

# Snipe Bulletin™

Official newsletter of the Snipe Class International Racing Association



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**The Cover: Boat yard preparation at the Croatian Nationals - a warm up for the Europeans.**

**The Count:** 34 new numbers have been issued: 1 USA 2 BRA, 8 ESP, 2 ITA, 19 JPN and 2 to builders

**Numbered Snipes: 31740**  
**Chartered Fleets: 905**

## **NEXT DEADLINE** **November 1**



## **New web communication platform in planning!**

Fluent and timely communication is very important for an active international community like the Snipe Class. Today we have two main web channels, [snipe.org](http://snipe.org) and [SnipeToday.org](http://SnipeToday.org), for keeping our members updated. In addition, SnipeToday is also active on Facebook.

Just recently the Snipe Board of Governors approached SnipeToday founders and editors, Pietro Fantoni and Carol Cronin, with a proposal to build a joint web platform for Snipe Class communication. The benefits of a new set-up were noted together and a project for planning and implementation was quickly started.

The objective for the new platform is to improve communication and make information available easier for the class members, potential new Snipe sailors and other stakeholders.

This is achieved by combining the best parts of current [SnipeToday.org](http://SnipeToday.org) and [snipe.org](http://snipe.org):

- **SnipeToday** is one of the best-known brands in sailing. [SnipeToday.org](http://SnipeToday.org) is the #1 platform for news, articles and discussion with daily updates and dynamic look and friendly user interface.
- **snipe.org** is reliable source for official Class information from boat specs to Class Rules and organization.

The project is currently moving from planning stage to building the first prototypes. The launch of the new web platform is planned to happen during the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2021.

Stay tuned and stay healthy!



## ***From The Commodore***

Hello friends,

Despite our best wishes, at this time of the year it already seems that our 2021 is going to be tainted by COVID from start to finish as 2020 was.

If we are lucky, we will be able to do some of the events of the second semester, in countries where the summer is beginning, but we will be far from having a normal year.

Throughout this pandemic, nautical activity has survived thanks to the constant effort of those who step-by-step, and sometimes failure-by-failure, have tried time after time to organize local regattas. The immense value of this effort is difficult to measure, but it is valued by every sailor who has the possibility of crossing a finish line. Those of us who cannot do it, we just look at the photos and hope for better days.

This unfortunate situation that we have to live as a species, has greatly harmed us all, but it has also taught us. Not only to behave in the face of illness, but to appreciate the immense value of our freedom in general and of our activity in particular, things that perhaps we previously took for granted many times.

At SCIRA we have been working all these months looking for the best way to deal with this year's situation.

In 2020, when we were the first class to cancel the entire international calendar, we received a lot of criticism, public and private, but we were convinced that the situation required that for the protection of our members. It was not an easy decision, nor a hasty one, but an informed and painful one. The other classes ended up doing the same sooner or later. We were the first, and the one who goes through the glass first always gets hurt ...

2021 is different. With the vaccine being distributed in so many countries, it seemed hasty to cancel a complete international calendar without knowing the degree of immunity in the middle of the year and we have decided to analyze event by event. We have proposed a method and a structure to do it, and we are working on that. Unfortunately, the Master Worlds and the South American have been canceled, but several national championships have been raced and we still dream of the European, the WH&O and many others.



But this is not all. At SCIRA we have carried out a very large cut in our expenses, and we had the support of our members, you, who in 2020 have paid their dues with a scope of 83% compared to 2019, despite having hardly sailed. This speaks of us as a Class, you as members and SCIRA as a leader, and as a family. I can only say: thank you!

At the same time, some proposals for the rules have been presented, authorities have been replaced, and we are carrying out a process of renovating the image of the Class. Not only from our web page but possibly in the coming months we will have a big surprise for you. This is not the channel to report it. You will need to wait! Believe me it will be very good

Both I and all the members of the Board are very excited about the changes to come and how they may impact the future of the class.

