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Commodore's Column

The main challenge for any fleet captain is promoting youth sailing. Everybody agrees that is one of the main priorities. It is easy to say, but it is hard to achieve.

The Snipe class has some natural advantages compared to other classes. As a non-trapeze boat, we can race in a wide range of crew weights and it is not necessary to be an acrobat to sail. Most youth sailors start sailing Snipe as a crew. These sailors are future potential boat owners creating a virtuous cycle. I always sail with young crews. My usual deal is that they can use the boat while I am not sailing. So they can invite another young sailor and it also give them a good opportunity to learn the boat. Some of them become really good sailors from world champions to Volvo Ocean Race contenders.

There are some strategies that can be used by fleet captains. First, is holding a youth regatta just before a big senior regatta. This is similar to what SCIRA is doing with their own youth and seniors worlds. The 2013 youth Brazilian nationals attracted 30 teams, and most of them were completely new to the class. Promoting relay races also provide good opportunities for new sailors to try the boat. It is also very funny.

However, youth sailors also need to receive some technical information. Technical lectures are very helpful to them and it is not so difficult to find an experienced sailor willing to share his knowledge. Fleet 159 of Rio de Janeiro also started a coach program. Optimist sailors are used to having coaches and they are more motivated if there is someone around. The coach program should be included for all fleet members, otherwise it will bring a rupture in the fleet between the ones who have the coaches and the ones who don't.

The national secretaries must be alert with the calendar. We don't want to see Snipe national regattas clashing with Optimist or Lasers events. The national secretaries must also work with the national federation to include the class in the youth program. This is a difficult task as many of our nation's federations give the priority to ISAF Youth Worlds classes.

SCIRA also needs to look after youth sailing. It is much more than just reducing the membership fee to youth sailors. Most of the board (including myself) are not very young (although young at heart!) and we have now included two youth members to the promotion committee to bring fresh ideas. The SCIRA clinics are a great initiative and it is really helping to develop new sailors. The Snipe class is also taking advantage of the internet and social media where we find many young sailors. Please bring us your ideas and views on this very important subject!

Good Winds,



Ricardo Lobo

SNIPETODAY



From the Rules Committee

During the Sailors Open Forum meeting held in Kamien Pomorski, Poland in August three issues were brought before the participants: the heavy weight jibs, the daggerboard retaining system and the mast step fitting.

JIB CLOTH: The first issue of the jib cloth was widely discussed among the sailors with the contributions of two sailmakers who were attending the meeting. As you should be aware, beginning from 2012 all jibs had to be manufactured using a cloth of minimum 160gr sq/m. The decision was taken in order to have jibs last longer. Today the new jibs are mandatory at the international level and beginning in 2015 from the national championship up. After 3 years of use of the new cloth the large majority of the sailors were unhappy. It seems that the heavier jibs are not lasting as long as the lighter ones.

The sailmakers in attendance explained that the fill and warp of the heavier cloth is the same as the lighter cloth; the difference is in the thicker resin which adds strengths in traction, but is weaker in fluttering and folding. The overlapping and the use of the whisker pole make the Snipe jib much more stressed than the 420 or 470 jibs (which use the same cloth) causing it to have a less durable life. Unfortunately there are only two fabrics available for our purpose which suffers the same problem. Apparently it seems that there is no solution to this problem. Finland asked to delay one more year the use of the heavier jibs at national level, while 90% of the sailors said that the lighter jibs were better. I would like to know the opinion of the largest number possible of Snipe sailors. Please send me your feedback or suggestion, this will be helpful in taking a final decision.

DAGGERBOARD: The daggerboard retaining system is a long time discussion still open. The problem is that some crews raise the board more than the allowed per Class rules to take advantage of the smaller surface in the water. True or not, the rule is intended for safety in case of capsize and shall be enforced. The ISAF itself is asking the Class to make this rule simpler, clearer and easier to verify and a rule change proposal was presented by the SCIRA Secretary Pietro Fantoni. Together with the Chief Measurer Antonio Espada and some measurers we are now studying the best solution possible and will keep all Snipe sailors informed of any proposal.

MAST STEP: When the mast step position was limited at 1524 mm from point -0- everyone fixed it at the maximum forward position. After the rule was cancelled, the general trend has been to move the step one or two holes forward. Now some of the top sailors are moving the step according to the weather conditions. The Snipe rules prohibit the butt movement during the races, but in the past few years several systems to allow a quicker change of the step position have appeared in the boat park. Some of them allow the adjustment during the race. All those attending the sailors meeting in Kamien Pomorski asked

to enforce the rule to not allow any chance to adjust the step when sailing.

At the meeting held in San Diego during the Western Hemisphere all the above subjects were widely discussed.

It appears that the daggerboard raising is seen as a problem of Spain only; the rest of the world feels the rule is substantially respected. Anyway, a new rule shall be proposed to follow the ISAF request.

Reading the minutes of the WH&O meeting I understand that the mast step fitting rule is a hot point. According to both the WH&O and the European sailors, the boat should be kept simple and the current rule enforced. No doubt that the rule shall be revisited to better specify what's allowed.

The discussion about the jib cloth at the WH&O was surprising to me. At the opposite from Europe, it appears that a majority of the American and Japanese sailors are in favor of the heavy weight jibs. It was surprising because almost all the 40 sailors attending the meeting in Poland, including the sailmakers, were absolutely unhappy about the new cloth.

This discrepancy and the possible solutions are now discussed within the Technical Committee, along with all the necessary changes or specification needed to make our Class Rules clear and simple to apply.

Fair sailing to all!

Antonio Bari
SCIRA Rules Committee Chairman

Photo below: European National Secretaries Meeting, Poland.



In Remembrance - Miyuki Kai

We, SCIRA Japan, lost a strong sailor of Miyuki Kai, on July 12. He was 61 years old.

The accident happened during the Championship Regatta of Kanto Fleet. During tacking on approaching leg to the weather mark, he dropped into the water. On that time weather condition was light wind of less than 10 knots. Just 15 seconds after, a following race boat picked him up. However he had no consciousness. So, a race committee rubber boat quickly brought him to the harbor. During waiting an ambulance, AED was applied at the pier for revival. However he never revived and his death was confirmed at the hospital. The cause of death was "myocardial infarction".

He was one of the strongest sailors in Japan on his results. He won 5 times in Snipe Japan National and won many National Championships of other classes such as Finn, 470, Laser, 505 and others. Also he got 3rd place in 1985 Snipe World and 2nd place in 1984 WHO.

His most glorious results would be 470 World Champion of 1979 in Netherlands. On that time he sailed using his own brand sail of "Kai Sail" which was designed and sewn by him.

At the time for remembering him among fleets Snipe sailors his crew's words was so impressive, which was "Mr. Kai will still be racing on."

May his soul rest in peace !

Reported by Shinichi Uchida

Translated by Jiro Yamamoto

Note: Miyuki Kai had registered as a competitor for the World Masters. The organizers kept him on the registration list to honor him.

Miyuki was one of the best sailors I have ever met and had the pleasure to be around. But more important was the friendship that we shared. He was a valued part of Ullman Sails. He will be missed deeply.

Dave Ullman- USA

Well it's difficult to say good bye to a Snipe friend, it seems I am getting old.

Miyuki or Mr Kai was an incredible person and an excellent sailor, I met him for the first time in 1985 at the worlds in Argentina, he and his Okumura boat, I was flashed by his boat, a beautiful one and his Ullman sails. In 1989 when I won the Worlds we arrived to Karatsu 15 days before the championship and we became very good friends.

There I sailed with an Okumura boat and Miyuki helped me with the tuning. He was very special and I will always be very grateful for his help. Last year we had contact by Facebook; I was very happy when he contacted me, and he was trying to encourage me to sail the Masters in Japan 2014, very near where I won the worlds. But joking I told him



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that I couldn't attend the Worlds because I wanted Miyuki to be world champion! He was very happy to be sailing at the Masters worlds so perhaps I think it could be a good thing to add a cup named Miyuki Kai to the first local boat in every World master championship as a challenger prize. He was a very happy

Major Titles

Snipe Class:

1984 WH&O: 2nd

1985 Worlds: 3rd

1987 Worlds: 9th

1989 Worlds: 6th

5x Japan National Snipe
Champion 470 World Champion
Japanese National Champion:
505, Finn and 470.



1984 Snipe Bulletin

Second Place Miyuki Kai was a threat all the way to the finish of the last race.

sailor and all the Snipe Class is going to miss him a lot

Miyuki keep sailing as fast as you always did.

Ricky Fabini -URU

With the Japanese sailors, there tended to be a language barrier, which made it harder to connect. But not with Kai. I doubt I ever understood what he said, but I felt I knew him. He was hard to beat, but fair to compete against. And on land, he liked to have a good time. I called him the 'Japanese Jeff Lenhart'.

