shoppers in summer attire stared at a sea of blue blazers, sipping drinks and munching hors d'oeuvres.

All of the races were run on schedule and considering the amount of current and some of the wind shifts, the race committee did a masterful job in completing the regatta. Uruguayans have a saying, "If you don't like the weather, wait 5 minutes, it will change." Two days before the regatta it was too windy to sail, the practice race was called for lack of wind, and the breeze shut right off the day after the regatta.

Thoughts on this and that.

From an equipment point of view, there was nothing earth shattering. Everyone agreed that Parada and Martinez were a touch faster all the way around the course, sailed intelligently and deserved the Championship in a tough fleet. It is interesting to note that they sailed the Ferrson/Lange that Santiago Lange won the World Championship in Brazil, but no one seemed to think that was much of an issue. The South Americans still favor the North Argentinian sails. The jibs are all Polyanet with sewn leeches. Some people have tied off the traveler, depending on the vang, mast puller, and hiking to depower. Some of the boats have led almost all the controls to the crew, leaving the skipper with the main sheet and jib halyard. Hardly any of the South American boats use barber haulers. Maybe simplification has already started (At least for skippers...). The US team used chartered South American boats which can be a disadvantage when you lose the tune up days on the water.

--Sean Biehl

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Notables:

Many stellar Snipe sailors were in attendance at the Western Hemisphere. Besides the Snipe legends (on the previous page) many of the competing sailors hold prestigious titles:

Ricardo Fabini, 1989 World Champion and 1990 Western Hemisphere Champion;
Harold Meerhoff, 1989 World Champion and 1990 Western Hemisphere Champion crew;
Marcelo Maia, 1987 World Champion crew with Torben Grael, 1993 SA Champion crew with Ivan Pimental;
Johnny MacCall, 1984 Western Hemisphere Champion and 1989 South American Champion;
Jack Franco, 1980 North American Champion;
Georg Nehm, 1991 South American Champion;
Luís Calabrese, 1994 Jr. World Champion;
Ignacio Gerca, 1992 Jr. South American Champion;
Ricardo & Eduardo Parapeda, 1994 Jr. and Sr. South American Champions;