They will not be immediate, they will take some time, because we want to do them well. I will most likely not see them as your Commodore, but I will surely enjoy them as a member when they are finished.

Finally, and hoping not to be repetitive, I repeat my request to support the small businesses that live off the Class, especially the small boat rigging, and sailmakers. They are not only ceasing to sail, but to work. If you can, help out by buying their products. Sooner rather than later you will use them.

I say goodbye wishing you a very good summer, and a not very cold winter, depending on where you are in the world.

Stay safe!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Luis Soubie'.

LUIS SOUBIE - ARG 31701  
Commodore



## Rule Proposals Passed by the Board of Governors

#	Summary	text
21-1	Constitution change- <b>PASSED</b>	housekeeping as well as update to allow electronic meetings/video conferencing
21-2	DoG change- <b>PASSED</b>	addition of more races to the Sergio Michel So. European Championship
21-3	Knav/boomkicker <b>DID NOT PASS</b>	allowance of a gnav/knav/boomkicker
21-4	Junior age - <b>DID NOT PASS</b>	consideration of skipper age only as Jr with combined 45 age for team
21-5	Jr Dues - <b>WITHDRAWN</b>	reduction or elimination of decal dues for boats 30-50 years old

### 21-2 PASSED

#### Changes to Constitution

**Section 23.3 Board Meetings:** ~~Bi-annual meetings~~ **an official meeting** shall be held in conjunction with the ~~absolute-Open~~ World Championship to facilitate attendance. A quorum shall be an **absolute** majority of the voting Board of Governors in attendance. The Commodore, when petitioned by an ~~absolute~~ majority of the members of the Board of Governors, shall call an official meeting of the Board of Governors. ~~The Commodore shall choose a time and place for the meeting, which shall be held within three months if petitioned, and the Executive Director shall give notice to all members of the Board of Governors at least thirty days in advance.~~ The Commodore, even when petitioned by another member of the Board of Governors, can call a meeting of the Board of Governors through tele conferencing or video conferencing. The Commodore shall choose a date and a time according to the needs of the other members, and the Executive Director shall give notice to all members of the Board of Governors at least seven days in advance.

**Section 23.4 Meeting Agenda: [...]** All proposals related to the Class Measurement Rules and **the Rules of Conduct** Restrictions must first be referred to the **International** Rules Committee, which shall report out the proposal and

#### Section 24. General Secretaries

The General Secretaries designated in Section 23 shall be elected every two years, to take office on even-numbered years at a meeting of National Secretaries at the European or Western Hemisphere & Orient Championship regattas **or via video conferencing.**

#### Section 25. Election of Officers

The Board of Governors shall have the sole power to nominate and elect the Officers of the Association for the ensuing term, such election to take place as soon as feasible after the general meeting held at the World Championship races **or the ballot called via video conferencing.**

~~.....The General Secretaries shall be elected every two years to take office on even-numbered years at a meeting of National Secretaries at the European and Western Hemisphere & Orient Championship regattas. The Secretary shall be elected for a 2-year term. Generally, they will assume office as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.~~

#### Section 30. Amendments

Proposed amendments to Constitution, or By-Laws ~~changes to Class Rules~~ **or Rules of Conduct**, etc: must be submitted to the Executive Director not later than March 1<sup>st</sup> of each year for consideration by the Board of Governors and Rules Committee. Amendments to the Class Rules are subject to approval of WS in accordance with WS Regulations. **Changes to the Deeds of Gift shall be approved by the Board of Governors at any time to be effective on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the following year.**

### 21-2 PASSED

#### SERGIO MICHEL DEED OF GIFT – changes only

##### Regatta Conditions:

3. ~~4 or 6~~ **Six** races shall be sailed of the official SCIRA courses shall be scheduled.

4. If 5 or 6 races are completed, the worst race shall be excluded. If 4 or fewer races are completed, all shall be counted. ~~Two~~ **Three** races shall constitute a regatta.