Craig Leweck - USA

Of course I remember Miyuki also known between us as Miyuko. He was a very find person with whom I share many championships abroad and in Japan. I remember when we fought for the Western H. Title on the last race in Ipacaray Lake in Paraguay and the nice hug we had on the beach after that race. Always very respectful, him and his family. And a very good sailor indeed. Also when I went to Enoshima and every time I wanted to buy something, he came with that need in his hands as a gift. And of course the duet we share singing to the very happy competitors on the lay day. The song was "la Cucaracha" but in English witch I had translated (you can imagine) and tried the impossible mission to teach Miyuki to sing it with me. Everybody laughed. I will miss you my friend.

Kampai for him

Johnny Mac Call - ARG



World Masters - Japanese Always the Best!

There were 36 entries in this year's World Masters. Miyuki Kai's name remained on the entry and scoring sheets and there was a moment of silence at the Skipper's meeting to honour him. The eldest participant at 86 years young was Renato Bruno from Italy.

The weather for the week was hot, humid and there was not a lack of wind. There were capsizes and some equipment breakage. The first race was completed with an average of 14 knots. The comments from the sailors was that there was no pattern to the waves, they were difficult to read. The second race was shortened to finish on the second windward mark due to the increasing wind, with gusts from 18 – 49 knots. Japans Shiro Uemura and crew Junichiro Shiraishi had the course conquered with two firsts followed by Takeyasu Sugiyama and Hirotaka Kaneda had two seconds.

On Thursday the wind average was stronger and only one race was completed as the wind would have been over the maximum 15 knots that is allowed in the Masters. Ryusuke Abe and Akinori Yamashita were first, Naoki Inoue and Shinichi Uchida were second.

As we had only completed 3 races the Race Committee made the decision to race on the lay day starting at 10 am, instead of the usual 1. We made it to the race course with rain and an increasing wind. The skies got darker and we heard a rumble of thunder, the PRO Katsumi Okamura sent everyone in which turned out to be the correct decision as the rain came pouring down and the wind disappeared.

On Saturday strong winds was the flavour of the day averaging 12 – 15 knots. This day the race was mastered by Augie Diaz and Kate Sheehan with Shiro Uemura and Junichiro Shiraishi in second. With one gust recorded at 20 knots only one race was completed.

On the final day with the race time altered to 10 am with the hope of getting 2 races in. The wind was down compared to the rest of the week. The winds averaged 5 – 10 knots with Grand Master Saburo Sato and Takamasa Shimizu taking race five and Master Seiji Koga with crew Hiroyuki Iwamoto winning the last race.

The big winner was Apprentice Master Takeyasu Sugiyama and his crew Hirotaka Kaneda, Augie Diaz and Kate Sheehan prevailed in the Master division, Kazunori Kawakami and Shinichi Kawakami were the Grand Master winners. For the first time there was a new division called Legend for those 75 years old and above. This was won by Brazil's Bibi Juetz and crew Breno Bianchi with Italy's Renato Bruno and son Dario Bruno in second and Japan's Koichi Murakami and Masaharu Nishida in third.

As with all World Masters the on shore activity was as important as that on the water, serious fun takes priority at this Championship. We had opening ceremonies after race events such as visits by Samurai and the Fukuoka University Drum Band. There were lunches every day and beer and food in the evenings. Many sailors opting for the traditional Japanese food. The legendary Japanese hospitality was evident every second of every day. You had a question it was



answered promptly and with a smile. One cannot say enough about the organization of the event, which was excellent. There were numerous young people there every day working so hard to ensure the regatta was a success.

There was discussion with the sailors, many offering ideas and suggestions for the Class. One suggestion promoted by the older members of the fleet was that the World Masters should only be held in tropical climates so both the water and air are warm, which was the case in Japan.

The trophy presentation was another successful evening closing out 2014 Id Crook Memorial World Masters Championship. Knowing my father's philosophy about the

World Masters I know he would have thoroughly enjoyed this regatta and the great hospitality of our Japanese hosts.

I hope we shall all meet again in two years at the next World Masters, wherever they are.

--Gweneth Crook



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SNIPE class										Final Results			
Rank	Bow No	Sail No	Country	Division	Skipper/Crew	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Total	Nett
1	16	30082	JPN	AP	Takeyasu Sugiyama Hirotaka Kaneda	2	2	5	3	4	9	25	16
2	30	30288	USA	M	Augie Diaz Kate Sheehan	10	44	3	1	6	3	37	23
3	24	31233	JPN	AP	Shiro Uemura Junichiro Shiraishi	1	1	9	2	15	RET 37	65	28
4	11	31132	JPN	AP	Naoki Inoue Shinichi Uchida	9	9	2	4	20	4	48	28
5	4	31134	JPN	AP	Motoharu Nishii Hiroyuki Sugiyama	4	7	8	6	5	6	36	28
6	5	31245	JPN	AP	Ryusuke Abe Akinori Yamashita	6	4	1	15	9	10	45	30
7	29	31151	ARG	AP	Enrique Raul Toffoli Alexandre Tinoco	3	6	RET 37	11	7	7	71	34
8	1	30310	JPN	GM	Kazunori Kawakami Shinichi Kawakami	7	3	11	7	18	8	54	36
9	9	31238	JPN	M	Yosuke Watabe Hiroki Maeda	5	5	7	10	14	18	59	41
10	25	31168	JPN	M	Seiji Koga Hiroyuki Iwamoto	12	12	RDG 12	9	OGS 37	1	83	46
11	26	29096	JPN	AP	Koji Niinobe Katsumi Gouiyou	20	19	10	14	3	5	71	51
12	21	30211	JPN	M	Seiichi Takahashi Yoshihisa Kamiya	13	8	RET 37	8	24	11	101	64
13	2	13923	NOR	GM	Jorn Haga Cesar Travado	RET 37	11	13	5	16	23	105	68
14	14	31170	JPN	GM	Saburo Sato Takamasa Shimizu	17	17	19	18	1	RET 37	109	72
15	8	30627	JPN	GM	Katsuyo Iwasaki Kozo Motohi	23	10	17	17	8	24	99	75
16	36	29143	BRA	GM&LG	Bibi Juetz Breno Bianchi	15	24	24	13	13	12	101	77
17	32	31255	JPN	M	Masahiro Oishi Takeshi Yoshioka	8	15	23	21	21	13	101	78
18	17	31216	JPN	M	Hideo Baba Yuichi Ohi	DNC 37	DNC 37	4	DNC 37	2	2	119	82
19	35	30944	KOR	AP	Jung Chul Kim Sung Gyu Park	14	13	6	12	DNC 37	DNC 37	119	82
20	28	31088	JPN	AP	Masataka Otsu Ikuo Tani	11	16	16	26	23	16	108	82
21	6	30011	JPN	GM	Kenichiro Nomoto Jun Mitsuomori	19	22	12	19	17	17	106	84
22	34	29111	USA	AP	Joel Zackin Celeste Suggs	16	21	15	23	19	15	109	86
23	31	30739	JPN	GM	Hiroaki Hashiba Tsunenari Kawai	32	27	14	OGS 37	12	14	136	99
24	13	28594	JPN	GM	Kazunori Shinka Kenichro Shinka	18	20	RET 37	RET 37	10	20	142	105
25	33	31183	JPN	M	Etsuro Kunimi Hiromitsu Kunimi	21	29	26	OGS 37	11	19	143	106
26	3	30706	ITA	GM&LG	Renato Bruno Dario Bruno	25	RET 37	21	20	22	25	150	113
27	27	28927	JPN	M	Yukiharu Kaneda Hiroyuki Fujii	28	18	20	22	OGS 37	28	153	116
28	12	31054	JPN	GM&LG	Koichi Murakami Masaharu Nishida	29	25	28	RET 37	26	21	166	129
29	15	29953	JPN	M	Kiyoshi Masuda Hiroyuki Taniguchi	26	26	27	24	28	26	157	129
30	18	31235	JPN	AP	Hiroyuki Ijima Takashi Nakanishi	24	RET 37	18	16	DNC 37	DNC 37	169	132
31	19	29318	CAN	M	Christopher Hains Barbara Mann	31	30	25	RET 37	27	22	172	135
32	23	26567	JPN	AP	Yoshitaka Nakamura Masatoshi Shimomura	30	28	22	27	29	34	167	136
33	20	28877	JPN	M	Shuichi Taki Yoshio Kawano	27	23	RET 37	RET 37	25	29	178	141
34	10	31015	NOR	M	Anid Figenschou Leif Heie	22	RET 37	29	RET 37	30	30	185	148
35	22	28923	JPN	GM	Osamu Shimazu Tei Shimazu	33	RET 37	30	25	OGS 37	27	189	152
36	7	29637	JPN	M	Miyuki Kai Kazuo Tsubota	DNC 37	DNC 37	DNC 37	DNC 37	DNC 37	DNC 37	222	185



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European Championship - Spain takes Jr & Sr Titles



by **Pietro Fantoni**

Racing in Northern Europe often means racing in cold temperatures and windy weather. But the wind and cold, with clouds and patches of sun in quick succession, didn't cool the sailors who arrived in this corner of Poland.

