of Simmons
and Sanjurjo. It was a close race and they finished in order.
Hayward never did get moving in this race; he was 6th at the
first mark and 6th at the finish, but that was all he needed to win
the title by 320 points over Sanjurjo. It was a well-deserved
victory!

Following an impressive ceremony Sunday evening during
which a large military band played national anthems as each
flag was lowered, a large crowd gathered on the veranda of the
club house for the presentation of trophies and listen to many
speeches. The farewell banquet was that night in the club.
And thus another great SCIBA international regatta became
history. It was one of the best in every way. The fine people
of the club who acted as hosts had unsurpassed hospitality; the
large clubhouse with complete facilities (a uniformed corps of
professionals was always present to lend a hand when needed);
and excellent sailing waters - all under perfect organization
- upheld the reputation of the past and established high standards
for future Western Hemisphere Races. Everyone was glad he
had the privilege to come and all went with great regret.

— Birney Mills

THE 1956 WINNER KENNETH SIMMONS (rt.) and his crew,
Bobby Soares, came in third.

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SOME TOP OFFICIALS - (l. to r.) Alberto Parma, Secretary of the Federación Argentina de Yachting de Carrera; Commodore Pedro Dates, President of the Executive Committee; Birney Mills, SCIRA representative; Hector Alonso Pittaluga, National Secretary for Uruguay; Roberto Garcia Guevara, National Secretary for Argentina; and Reggie Tucker, Major-Domo of Bermuda.

OPENING DAY - Flags of the various participating nations were raised (above), followed by the blessing of the boats and contestants in a short religious ceremony (below).

THE BRAZILIAN ENTRIES—(Top) Gabriel González and crew Nelson Picolo; (Bottom) Gastao Altmayer and Paulo Paradae.
THE BERMUDA TEAMS with Reggie Tucker and the Western Hemisphere trophies won by them. Left to right: George Brown, Penny Simmons, Jimmy Amos, Tucker, Bernard Hayward, Bobby Soares, and Bobby Oatley. The flags of the competing nations can be seen in the background.

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