# SCIRA's History - 1952 European Championship

After close to 2 years of planning, SCIRA will celebrate the 2021 European Championship in Split, Croatia. With 50 entries representing 12 nations - its only fitting to revisit the 1952 European Championship held in Skovshoved, Sweden - 69 years ago!

We're all anxious to get back on the water and renew friendships - best of luck to all competitors and sail fast!

## NORWAY WINS EUROPEAN SNIPE CHAMPIONSHIP ITALY SECOND, FRANCE THIRD. TEN NATIONS COMPETE CLOSELY

The European Snipe Championships held at Skovshoved, near Copenhagen, Denmark, late in the summer received "rave notices" in all the European yacht magazines and since it is likely that you can get the English version the best, we would like to see just what British Yachting Monthly had to say.

"Ten countries; Belgium, Denmark, England, Finland, France, Italy, Norway, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland - competed in the second European Snipe Championship, held under the auspices of the Pioneer Snipe Fleet and the flags of the Royal Danish and Skovshoved Y.C.'s at Skovshoved, Denmark, August 13-16.

"England's representative was Jack Morgan, Medway Yacht Club, crewed by W.N. Hodshon, who trailed his boat "Redshank" to Harwich where both boat and car were shipped to Esbjerg by the regular mail steamer and then trailed to Copenhagen via Odense.

"Each country, except Belgium, took its own boat which proved to be very well matched. In the second race, sailed in light winds and taking 2 hours, all boats finished within 4 min. of each other. On the last day, although the Norwegians and Italians were well placed, it was possible for England, France, Sp-

ain or Sweden to win the Championships. When it is remembered that these boats are all built in different countries and sailed by helmsmen who had not met before, it shows that the Snipe is a very good one design class."

Italy won the first race and Norway the second. Next day France won the first race and England the afternoon race. So far the wind had been light and shifty but in the fifth race it was stronger. Italy pulled out in front but did not cover Norway which enabled Norway to get third place and enough score to win the series. France was first and Sweden came in second in this, the last, race.

To again quote "Yachting Monthly" - "The Snipe Organization is very well supported in Denmark although it is only four years ago that Snipe was adopted by the country. One of the principal reasons for its adoption was that it was the most international type of dinghy. With hospitality equalling the excellence of the organization, all competitors took back happy memories of Skovshoved."

Note - Britains almost always refer to any boat sailed by two persons as a "dinghy".

Summary - European Championships, 1952

Skipper	Nation	Five Races	Fin.
Eric Barford,...	Norway	2...1...2...6...3	1
D. Poissant,....	France	3...6...1...5...1	2
M. Dellacasa,...	Italy	1...2...4...4...6	3
Santiago Amat, ..	Spain	4...4...6...2...5	4
Jack Morgan,...	England	5...5...3...1...8	5
Stig Hag,.....	Sweden	6...8...5...3...2	6
M. Blegvad,.....	Denmark	8...3...8...10...4	7
O. Palmberg,....	Finland	7...9...7...7...7	8

A. Bestrynoki, ... Switzerland 10..7...9...8...9...9  
J. Florizoone, ... Belgium ...9..10..10...9..10...10

Scores were kept by regular SCIRA method and were as follows;

Norway.....	7311	France.....	7175
Italy.....	7084	Spain.....	6780
England.....	6725	Sweden.....	6575
Denmark.....	5891	Finland.....	5648
Switzerland...	5254	Belgium.....	4931





**EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**PHOTOS OF EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS AT SKOVSHOVED**