This is due to the warm friendliness of Zibi Rakocy and the Snipe Polish community. It was one of the best organized events in Europe in recent years. Zibi and his team did a fantastic job, working with a number of sponsors, a marina, and especially the town of Kamien Pomorski, which was proud to host the European Championship of the Snipe Class or, as they say, the Class Slanka (pronunciation: swonka). Thank you, dziękuję

Open Europeans

It was also the first Open European Championship, with no selections or quotas for each country, and the event was open to non-European teams. I believe that almost all of those present agreed that the experiment has been positive. The number of competitors (increased compared to the previous Europeans) proves this and the high level of sailors, at least in the first positions, has not decreased. The Open Europeans ensure a good number of participants,



desired image of the organizers and sponsors, gives the opportunity to the host country to bring many boats, and enables many sailors to participate. As it emerged during the sailors' meeting, the idea of opening the Europeans which was until 2012 restricted to a limited number, has been successful

and some skeptics will have to objectively reconsider their positions. The benefits of openness are clear; while the drawbacks (mainly the decline of participants in some national regattas - once qualifiers for the Europeans - allegedly caused by the opening of the Europeans) are still to be demonstrated.

Meetings, social events and parties

This regatta had it all. Sailors' meeting, the National Secretaries meeting, opening ceremony with a parade of the various nations, cannon shots, speeches and fireworks, award ceremonies at the end of each day, concerts in the main square, organ concerts in the cathedral, dinners at the town hall at the nearby hotel, free beers and local snacks after each day of sailing. All these events enhanced the "Serious Fun" side of our class. Moreover, beyond the official events prepared by the excellent Polish organization, I want to remember the impromptu parties at

the marina with large quantities of Okocim beer, and the legendary parties organized by the Belgian team, which involved many

sailors from other countries and featured music and dancing almost until dawn.

All this was possible thanks to the location. Kamien Pomorski is a small town in Pomerania, near the border with Germany, with its churches and its characteristic buildings, vestiges of a past that has been Swedish, Prussian, German and Polish, before and after the fall of the Iron Curtain. The marina, the main square where a stage was set up, boat park, hotels, bars, and restaurants were all within walking or biking distance. This certainly helped socialization among the sailors.

Race area and weather conditions

For days the flags on the pier never ceased to wave vigorously, stretched out by the wind. In the morning, we looked out the window of our hotel, past the severe vaguely Soviet architecture, and wondered whether the flags were made of cardboard rather than cloth.

The race course was a 20 minute sail from the ramp, even less time if it was blowing hard and you were able to sail a furious and adrenaline-charged reach, pumping the main without fail. It was placed in front of the marina, within a lagoon (Zalew Kamienski), separated from



the Baltic Sea by a low and narrow strip of land. The lagoon is connected at its NE end to the sea by a channel, and to the SW it is connected by another channel to another larger lagoon (Zalew Szczecinski), in which the river Oder enters and marks the border between Germany and Poland. The water is brown, fresh and shallow (2-3 meters). The windward mark was always set close to the low coast of an island. For this reason the wind was always gusty, with large shifts.

It was a regatta with medium-strong winds. There was not a single moment of a windward leg of a single race where the hiking straps were not necessary. The first day the wind was very strong. We all know the class limit of the wind in closed waters (25 knots), as well as it how it should be measured and how long it should be checked. The race committee estimated that it was within the limits for racing. However, almost half the fleet was not able to finish the only race held on the first day due to damages and failures. The reason for so many withdrawals is due to gusts (some measured almost 30 knots), shallow waters (a trouble in case

of capsizing), and small waves (compared to the wind), which certainly did not favor planing and jibing. The large percentage of withdrawals (only 38 out of 61 boats finished the race) is a

cause for reflection. During the National Secretaries' meeting we discussed the possibility of changing the rule that determines how the wind has to be measured (taking into account any gusts). On other days the wind was moderate, from 12 to 15 knots average, but always very gusty and shifty, sometimes with gusts as high as 20 knots.

Race Report

I do not really like to write detailed reports of the races: what happened on



this or that leg, who won, who finished second and who finished third. I am not so interested. This time I also have to admit that I did not see the races from the front; because of our meager 120 kilos, Julia and I fiercely fought from the middle of the fleet, against strong winds, damages to the boat, opponents, and mark roundings more similar to boardings by pirates. Clouded by fatigue, with lactic acid in the eyes ... it would be difficult for me to see and make a record of what happened in front of the fleet.

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Many spectators were able to follow the races live with the GPS trackers (the first use for our class in a European race). You can watch the video and the interviews with daily leaders that SnipeToday filmed before and after the races.

Anyway, Raul De Valenzuela and Antolin Alejandre deservedly won the Championship thanks to a consistency that none of their opponents managed to maintain for all 9 races. For the Spanish team of Almeria this is the second consecutive title of European Champions. A confirmation. Also, we don't forget that Antolin a few days before won (as skipper) the Junior Europeans. Congratulations!

The surprise was the young Portuguese team of Tiago Morais and Tomas Pires De Lima. This junior team was even in the lead before the last day. Having young blood in the class is a good news.

After a difficult start to the regatta (ret-5-15-20 in the first two days), Jordi Lluís Mas Triay and crew were able to grab a good result on the podium, thanks to their two bullets in the last two days.

Alexandre Tinoco and Bernardo Low-beer from Brazil, after starting with three victories, scored a series of unexpected results that pushed them off of the podium.

Rounding out the top five teams were Victor Perez and Cristian Sanchez, also with a difficult final day.

Other winners of single races: Jostein Grodem and Maj Kristin Hansen Borgen (NOR), a little 'ups and downs' in the results, Manu Hens and Enrico Michel (BEL) winners of two races but with a bizarre series that left them heavily penalized (ret-20-ocs-ocs-6-1-1-2-3).

The Championship ended with the prize giving ceremony and speeches by sponsors and authorities and winners. Each sailor was called to the stage and received a present. At the end of the ceremony Bronislaw Karpinski, the



mayor of Kamien Pomorski, along with Zbigniew Rakocy, General Secretary for Europe, gave the SCIRA flag to Pepe Perez, in representation of Spain.

So dziękuję Kamien Pomorski and see you in 2016 in Santiago de la Ribera, Spain, for the next European Championship.

Junior European Championship 2014

Skipper/Crew	Country/Sail	Total
1. Antolin de Ona/Francisco Martin	ESP29870	12
2. Ignacio Cano/Balatasar Ali Martin	ESP30146	19
3. Aurora Ojeda/Juan Creus	ESP30238	24
4. Diogo Machado Pinto/Goncalo Santos	POR29994	30
5. Arturo Chao Correa/Guillermo Tardido	ESP29924	30
6. Natalia Wierzbicka/Kacper Madon	POL30537	55
7. Ole Martin Moen/Christiane Moen	NOR28452	62

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	Skipper/Crew	Country	Sail #	Finishes	Total
1.	Raul de Valenzuela/Antolin de Ona	ESP	31237	7-3-4-6-(8)-(ocs)-2-3-1	26
2.	Tiago Morais/Tomas Pires de Lima	POR	28767	2-4-6-4-(16)-3-6-(13)-6	31
3.	Jordi Triay/Lluís Mas	ESP	29698	(ret)-5-15-(20)-1-5-4-1-5	36
4.	Alexandre Tinoco/Bernardo Low-Beer	BRA	31151	1-1-1-1-4-9-(12)-(dsq)-10	37
5.	Victor Perez/Cristian Sanchez	ESP	28676	4-2-8-5-(110)-2-8-8-(13)	37
6.	Dammian Borrás/Ivan Moreno	ESP	31247	(dnc)-7-5-2-7-(11)-7-6-7	41
7.	Enrico Solerio/Sergio Simonetti	ITA	30269	3-(dnc)-2-8-5-4-20-(ocs)-2	44
8.	Juan de la Tiscar/Gerardo Prego	ESP	30987	(dnc)-(16)-10-12-2-8-5-9-4	50
9.	Yannick Laumans/Kai Kinnear	BEL	28855	6-11-11-3-9-(20)-9-22-(20)	60
10.	Christian S. Andersen/Celina Skjodt	DEN	29916	13-14-13-9-3-(16)-3-(21)-12	67
11.	Lucas Orn/Axel Edwall	SWE	29943	12-6-(14)-(19)-13-6-10-7-14	68
12.	Jean Jacques Frebault/Cyril Laprebendere	FRA	30757	15-9-7-24-(30)-10-(31)-5-8	78
13.	Paolo Lambertenghi/Yuri Miorandi	ITA	30009	(dnc)-17-17-15-(32)-7-14-4-11	85
14.	Manu Hens/Enrico Michel	BEL	31174	(dnf)-20-(ocs)-ocs-6-1-1-2-3	95
15.	Jostein Grodem/Maj Kristin Hansen	NOR	30186	8-13-(dnc)-1-19-22-(36)-15-9	99
16.	Birgen Jansen/Ivar Jacobsen	NOR	30090	9-15-12-(33)-21-14-19-24-(28)	114
17.	Per Edwall/Ole Martin Moen	SWE	30068	5-10-(50)-13-(33)-17-13-27-30	115
18.	Miguel Cid Montoya/Carmen Pumariaga	ESP	30869	(26)-22-18-14-12-(23)-17-18-19	120
19.	Ignacio Cano/Baltasar Ali Martin	ESP	30146	14-(ocs)-20-31-15-12-(34)-17-16	125
20.	Jaime Osset/Marta Perez	ESP	30242	(dnc)-19-26-17-18-13-11-12-(ocs)	126
21.	Aurora de Ojeda/Juan Creus	ESP	30238	11-12-28-(30)-18-15-(43)-23-27	134
22.	Dirk de Bock/Yannick Bongaerts	BEL	30400	20-(ocs)-3-10-(dnf)-dnf-15-10-15	135
23.	Magnus Hedemark/Anette Melsom Myhre	NOR	30312	24-8-19-(44)-10-31-29-22-(35)	142
24.	Fabio Rochelli/Daniela Semec	ITA	30983	22-21-(32)-7-25-24-23-(29)-25	147
25.	Lukasz Sokolowski/Piotr Sokolowski	POL	29894	18-24-24-22-(37)-28-16-25-(31)	157

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One Point Wonder – Raul Rios and Fernando Monllor Win Western Hemisphere & Orient Championship

It doesn't get closer than this. Skipper Raul Rios and his crew Fernando Monllor won the Snipe Western Hemisphere and Orient Championship by a single point.

Going into the final day of racing, Rios was one of three teams with a real shot at nabbing the coveted title of champion. With the Organizing Authority's announcement of an ocean course, competitors knew to be nervous as the Puerto Rican skipper has raced notoriously well on open water throughout the regatta.

A mere four points separated Soubie and Rios before the final race, and getting off the starting line quickly was more crucial than ever before. Rios and Monllor were in sixth place by the time the fleet made it to the gate marks. They



racing. Though they previously did well on the first two days of the ocean course, they couldn't seem to get the starts they needed to lead either of today's races.

"Today was a disaster," Soubie said of his 25th finish in Race 9 and 10th place finish in Race 10.

"We ended the day feeling like we didn't do much racing at all today. We were constantly in an emergency or getting away from trouble."

Both of today's races ended up being throw out scores, making them rely on

their previous four days of top finishes to secure their position in second place overall.

Photos: Top: Monllor & Rios. Left: Soubie/Lipszyc at weather mark. Below: South Bay course & Coronado Bridge.



maneuvered around their competitors with sharp tactical handling, making their way up the fleet to ultimately finish third in the race, just behind the two USA teams skippered by Diaz and Hart.

"We knew it was going to be a tough day, but we just had to focus on one boat at a time, one leg at a time," said Rios.

Argentinean sailors Luis Soubie and Diego "Mini" Lipszyc struggled to maintain their position as regatta leaders throughout the final day of

Though disappointed that he let go of first, Soubie says he's happy with his overall second place finish.

As a qualifying event for next year's Pan Am Games, a lot more was riding on this regatta than just determining who would become the 2014 Snipe WH&O Champion. Many coaches made the far trek across international waters to insure that their country could qualify in time to compete in Pan Am's to be held in Canada. Puerto Rico, USA, Cuba, Ecuador and Colombia have all qualified during this regatta, while the Bahamas and Mexico remain unqualified.

Looking even further to the future of the Snipe Class, Soubie was happy to endorse the skipper who edged him out of the championship. "He's the future of the Snipe Class," Soubie said. "He's only 20 years old. He's going to make this class proud."

2 Venues

San Diego Yacht Club and the Regatta Organizers decided to throw a challenge to the sailors by offering 2 venues: flat water of the South Bay and the typical Ocean course, previously sailed in the 2009 Snipe Worlds.

With left-over remnants from a downgraded Hurricane off Mexico, the decision the first day was to sail inside San Diego Bay. Local sailor Randy Lake with Kate Shehan, straight off a 2nd place finish in the recent World Masters in





Japan, dominated the day. But the shift to the ocean mixed the competition back up and Raul Rios and Fernando Monllor of Puerto Rico climbed to the top of the leaderboard. Luis Soubie and Diego Lipszyc stayed consistent and going into the last day of racing held the lead. The change of gears from ocean to bay and vice versa favored the strong sailors able to make changes.



was in the main clubhouse and front deck with sailors dancing the night away.

Social Side

San Diego's fleet 495 did not disappoint. A fantastic opening ceremony followed by appetizers and a band welcomed the sailors and guests. Daily beverages after sailing and dock-side food were provided daily greeting the hungry sailors after the long tow in.

Tuesday evening all competitors were divided among 6 local Snipe sailors homes for food & drink and a chance to mix-it-up.

Wednesday found the sailors just as competitive off the water with remote control model yachts donated to test skills off the front dock followed by a BBQ.

Thursday an impromptu Stand-up Paddleboard race was initiated with some heading to a local beach to roast hotdogs by the fire. The Prizегiving

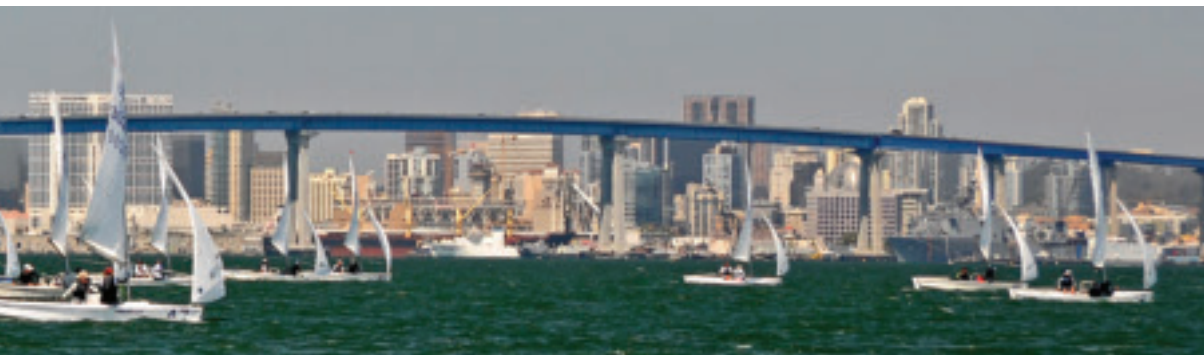
Meetings

An Open Sailors Forum was held with sailors giving their views on various issues facing the Snipe Class.

Thursday was the National Secretaries meeting attended by each country with further discussion of events effecting the Snipe class.

All in all - it was a spectacular event.

Country	Sailor	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
USA	Rios	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100



Photos: Top: left: model yacht racing; left: tally board for model yacht race; Top right: Gate rounding confusion; Above: Rios & Monllor in fine form. All photos by John Payne. Johnpaynephoto.com