1. Spain, Sweden and Denmark finishing second race. 2. The European Champions, skipper Erik Barfod, Norway, right and crew Haakon Fretheim. Cup in midphoto is European Championship donated by Italy. Under it is medal given by President of France. Silver plate is from town Mayor of Gentofte. No.3 photo is Norwegian boat Abrakadabra, the winner. No.4 is Italy's Snipe Titta V, second in the series. No.5 shows Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins, the British Snipers, with the National Secretary for Denmark, Hans Albertson who is now studying in U.S. Photo No.6 is the French boat Moquer, third in points. She had yellow nylon sails. No.7 is the winning Norwegian team. Skipper Barfod

on left, crew Haakon Fretheim in center and on the right Ole Corneliussen, National Secretary for Norway. The photo No.8 shows Santiago Amat, left, who is 65 years old and the hottest Snipe skipper that Spain has. He has represented Spain three times in Olympic sailing races. Next to him is J.de Muntaner well known and popular Spanish sportsman. They are standing in front of SCIRA Bureau from which announcements were made through eight loud speakers. All notices were put up here, the R.C. met here and it was general headquarters. Arrangements were well nigh perfect for this regatta.

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SNIPER BULLETIN



# Remembering Commodore Means Davis -

Sorry to report that we have lost Means Davis, SCIRA Commodore in 1991.

Means was an amazing man who was also an international judge. He and his wife were stalwarts in the Atlanta fleet and huge fleet supporters with creative ideas to keep the fleet active and busy.

In his later years, Means had a kidney transplant and it seems he went into the hospital with shingles. The drugs did not react well with the transplant drugs he was taking and he went into the ICU with sepsis yesterday (his birthday) and passed away this morning with Tarasa and son Means at his side.

The family address is below as well as Tarasa's email address.

Davis Family  
7015 Yacht Club Dr.  
Acworth, GA 30102-1027  
Tarasa Davis: [tarasadavis@gmail.com](mailto:tarasadavis@gmail.com)  
Our condolences to all.

Dear Snipers,  
Jerelyn's email is totally unexpected and so sad. Means was a huge supporter of the Snipe class and everybody's friend. He will be missed. My prayers and condolences to his family and many friends.  
RIP,  
**Terry Timm**

It is a great shock to hear Jerelyn's email. Means Davis was a senior Commodore of me. He guided me as a member of SCIRA. He came to Japan often as an officer of many championships and stayed in our house. We also encouraged each other since we fought the same illness. I lost a big lighthouse. God bless him and we pray for his family.  
**Fujiya Matsumoto**

Sad to hear Means has left us. Means was SCIRA Commodore the year after me and we dealt with a lot of interesting situations. In 1990 we discovered SCIRA was not paying it agree International Class fee to the IYRU. The Russian Sports Federation was deciding to adopt the Snipe as the Sports Club boat and sent a tone boat crew to the UN in NYC because they wanted to sail in a SNIPE regatta on Long Island (within 50 miles of the UN.) They called the US Secretary Phill Richmond about borrowing a boat for the regatta. Phill sent both Means and I telegrams asking why we did not warn him? Means and I had no clue what happened. That led to

the 1991 World Championships in Tonsberg, Norway where Commodore Means and the SCIRA Measuring crew had to measure a Russian Snipe made from Siberian wood that was strong and light so the boat was well underweight! He also dealt with the claim that anchors were useless in their waters so no one had them.

Means navigated all that and much more. We will miss him.

**Pete Fenner**

We all will pray for him and his family.

**Henrique Motta**

Very sad news. God bless him.

**Arturo Delgado**

I recall I met Means, pretty sure that during 2001 Punta del Este Worlds when he acted as a judge. He was a great man. Please send my condolences to his family and friends.

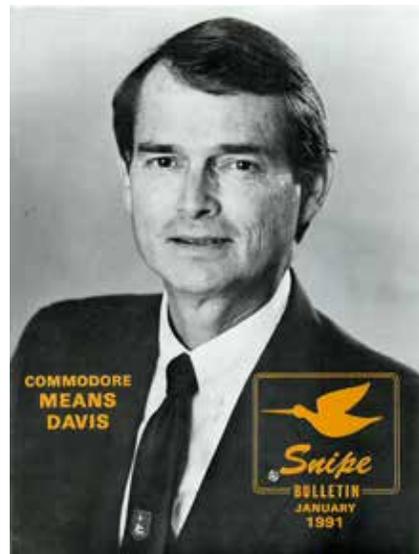
Warm regards to all,

**Pedro Garra**

I also wish to express my regrets to the Davis family our snipe family has lost on of its stalwarts.

**Wayne Soares**

Ah, Means! So many memories. From the days at the back of the fleet to the days in contention all the time, no matter where he and Peggy sailed. And then the experiences/adventures when we weren't sailing. The unforgettable Playboy Club of ever-blessed memory. Flying down to Miami in a Cessna 182 with Dan Williams napping in the back seat when Air Traffic Control vectored us to cross right over Hartsfield International at 5000 feet! And later that morning witnessing a Space Shuttle launch from 7000 feet as we flew across northern Florida. Tossing an American football back and forth on the lawn of the Yacht Club San Isidro at the 1985 Snipe Worlds in Argentina (and rupturing a ligament in my thumb in the process). Finding out that Means had made himself into a near-gourmet-level cook aboard a bareboat charter off Belize (to the delight/relief of his shipmates). Picking guitars (inexpertly) with the Coleman family of Valdosta deep into the night at AYC. All the laughter. Sipping fine brown liquor and telling lies. And the debt I can never repay: becoming violently ill just before dinner at the "little" log cabin on the hill and being driven to Chattanooga in the dark by a better-than-good friend who was ill himself with only a small fraction of a functioning kidney. The memories, they're all so rich, so golden. Fair



winds, mi compadre, fair winds indeed.

**Brainard Cooper**

My earliest memories of Means was with the family van at the 1982 Nationals in Eagle Mountain Lake (aka Buzzard Hill Pond), TX. The entire family always traveled with a double-deck trailer and were open and friendly, always led by the family patriarch, Means. Fast forward to 1993 and the Worlds in Porto Alegre, Brazil where Means was cutting his teeth as an international judge. He was always friendly and quick to offer suggestions and advice – always a problem solver. He always took my calls and helped with any question or problem I had – often reaching out to find the right answer. His friendly face, ready smile and humor will be missed –

**Jerelyn Biehl**



# 2021 SNIPE NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

September 10-12

Jubilee YC, Beverly, MA, USA

<https://theclubspot.com/regatta/F6SqEwD7TN>



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# 2021 SNIPE WH&O CHAMPIONSHIP September 21-25 Cottage Park YC, Winthrop, MA USA

**The 2021 Snipe Western Hemisphere & Orient Championship is a go!**  
We have high hopes that people will be able to travel come September 21-25 to the Boston area.

**The website is: <https://2021.snipewho.org/>**  
Entry is open via the website.

The SCIRA Board has amended the schedule for registration & allocation of entries as we all are respectful of the pandemic and various travel restrictions. Please note:

Registration:

The following dates will be strictly followed per the Deed of Gift:

**Initial Registration period:** Opens March 20, 2021 or sooner – Ends: July 29, 2021.

**Reallocation period:** Opens July 29, 2021 - Ends: August 20, 2021.

**Final period:** Opens August 20, 2021 - Ends September 6, 2021.

5.2 Cottage Park Yacht Club will be open to arriving competitors Saturday September 18th and Sunday September 19th for practice.

5.3 On-site Registration:

Sunday September 19, 10:00 to 17:00 in the club ballroom.

Monday September 20, 10:00 to 15:00 in the club ballroom.

5.4 Measurement:

Sunday September 19, 10:00 to 17:00

Monday September 20, 10:00 to 15:00

5.5 Schedule of Races: Two races per day are planned. However, a three-race day may occur to make up any missed races.

Monday Sept 20

13:00 Start of Practice Race

Tuesday, Sept 21

12:00 Start of first race of the day; second race to follow.

Wednesday, September 22

12:00 Start of first race of the day; second race to follow

Thursday, September 23

12:00 Start of first race of the day; second race to follow

Friday September 24

12:00 Start of first race of the day; second race to follow

Saturday September 25

12:00 Start of only race of the day. Second race to follow if any earlier races were not completed

The full Notice of Race is published on the website –



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<https://2021womens.snipeworlds.org/>



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São Paulo, July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021

To: All Women Sailors.