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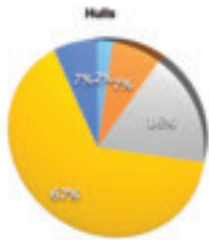
	<i>Skipper/Crew</i>	<i>country</i>	<i>Sail #</i>	<i>Finishes</i>	<i>Total</i>
1.	Raul Rios/Fernando Monllor	PUR	29841	9-1-1-3-3-4-(15)-(26)-6-3	30
2.	Luis Soubie/Diego Lipszyc	ARG	28701	3-8-8-2-1-2-2-5-(25)-(10)	31
3.	Breno Bianchi/Flavio de Castro	BRA	30997	6-2-7-1-2-11-5- (12)-11-(13)	45
4.	Rafael Gagliotti/Henrique Wisniewski	BRA	31004	(27)-(27)-10-4-5-5-9-4-3-9	49
5.	Alexandre Tinoco/Alexandre Niederauer	BRA	31151	12-4-5-10-(17)-9-3-6-(31)-8	57
6.	Brian Kamilar/Enrique Quintero	USA	30759	(23)-6-14-5-6-(30)-11-15-5-4	66
7.	Augie Diaz/Aine Fretwell	USA	30288	5-7-17-7-(20)-10-(28)-8-16-2	72
8.	Doug Hart/Ryan Hopps	USA	29941	1-5-15-(23)-(dns)-18-20-14-7-1	81
9.	Koji Kamiya/Tatsuya Yamauchi	JPN	31054	15-(31)-2-12-23-(dsq)-4-21-2-6	85
10.	Chuck Sinks/Robbie Dean	USA	28687	7-(30)-6-17-4-20-19-7-10-(24)	90
11.	Randy Lake/Kate Sheahan	USA	28854	2-3-19-16-(24)-(ocs)-6-16-18-15	95
12.	Raul Diaz/Rafael Garcia	CUB	31038	17-12-(21)-6-13-17-10-1-20-(27)	96
13.	Andrew Pimental/Nikki Bruno	USA	31188	21-9-4-30-22-(31)-1-3-(35)-7	97
14.	Ernesto Rodriguez/Eduardo Mintzias	USA	31130	16-(22)-(25)-20-18-12-14-9-4-5	98
15.	Carol Cronin/Kim Couranz	USA	30860	4-16-18-19-(30)-8-8-(31)-13-14	100
16.	Mateus Tavares/Jonathan Lherke	BRA	31066	25-19-13-14-11-7-(ocs)-11-1-(35)	101
17.	David Tillson/Rebecca McElvain	USA	30109	8-14-12-8-(31)-21-(24)-13-8-19	103
18.	Tetuya Shimamoto/Keisuke Kushida	JPN	30924	(28)-10-(28)-15-12-14-7-23-24-17	122
19.	Rick Arneson/Diana Waterbury	USA	30800	13-(32)-22-22-9-19-13-20-12-(30)	130
20.	Edgar Diminich/Eduardo Viteri	ECU	31027	19-(36)-16-(28)-8-28-22-10-19-11	133
21.	Ryohei Doi/Keiichiro Itagaki	JPN	28732	32-13-3-11-15-3-(36)-29-33-(36)	139
22.	Felipe Sabino/Bernando Sarzedas	BRA	30996	(37)-25-26-24-7-(dsq)-18-2-30-16	148
23.	Jesus Bailon/Iberth Constante	COL	31037	10-18-(31)-18-(33)-26-21-22-21-12	148
24.	Raul Faura/Jose Pina	CUB	29517	(36)-21-20-(37)-19-1-12-25-28-26	152
25.	Helio Lyra/Joao Pedor Moreira	BRA	31113	29-28-(30)-9-10-15-(37)-28-14-22	155
26.	Eric Heim/Aimee Heim	USA	30337	22-23-9-13-(28)-27-23-24-15-(33)	156
27.	Kosuke Demichi/Shun Yanagibayashi	JPN	30353	18-15-23-36-(ocs)-13-17-19-(39)-21	162
28.	Motoharu Nishii/Tomohisa Noakamura	JPN	31134	11-20-11-32-(34)-(36)-16-17-32-29	168
29.	Genya Ozaki/Kawano Motomichi	JPN	30722	14-29-35-(38)-21-6-29-36-17-(41)	187
30.	Roberto Guaragna/Andrew Guaragna	USA	29778	(40)-11-29-33-14-32-26-18-26-(39)	189
31.	Esteban Echavarria/Juan Restrepo	COL	30718	20-(dsq0-27-25-16-29-(35))-33-22-18	190
32.	Diego Figueroa/Alonso Collantes	PER	31150	33-17-32-(zfp/38)-25-22-25-27-(37)-25	206
33.	Kento Hashimoto/Kazuki murayama	JPN	30844	24-33-(40)-26-37-16-30-(40)-23-20	209
34.	Nicholas Kaschak/Krystal Trieberg	USA	29958	26-24-(39)-34-26-24-39-(OCS)-9-31	213
35.	Cameron Fraser/Elizabeth Glivinski	USA	30903	31-(35)-34-21-29-25-31-30-(36)-23	224
36.	Chris/Lauren Wright	USA	29013	30-(34)-24-27-(35)-33-34-34-34-32	248
37.	Jimmie Lowe/Don Bedford	BAH	28811	34-26-36-(40)-36-23-33-35-(ocs)-38	261
38.	Carolina Ponton/Nicolas Hernandez	COL	29651	(42)-(38)-37-31-27-35-27-37-38-37	269
39.	Matheus Franca/Daniel Seixas Claro	BRA	31159	39-37-38-39-32-34-(dnf)-32-27-(40)	278
40.	Alfonso Garcia/Javier Garcia Bringas	MEX	30330	38-41-41-5-38-(dnf)-41-(42)-29-28	291
41.	Alejandro Triggiano/Mariana Safar	ARG	31222	35-(42)-33-42-(dsq0-38-32-38-40-34)	292
42.	Stephan Irgens/Monica Irgens	USA	28470	(43)-40-42-41-40-37-40-39-41-(43)	320
43.	Christopher Hains/Barb Mann	CAN	29318	41-39-(43)-(43)-39-39-38-41-42-42	321



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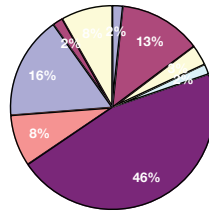
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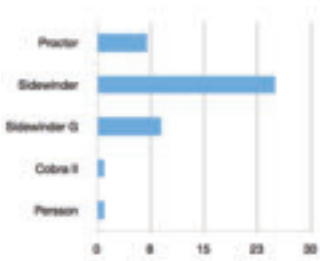
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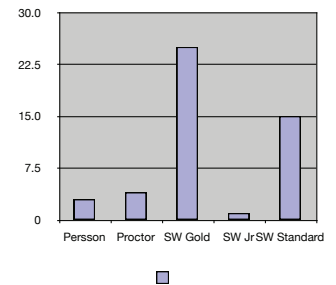
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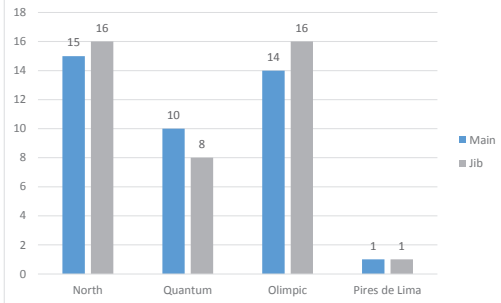
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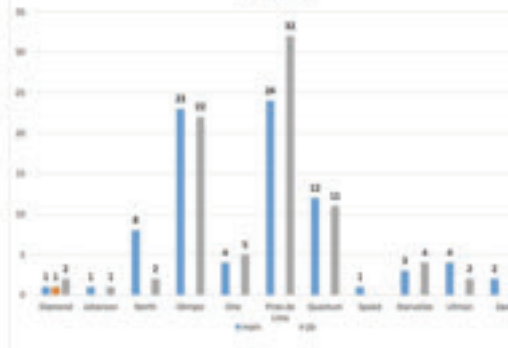
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The wind gods favored the 2014 Snipe North American Championships with three days of good wind and fair weather enabling the 37 competitors to do battle in eight races over the three days of the event. Winds tended to be light early in the day building as each day progressed testing the sailor's endurance in lumpy seas. Numerous shifts challenged both the race committee and the sailors. Starts were progressively aggressive as the racing progressed causing the "I" flag to come into play.

Congratulations go to Ernesto and Eduardo Rodriquez for winning the 2014 Snipe North American Championships and the Birney Mills Trophy and the Kim Thompson Perpetual Trophy respectively. Consistently finishing in the top 5 in every race they took three bullets to finish one point ahead of Augie Diaz and Aine Fretwell. Raul Rios and Chris Dwyer finished a close third and won the Chuck Loomis Junior Trophy.

Youth in sailing were a major aspect of this year's event. Of the 37 teams, 6 teams were SCIRA juniors (under 22 years old by year's end), a dozen and half of all sailors were junior-grade and half a dozen were "recent graduates" of the junior grouping (i.e. under 30). This was a major contributor to the late night bowling at the club's candlepin lanes and dancing to the DJ on Saturday night.

The event was highlighted by a traditional New England Lobster and Sirloin Roast Dinner on Saturday night prepared completely by Cottage Park Yacht Club volunteers.

Final Results - top 30 of 37

	Skipper/Crew	country/ Sail #	Total pts.
1.	Ernesto Rodrigues/Ed Mintzias	USA31130	20
2.	Augie Diaz/Aine Fretwell	USA30228	21
3.	Raul Rios/Chris Dwyer*	PUR29841	26
4.	Eric Heim/Amy Benner	USA30337	53.2
5.	Cameron Fraser/Elizabeth Glivinski	USA30903	58
6.	Carol Cronin/Kim Couranz	USA30860	60
7.	Andrew Pimental/Luke Ingalls	USA31188	63
8.	Jim Bowers/Julia Marsh Rabin	USA31171	64
9.	Edgar Diminich/Kara Voss	ECU31027	68
10.	John MacRae/Myrna Chan MacRae	USA29727	69
11.	Kathleen Tocke/Lara Dallman-Vweiss	USA30808	77
12.	Alex/Lisa Pline	USA30510	82
13.	John Talamonte/Linda Epstein	USA31013	94
14.	Roberto/Andre Guaragna	USA29778	95
15.	Lee Griffith/Lexi Pline	USA30904	99
16.	Harry/Sarah Levinson	USA29499	101
17.	Jennifer/Art Rousmaniere	USA29499	106
18.	Chris Jankowski/Samantha Parisi	USA30928	107
19.	Andrew Klein/Jessica Claflin	USA30089	110
20.	Seth/Cary Siegler	USA30687	120
21.	Harri Palm/Molly Kurvink	CAN29317	130
22.	Jefferson Hall/Tracy Hall	CAN29610	133
23.	Camila/Nick Flores*	MEX30478	137
24.	Bob Coyle/Samantha Bobo	USA28542	138
25.	Katie Levinson/Erin Bondy*	USA29842	140
26.	Alfonso/Javier GB Rivera*	MEX30330	149
27.	John Lally/Kerry O'Brien	USA30470	164
28.	Peter/Keri Wolcott	USA30606	166
29.	Kevin/Max Hetherington-Young	USA30600	167
30.	John Coolidge/Nikki Bruno	USA30262	179

* indicates Junior team

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SOUTH EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP 2014

REAL CLUB ASTUR DE REGATAS

GIJÓN, SPAIN

Real Club Astur de Regatas (RCAR) was chosen by the Snipe Class International Racing Association (SCIRA) to host in Gijón, Spain, the 2014 Snipe South European Championship. Top placing team took the 5th Sergio Michel Perpetual Trophy and also the 15th Carlos del Castillo Memorial Trophy.

It was the second time this club, home of Snipe fleet number 152, hosted this event. The first time was in June 1992, when that year the event took place in June and the winners were Argentinians Santiago Lange and Mariano "Cole" Parada, who would eventually win the following two world championships, in 1993 and 1995. The podium was completed with Spaniards Carlos Llamas and Javier Gutierrez in second place and Portuguese Tiago Roquette and Pedro Ambrosio in third.

This year's South European Championship attracted 26 boats, with 4 nations, Spain, Portugal, France and Italy, represented. A good number for a very busy race calendar that this summer included the European Championship in Poland and the World Masters in Japan.

Most boats arrived in Gijón by Friday, August 29, with beautiful weather and perfect sea conditions, having time enough to train in the race course. Unfortunately, the next day, the first journey of competition, the sea turned very rough, with waves over one meter and ranging into two meters, and winds of 14 knots at the start of the first race that increased to 18 knots during the day.

First race was sailed on a windward leeward course. After a general call, local RC Astur de Regatas' team, and previous two years winners of the Carlos del Castillo Memorial Trophy, Alfonso Cabezudo and Jaime Fernandez de la Vega, won the race easily, followed by the Portuguese team from CN Cascais, Pedro and Sofia Barreto, with their "Mitsubishi". Third place was taken by another Portuguese boat, "Boombap", skippered by 15 time Portuguese national champion Tiago Roquette and his son, Salvador Roquette, from SC Porto.

The second race was sailed on an olympic course, with winds well over 15 knots. With a fleet full of master and junior sailors, characteristic sight in our lovely Snipe class, we had seen



some DNFs by the first race, but broken rudders and masts increased the number on the second. The Portuguese team from CN Cascais, Pedro and Sofia Barreto, won this time, followed by 2001 & 2002 Spanish National Juniors champion Fran Palacio and his sister Maria, of the hosting club, RC Astur de Regatas, while third place was secured by the Italian team of Fabio Rochelli and Daniela Semec, from SV Barcola e Grignano.

After such a hard day of sailing, competitors gathered at the clubhouse where the hosting club served a buffet dinner. Spanish wine and paella helped fixing bodies and minds for next day's racing!

Second day of racing had even tougher weather forecasts and many sailors decided to stay dry repairing boats and enjoying the races from ashore. Only

19 boats crossed the starting line out of the 26 boat fleet. And after two more DNF (and one more broken rudder), only 17 crossed the finish line. Eastern winds 18 knots strong and rough open Atlantic waters saw how the Portuguese team of Tiago and Salvador Roquette took the lead, followed by Fran and Maria Palacio, second, and by Pedro and Sofia Barreto, third. They kept that order during the course and crossed the finishing line in those positions.

The regatta went into the final race with only a 2 point difference between first and second boats, and 2 more points between second and third. It was an extremely exciting race. Tiago and Salvador Roquette took the lead again, and again the Spanish boat, "Mowgli", with Fran and Maria Palacio, followed. Going on the downwind leg of the triangle, "Mitsubishi" of Pedro and Sofia Barreto took the mark on fifth position, what would give the Spaniards the championship if the race finished in that order, but Pedro and Sofia sailed a superb leg, reaching third place and keeping it to the end.

The trophy went to Cascais!

Second was the Spanish boat of Fran and Maria Palacio and third another Portuguese boat, that of Tiago and Salvador Roquette. Interesting enough is that Tiago Roquette had also taken third place in 1992, in Gijón, last time the championship was raced here.

Great event that brought back to Gijón and Spain fine memories of this historical championship sanctioned by SCIRA.



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Solerio & Simonetti Take 2014 So European Summer Circuit



*South European Summer Circuit winners:
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20. Roberto Tozzi & Marco Romani, 53
21. Renato Bruni & Dario Bruni, 55
22. Jensen McTighe & Brian Buckley, 55
23. Tomasz Slodecki, Zbigniew Rakocy, 56
24. Filippo Perdisa & Stefano Muccioli, 56
25. Paolo Pisetta & Franco Rangoni, 57
26. Alberto Perdisa & Nini Berardi, 57
27. Giuseppe D'Orazio & Ermanno Muzii, 58
28. Silvano Zuanelli & Flavio Rossi, 58
29. Giuseppe Borrelli & Pierluigi Borrelli, 58
30. Andrea Gemini & Alessandro Tramparulo, 59
31. Sergio Irredento & Marina Senni, 60
32. Carlo Prati & Stefano Selleri, 60
33. Marco Pantano & Francesco Fontana, 61
34. Marco D'Ambrosio & Paolo Orlandi, 62
35. Theodoro Rombauer & Milan Rombauer, 63
36. Fabrizio Onofri & Jacopo Di Giuseppe, 63
37. Giuliano Dematté & Marco Dei Rossi, 64
38. Rodolfo Fiorini & Andrea Ritenuti, 64
39. Pierpaolo Fuzzi & Marco Prosperi, 65
40. Dario Uber & Marina Pisetta, 66
41. Roberto Casarini & Emiliano Rossi, 67
42. Gunther Hautmann & Gerard Hautmann, 68
43. Massimo Cigalotti & Manuela Mazza, 69
44. Alberto de Paoli & Anna Mosca, 69
45. Giovanni Peri & Marco Villani, 70
46. Thomas Geier & Thomas Ruele, 71



2014 Women's US National Championship

Cottage Park Yacht Club, Boston, MA

August 9-10, 2014

The 2014 Women's Snipe Nationals held Aug 9-10 at Cottage Part Yacht Club in Winthrop Massachusetts was fortunate to have beautiful sunny weather. Winds were light and shifty early both days but built to 10-12 and steadied as the day progressed. Currents were especially strong with the full moon tides causing the competitors to make a beeline for the shore of Deer Island to get out of the tide.

The racing was very competitive. Aine McLean Fretwell and Claire Riedman tied for first place on points with Carol Cronin and Linda Epstein. Aine won the last race breaking the tie. Jennifer Rousmaniere and Anne Walt were consistent throughout the regatta, finishing third.

The top placing junior women were Emma Montgomery, 14, and Cecilia Moreira, 16, racing a snipe for the first time.



Top Junior women's winners Emma Montgomery & Cecilia Moreira (above). Below, all competitors gather.



Place	Skipper	Crew	Sail No.	1	2	3	4	5	6	Points
1	Aine McLean Fretwell	Claire Riedman	30337	4	1	1	2	2	1	7
2	Carol Cronin	Linda Epstein	30860	1	2	2	1	1	2	7
3	Jennifer Rousmaniere	Anne Walt	25412	8	3	4	3	4	3	17
4	Lynne Shore	Julia Marsh	31171	5	5	3	4	6	5	22
5	Lisa Pline	Lexi Pline	30510	2	8	11	10	3	4	27
6	Bridget Wiatrowski	Jessica Claflin	30404	DSQ	4	5	5	5	9	28
7	Katie Levinson	Erin Bondy	29842	3	9	8	7	8	10	35
8	Sharon Seymour-Johnson	Amy Benner	30571	6	6	7	6	12	12	37
9	Susan Lodico		28442	9	7	6	9	11	11	42
10	Kay Voss	Corrine Poitas		10	13	9	11	9	8	47
11	Sandy Hayes	Linda Olsen	30422	7	12	10	13	13	6	48
12	Marjory Bravard	Stephanie Muto	28050	13	11	12	15	7	7	50
13	Emma Montgomery*	Cecilia Moreira	29008	14	15	15	8	10	14	61
14	Kerry O'Brien	Chloe Brown	30470	12	10	14	12	15	13	61
15	Julia Fuller	Sadie Woolf		11	14	13	14	14	15	66





Pan Am Games Qualification Grid for Snipes

Year	Regatta	Countrys to qualify	Venue	qualified coun-tries
2013	South American Championship	2	YC Uruguayo	BRA, ARG
2014	South American Championship	2	Porto Alegre, BRA	PER, CHI
2014	WH&O Championship	5	San Diego YC, USA	PUR, USA, COL, ECU, CUB
	Host country	1		CAN
	total countries	10	total sailors	20

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Country	Boats Paid	Members
Argentina	9	13
Bahamas	12	26
Belgium	46	68
Brazil	131	145
Canada	14	23
Chile	2	3
Colombia	12	26
Croatia	7	19
Cuba	6	10
Denmark	6	13
Ecuador	16	9
Finland	28	48
France	28	47
Germany	9	15
Italy	128	275
Japan	434	557
Mexico	6	7
Norway	71	98
Peru	1	2
Poland	35	36
Portugal	24	57
Puerto Rico	14	20
Spain	61	92
Sweden	20	29
United Kingdom	25	35
United States	382	564
Uruguay	2	4
Venezuela	5	1
	1534	2242

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Sailing Snipes in Japan

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

















Last summer, during my trip to see my grandparents in Japan, I was able to sail in the Sail Hiroshima Snipe Regatta. The regatta was held off the coast of Hiroshima in the Seto Inland Sea. I crewed for Mr. Sato. We were one of thirty nine boats competing for first place. Although we finished with a respectable seventh place, I learned some new aspects of sailing. The most interesting point was how the course was longer than what I was used to. It was so long that we needed to use a compass to find each mark. I had never experienced this before. Also, sailing in a different country than the USA is interesting because I can observe the cultural differences of preparing for the race, how the race is run, and how to interact with my skipper. Finally, it was cool to see the Japanese built Snipes from makers like Tsujido and Okumura. I look forward to racing in Japan again or another country someday!