As you probably know by now Brazil will be hosting the 14<sup>th</sup> Snipe Women's Worlds Championship in São Paulo.

The venue is a very pleasant lake near the city, and the Yacht Club Paulista offers outstanding infrastructure for boats and sailors. We are planning an amazing regatta with high calibre racing and lots of fun activities with the traditional Brazilian hospitality that many of you already experienced.

Everything is being carefully thought following all necessary protocols to ensure maximum health and safety for everyone involved.

The entire local Snipe community is collaborating to provide boat charters and housing arrangements for all pockets.

Feel free to contact us at any time for any questions or specific needs.

We are excited and confident that this will be a most memorable regatta! Please feel invited and spread the word to your national women sailors so that we can have maximum attendance. We hope to see you here in October!!!

Bons Ventos!!!

Paola Prada  
SCIRA Western Hemisphere & Orient General Secretary  
National Secretary - Snipe Brazil

**Event Website:** <https://2021womens.snipeworlds.org>

**Venue:** <https://ycp.com.br>

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## DUES 2021 as of August 30

	2021	2021	2020	2020
Country	Members	Boats	Members	Boats
Argentina	70	46	61	47
Austria	1	1	2	1
Bahamas	0	0	17	7
Belgium	50	31	76	41
Brazil	213	157	238	179
Canada	6	13	13	15
Chile	67	32	51	24
Colombia	0	0	5	2
Croatia	13	7	7	6
Cuba	0	0	0	0
Denmark	5	5	6	3
Ecuador	0	0	0	0
Finland	68	30	74	34
France	25	21	26	20
Germany	5	4	7	5
Guatemala	5	0	1	3
Italy	190	102	225	109
Japan	895	398	312	206
Lithuania	0	0	0	
Mexico	1	0	0	0
Norway	39	23	27	15
Peru	6	11	4	9
Poland	26	13	30	13
Portugal	70	35	87	45
Puerto Rico	3	4	1	4
Spain	595	275	552	255
Sweden	16	9	15	9
Switzerland	3	2	3	2
United Kingdom	56	28	42	24
United States	421	284	348	307
Uruguay	3	2	17	9
Venezuela	0	0	0	
	<b>2813</b>	<b>1533</b>	<b>2247</b>	<b>1394</b>





## Snipe Ranking Guidelines

SCIRA has an agreement with the SSL (Star Sailors League) whereby if we provide regatta results, they will calculate an international ranking system for us. In order to have a great ranking system, we need the cooperation of all regatta organizers and National Secretaries to encompass as many events and sailors as possible.

Read the guidelines to the right to help gather the information. Use this link to download the excel template (save as a csv file) and then send to the SnipeToday editor or the SCIRA office. It's that easy!

[Results Template](#)

### Guidelines for sending regatta results for the International Ranking

The purpose of these guidelines is to facilitate the loading of results into the SSL database.

- It is necessary to fill in all fields in the attached file.
- In particular it is important to fill in the "Sailor ID" field.
- Sailor ID means SCIRA memberID number.
- The SCIRA member ID can be found by entering the name of the sailor and checking the corresponding number at this [link](#):
- The SCIRA member ID is used to avoid duplications or errors with the names of sailors (for example: Martin Bermudez or Martin Bermudez de la Puente or Martin Bermudez de la Puente Gallego).
- Using the SCIRA member ID also makes it possible for SCIRA to check that the sailor is a member in good standing.
- Fill in the number of races, correctly indicating the DNC or DNS boats in the individual races.
- Send the file to [editor@snipetoday.org](mailto:editor@snipetoday.org)
- The file will then be forwarded to the SSL Team, which will upload it to the "machine", a complex excel file, on which the International Ranking regattas are loaded.
- Results in .jpeg format are absolutely to be avoided.

Thanks for your collaboration!