Taisei is a 13 year old sailor from San Diego Yacht Club and the SDYC Junior Program. He regularly sails Sabots, CFJs, Snipes, and C420s throughout the year and asked the SCIRA office for a fleet contact in Hiroshima. Recently, his family supported a Japanese team during the WH&O Championship, and was their interpreter during the National Secretaries meeting.



USA Nationals -2014: Okoboji Yacht Club, Iowa July 28-August 1

Place	#	Country	Skipper & Crew	Division	Fleet	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	Total
1	29841	 PUR	Raul Rios & Henry Dumke	Junior	591	1	- 3	1	1	1	1	3	8
2	29941	 USA	Doug Hart & Ryan Hopps	Master	495	2	- 4	3	2	4	3	2	16
3	30288	 USA	Augie Diaz & Aine McLean	Master	7	3	5	2	3	3	- 6	4	20
4	30473	 USA	Ernesto Rodriguez & Kate Sheahan	Senior	7	4	1	5	7	2	4	- 10	23
5	30860	 USA	Carol Cronin & Kim Couranz	Master	17	5	- 8	4	4	5	2	5	25
6	30904	 USA	Lee Griffith & Hillary Noble	Master	256	- 14	2	7	5	9	5	7	35
7	29778	 USA	Roberto Guaragna & Andre Guaragna	Master	7	7	6	6	10	7	- 19	1	37
8	30089	 USA	Andrew Klein & Jessica Claflin	Master	77	6	9	9	- 18	11	8	8	51
9	30088	 USA	Will Cray & Lara Dallman-Weiss	Junior	309	9	10	13	6	8	10	- 16	56
10	30618	 USA	Don Bedford & Eric Heim	Senior	495	- 16	7	10	14	6	9	11	57
11	30336	 USA	Gonzalo Diaz & Patti Bess	Master	7	8	12	- 15	11	14	12	6	63
12	30568	 USA	Peggy Tautz & Steve Tautz	Senior	640	11	- 15	14	9	10	11	9	64
13	29109	 USA	Stuart Robertson & Adam Elshahawry	Master	495	12	14	- 34 dsq	8	24	7	13	78
14	30262	 USA	John Coolidge & Christian Cyrul	Senior		10	- 18	12	12	16	16	15	81
15	30600	 USA	Kevin & Maxwell Hetherington-Young	Senior	77	- 20	11	11	13	18	18	12	83
16	29972	 USA	Michael Bowers & Belinda Barnes	Senior	77	13	13	17	16	17	15	- 18	91
17	28472	 USA	Cliff Wright & Hannah Graham	Master	444	15	- 23	18	17	12	13	19	94
18	28099	 USA	Laura Dalglish & Daniel Dalglish	Senior	1	- 22	16	20	15	13	17	14	95
19	30477	 USA	Gene Soltero & Laura Dahl O'leary	Master	1	- 25	17	8	19	21	20	21	106
20	31157	 USA	Martin Bebb & Anne Rusnak	Master	68	21	25	26	- 27	19	14	17	122
21	28482	 USA	Chris Scofield & Courtney Zurek	Senior	309	17	20	19	22	22	22	- 25	122
22	29323	 USA	David Baker & Andrea Slouka	Master	640	19	19	21	24	26	- 27	22	131
23	29738	 USA	George Rood & Jan Churchill	Master	309	24	22	16	20	- 28	24	27	133
24	28900	 USA	Doug Swenson & Sarah Thomas	Master	210	23	21	23	23	20	- 28	26	136
25	28444	 USA	Guy Thomas & William Thomas	Junior	567	26	27	25	- 34 dnf	15	21	24	138
26	27731	 USA	Rick Scofield & Natasha Mason	Master	309	27	- 34 ocs	22	25	23	29	20	146
27	31188	 USA	Mike Slouka & Steve Kurtz	Master	640	- 28	24	28	28	25	25	28	158
28	29692	 USA	Carl Mattson & Julie Mattson	Master	640	- 32	29	31	21	27	26	30	164
29	27523	 USA	William Brush & Tina Brush	Master	309	29	28	24	30	30	31	- 34 dns	172
30	28470	 USA	Stephan Irgens & Monica Irgens	Master	705	18	26	27	- 34 dnc	34 dnc	34 dnc	34 dnc	173

US Junior Nationals -2014

Place	#	Country	Skipper	Crew	Fleet	Rating	Boat Type	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Total
1	29841	 PUR	Raul Rios	Henry Dumke	591		Snipe	1	1	1			3
2	29778	 USA	Andre Guaragna	Will de Rubertis	7		Snipe	3	4	2			9
3	30221	 USA	Harry Waskow	Emily Myhre	256		Snipe	2	3	4			9
4	30262	 USA	Christian Cyrul	John Coolidge	142		Snipe	5	2	3			10
5	30600	 USA	Maxwell Hetherington-Young	Kevin Hetherington-Young	77		Snipe	4	5	8 dnf			17
6	31244	 USA	Tyler Payson	Eliot Payson	640		Snipe	6	7	5			18
7	28444	 USA	Guy Thomas	Sarah Thomas	567		Snipe	8 dns	6	8 dns			22



2014 US Nationals: Full of Surprises

When we drove into Okoboji, IA, home of this year's US Nationals, I didn't know much about the state or the lake for which the town is named. And since we didn't know the state motto, we made one up: "It's full of surprises." It seemed to fit, both on shore and on the race course.



One surprising fact about Lake Okoboji is that it is one of only three "blue" lakes in the entire world—and the other two are in Switzerland). Since it's spring-fed, the water is crystal clear and clean enough to drink. At the bottom left of the race course where a point jutted out into the lake (a point that also happened to be the campground home of Team San Diego), I actually thought we were going to run aground a few times since the rocks looked so close to the surface—even though the water was actually quite deep.

Since it is the largest lake for hundreds of miles, vacationers of all stripes flock there in the summer to swim, fish—and yes, race sailboats. The lake was crowded with powerboats of all shapes, sizes, and speeds, making the sailing a bit challenging at times as the waves were usually bigger than the breeze.

Okoboji Yacht Club is well-respected in midwest sailing circles, and the Race Committee did a great job fitting in the maximum possible number of quality races. The wind committee did not do such a great job and failed to whistle up a sailable breeze at all for the last two days. Fortunately, the RC had correctly predicted this and started off with three races on Monday. (The third was after a leisurely lunch break on shore.) Two races each on Tuesday and Wednesday gave us a very respectable seven race series. And somehow the expected heat and humidity never appeared, though the extremely pleasant conditions for sitting around were undoubtedly related to the lack of wind.

Anyone who followed the event will already know that the results were dominated by Raul Rios/Henry Dumke, who won five races. (Their other two finishes were thirds.) Shoreside, however, was a bit more egalitarian. The local fleet members (most of whom are from Omaha, Nebraska, about 3 hours away) shared information about places to eat and showed us how to drive a Snipe around on a trailer with the mast up. The San Diego and Florida sailors put together an impromptu tuning/sailing clinic on Thursday morning, once it was clear that the predicted morning breeze would not materialize. And Snipe sailors from across the country had a chance to meet new



friends, catch up with old ones, and admire various generations of Snipes, all without leaving the well-shaded Yacht Club lawn. Snipe Camp, at its finest.

For me there were two special boats on site: 28099, which (along with skipper Ed Adams) taught me how to sail a Snipe. That boat also taught me (and Ed) some humility, when we ended up winning the Wells Series in 1990. The second special boat was 28444, which has what is still my favorite custom paint job to come out of Jibetech: a blue overspray/faded edge that looks different depending on the heel angle. Builder Andrew Pimental and I finished second at the 1992 Nationals in that boat, and it still looks great. The rail-less Jibetechs might be mostly out to pasture in the flat water sailing of the Midwest, but their latest owners are keeping them alive and well.



Oh, and the actual motto of Iowa? Disappointingly serious: "Our liberties we prize and our rights we will maintain." After a week of sailing on Lake Okoboji, the Great Lake of Iowa, I prefer ours: "It's full of surprises."

Carol Cronin

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Piada Trophy

Alberto Perdisa

Portoverde, June 27-29, 2014. Final results after 7 races (1 discard).

(photo courtesy of Marzio Bondi)

1. ITA Enrico Solerio & Sergio Simonetti, 14
2. ITA-USA Pietro Fantoni & Kathleen Tocke, 14
3. BEL-ITA Manu Hens & Enrico Michel, 18
4. ITA Paolo Lambertenghi, 25
5. ITA Dario Bruni & Giuseppe Comisso, 30

Thirty-eight teams were at the starting line at this eighth edition of the Piada Trophy, certainly among the most popular Snipe regattas in Italy and abroad, thanks to the level of competition and fun social events.

After six years in Cervia and 2012 in Talamone, this year the regatta was organized by Circolo Nautico Riccione and Real Yacht Club Portoverde, which joined forces for a "Piada" that met and indeed exceeded expectations.

This a great sailing venue, one of the best in the Adriatic, and all seven races scheduled were completed. Wind conditions were from light to medium and included a race with the whimsical "Garbino," as it is called in Romagna, the south-west wind that blows from the land.

The strategy was difficult and never obvious, and choppy waves allowed the best to put in evidence and it is the ranking to speak out.

Enrico Solerio and Sergio Simonetti for years have been at the top of the class in Italy and also at international level. With three first places they won the series, but they won by a hair's breadth, because Pietro Fantoni with top-notch U.S. crew Kathleen Tocke also had excellent races and concluded with the same total points, but they had only won one race. So Solerio/Simonetti won the tiebreaker.

In third place was the Italian-Belgian team composed by Manu Hens and Enrico Michel, penalized by an OCS and other penalties but who won two bullets in the series.

Paolo Lambertenghi and Dario Bruni (who got a first place in a race) were also very consistent, both with new and young crews, as were Fabio and Daniela Rochelli. Also in the top ten were the teams of Alberto Schiaffino/Giampietro Pasquon, the locals Beppe Prosperi/Marco Ceccarelli, Stefano Longhi/Francesca Ruggiero. The young juniors Michele Meotto and Tullio Nutta surprised many sailors for their improvements achieved thanks to coach Fantoni, who has given them for a couple of years not only his expertise but also his second boat and followed them until



now.

From 10th to 20th place we find some teams that in some races finished among the best teams. Among these I would mention the veteran Roberto Tozzi with Marco Romani as crew, fast and aggressive as boys. Then Tom Stahl with his son Jacopo as crew, and the young Americans Jensen Mc Tighe/Brian Buckley.



Solerio/Simonetti were also awarded with the "Summer Circuit" perpetual trophy, donated by SCIRA Italy, thanks to their victory at the German in Caldonazzo and with the Trofeo Manlio Mignani, which is dedicated to a great race officer and international judge.

The events on the land were memorable as usual at the Piada. The famous "Piada Grand Prix" saw, once again, the domain of Lollo Baldi who defeated a very fast Manu Hens and a "crazy" driver by the name of Stefano Longhi. There was beautiful podium with sparkling champagne and the Italian national anthem for the winner.

The dinner on Saturday night saw a "hot" interlude with two beautiful Brazilian dancers who enlivened the spirit of the sailors with Petrino Fantoni and Stefano Longhi. Someone filmed them.

Then raffle with many prizes, including wine of the Palazzona di Maggio and discount coupons for sails kindly provided by Olympic Sails. Finally, more dancing with Nina Berardi, Aimone Fabbri, Greg Saldana, Johnny Estrella, Manu Hens, and Stefano and Alessandra Longhi among the main protagonists.

There was also an awards ceremony with prizes for the top ten and final buffet.

I close with thanks. We, people from Romagna, we are known for friendliness and frankness but I must say that we are often very efficient. It is difficult to match a chairman of the race committee as Giuseppe Dimilta and president of a club as Lorena De Gennaro. It was also great the job of Franco Pagliarini as president of the jury. The event had great success thanks to them and to all the staff at the Circolo Nautico Riccione and of the Real Yacht Club Portoverde.

Now we are expecting many juniors and young sailors under

30 years old for the Italian Junior Nationals and "DJ Regata" that will be held in the same waters on July 12-13, organized by the Club Nautico Cattolica. We are planning social events up to the reputation of Romagna.



Italian Nationals

Anguillara Sabazia, July 24-27, 2014

by Alberto Perdisa

Forty-six teams were at the starting line for the seventy-third edition of the Italian Nationals in Vigna di Valle.

These are good numbers that need to be commented on. The very first Snipe National Championship was sailed on the waters of Genova Sturla in 1937 and won by Piero and Emilio Reggio.

It was incredible that, despite the World War II, the Snipes sailed some edition of the Nationals in '41 and in '42, though not in '40 or '43-'46.

From 1947 to 2014 we have had an uninterrupted series of Championships that have seen several generations of sailors and the extraordinary technical evolution of a boat, ever renovated, economic and with so many qualities, part of the history of dinghies and sailing in Italy.

Enrico Solerio took the title again. His outstanding record of titles began in 1999 in Rosignano Solvay with his Franco as crew, who sailed alongside him in 2001 in Formia and Anzio in 2002. The two brothers then finished brilliantly in fourth place at the European Championship that took place in the same waters of Anzio and sailed together numerous Europeans and Worlds with good results.

Towards the end of the decade, Enrico brought in the strong Sergio Simonetti as crew and the results were always excellent, even at the international level. First the Italian Nationals in Sanremo in 2008, then in Pescara in 2010, the year in which they were third at the Don Q in Miami and the Nationals again in Rosignano Solvay in 2013, the year in which they have participated in the World Championship in Rio de Janeiro.

With this latest title the champion of Sanremo approaches two big skippers, both from Trieste Enrico Michel (who this year he crewed for the Belgian Manu Hens) and Georgio Brezich who won the Nationals 9 times.

This year Lake Bracciano hosted the 73rd Italian Nationals, complicated by the unstable weather of this strange summer.

Anyway the final verdict and ranking speak clear and highlighted the better prepared team. Too bad that the positioning of the course increased the instability of wind. It was also a pity that we were able to sail only 6 of the 9 races scheduled due to the weather. However the RC did good work.

Solerio-Simonetti proved once again the best with a impressive consistency considering the conditions, obtaining one first and never going below the first four positions in the other races, except the last race which they discarded.

Their advantage over runners-up, the excellent Dario Bruni-Carlo Collotta, were clear. Bruni, the only one who won two races in the series, showed his improvements. In third place the Belgian Manu Hens with the Italian Enrico Miche as crew, always fast and consistent. Then the Norwegians Jostein Grodem-Maj



Kristin Hansen Borgen, the winners of the third race. It was nice to see the return of an Argentine friend who a few years ago raced steadily in Italy: Micky Costa with Edoardo De Santis showed his skill once again. Scrolling down the overall standings to sixth place (third Italians), the strong local Fabio Nocera - Fabio Ferrone. Then Stefano Longhi-Francesca Ruggiero, clear winners of the first race, Fabio and Daniela Rochelli, Pietro Fantoni-Tullio Nutta and Paolo Tullio Lambertenghi - Yuri Miorandi. Eleventh and brilliant winners of the fifth race of the series, Giuseppe Prosperi - Marco Ceccarelli from Romagna. First among the grand Masters Roberto Tozzi - Andrea Frusone.

The championship, organized by the club Ali 6, saw the participation of seven foreign teams, some of which are high-level and high positions in the rankings.

In preparation for the 2015 World Championship of Talamone, the Snipe Class in Italy, despite the difficult economic times across the country, appeared vital and the atmosphere was very good.

It was a fun week on the water and on land, in the style and tradition of the Class.

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Italian Juniors Nationals – DJ Regata



Cattolica, July 12-13, 2014. Report (in Italian) by Alberto Perdisa) Marco and Ilaria Rochelli win the Italian Junior Nationals and the DJ Regata.



Results after 5 races (1 discard) – Top 5

1. Marco Rochelli & Ilaria Rochelli (Juniors), 7
2. Alessandro Collinucci & Nina Berardi (under 30), 9
3. Jensen McTighe & Brian Buckley (Juniors - USA), 11
4. Michele Meotto & Alberto Cassandro (Juniors), 15
5. Alessandro Bari & Jacopo Stahl (Juniors), 16



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Snipe Racing Calendar 2014

Major Regattas

Semana de Buenos Aires	Oct 4-5, 11-13	Buenos Aires, ARG
Host Cup	Oct 11-12	Baerum, Oslo, NOR
Snipe Winter Trophy	Oct 31-Nov 2	Talamone, ITA
Women's Worlds	Nov 3-10	Villa Carlos Paz, Cordoba, ARG

National Championships

Japan	November 12-16	Ishikawa
Argentina	November 20-24	Yacht Club Olivos, Buenos Aires

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Major Regattas

Winter Circuit		
Midwinters	March 15-17	Clearwater, Florida, USA
Don Q Keg	March 19-22	Miami, Florida, USA
Bacardi/Gamblin/Kelly	March 25-29	Nassau, Bahamas
South Americans	March 27-April 5	Mar del Plata, ARG
European Cup	May 29-31	Caldonazzo, ITA
North Americans	July 3-5	Toronto, Ontario, CAN
Nordics	July	Motala, SWE
Piada	July 6-13	
Pan Am Games	July 10-26	Toronto, Ontario, CAN
Junior World	September 12-18	Talamone, ITA
Senior World	September 20-26	Talamone, ITA

National Championships

Italy	July 6-13	
USA – Junior, Classic	August 8-9	Mission Bay, San Diego, CA
USA – Senior	August 7-14	Mission Bay, San Diego, CA



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