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The Count: 56 numbers were issued since April. 2 to Brazil, 5 to USA, 5 to Italy, 8 to Japan, 24 to Spain and 10 to a builder.

Numbered Snipes: 29796

Chartered Fleets: 854

One new fleet was added:

854: Tonsberg, Norway

Correction to April issue:

852: Distrito Federal - Brazil

853: Salta - Argentina

SCIRA's Bird and Crest now Registered

SCIRA was recently issued U.S. Trademark Registration No. 2,316,116 on the Principal Register of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for its SNIPE SILHOUTTE mark and No. 2,344,822 for its INTERNATIONAL SNIPE CLASS CREST mark. The ™ symbols that have previously identified these marks as the proprietary trademarks of the Class will now be replaced by the familiar ® symbol, indicating that these marks are now registered.

Cliff Browning, who is a patent and trademark lawyer in private practice in Indianapolis, Indiana, and who is now serving as the SCIRA U.S. District 3 Governor, filed the applications for these registrations for the Class in 1998, pro bono.

Commodore's Column

"One Boat for All" and "Serious Sailing, Serious Fun." This really does describe our Snipe Family! I have been very encouraged this year going to regattas in North America and the offshore Islands. We have had visitors from Europe, South America and Japan. Everyone sailed hard and well, and when it was over the parties rocked!

Another item, which has helped, is the lending of boats to foreign competitors. Travel is very expensive and any help to defray costs helps our international friends. International Championships like the Worlds, Europeans, Westerns, Masters and Women's have to charter boats, but the costs should be kept as low as possible to encourage participation.

It has also been quite interesting to follow the web site; some interesting problems with equipment, boats, etc., and the willingness of Snipers to help each other solve their problems.

New features in SCIRA: we now have membership cards so that the office knows where all our members are. This will be a great help, as before, we only knew we had X number of boats in each country.

Consider helping our Class if you have the time by volunteering. Remember that you only get out what you put in and we are always open to new ideas. Consider going to multi-class regattas. This is a great way of showing off our boats and promoting the Class. Also, invite people to come and sail the boat—you never know, you may get a new Sniper! Skipper, encourage your crew to sail the boat and you can crew – it can be very enlightening and you can see how tough it can be at times in the front end. It will give you both a new insight on sailing our boat.

By the time you read this, I will be in Europe at the Europeans, Scandinavians, World Masters and the Women's Worlds. I hope to meet as many Snipers as I can. Come and say "Hi" and let's have Serious Sailing, Serious Fun!

Snipes on the Web

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for all the latest in the

Snipe world!

Next Deadline: Sept. 1



Commodore Id Crook, Canada

CIRCULAR LETTER No. 2000-1

This is to verify that at the meeting of the Board of Directors of SCIRA, meeting in Santiago de la Ribera, Spain, it was voted unanimously to eliminate optional provisions of items 1 and 2 of the DND provisions currently listed on page 93 of the SCIRA Rule book.

The only DND provision currently in force under SCIRA rules is item 3, which is associated with on-the-water judging of kinetics infractions. Items 1 and 2 should no longer be used in Snipe regattas.

Brainard Cooper, Jr., Chairman
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Campeonato Nacional de Colombia

Bogata, Colombia
February 19-27

Entre los días 19 y 27 de febrero se realizó el campeonato Nacional 2000 para Colombia en la represa de Tomine. Con una asistencia inesperada de 31 barcos inscritos se inició el domingo 20 este evento tan importante para todos los Snipistas. Como era de esperarse de un lago de montaña, hubo vientos de todas clases desde cinco hasta quince nudos en un solo día. Sin embargo se logró correr todas las regatas programadas.

La participación de los campeones mundiales Nérido Manzo y su tripulante Octavio Lorenzo indudablemente hicieron que este evento tuviera tanto éxito, además que ayudaron a los navegantes Colombianos actualizar su equipo y mejorar su performance. Como era de esperar éstos "últimos ganaron ampliamente lo que fue el campeonato abierto. Pero como campeón Nacional se coronó Rafael Tamayo tripulado por su esposa Camila Esaza ganado dos de las siete regatas y en el segundo lugar quedó Sebastián Higuera con Camilo Salcedo.

Colombia's National Championship

Near Bogatá at Lake Tominé, the National Championship was held between February 19-27. With 31 registered boats, the largest Colombian regatta ever held, began on Sunday the 20th. As in all the mountain lakes, winds were shifty, between 6 and 15 mph. But all races could be sailed, despite the rain, the participants had a great time.

As World Champion Nérido Manzo and his crew Octavio Lorenzo accepted the invitation to come over, their assistance made the event very special and most of the Colombian sailors learned much at the clinic they gave about Snipe tuning and rigging. Obviously, they won the open championship, but everybody learned something from this experienced Cuban crew. As the new National champion Rafael Tamayo crewed by his wife Camila Esaza did a fine job by winning two of the seven races with the runner-up being Sebastián Higuera with Camilo Salcedo

<i>Skipper/Crew</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Finishes</i>	<i>Total</i>
1. Nelido Manzo/Octavio Lorenzo	Cuba	2-1-2-1-1-1-2	7
2. Rafael Tamayo/Camila Isaza	Colombia	1-7-1-3-5-5-5	19.5
3. Sebastian Higuera/Camilo Salcedo	Colombia	7-2-11-2-dsq-2-3	27
4. Gustavo Tamayo/Nevarado Guerrero	Colombia	3-3-7-8-6-8-19	35
5. Juan Carlos Uscategui/Paula Dowat	Colombia	10-5-6-4-3-7-20	35
6. Felipe Castillo/Maria Isabel Astorquia	Colombia	5-dnf-3-7-9-10-6	40
7. Jose Antonio Isaza/Arturo Isaza	Colombia	4-dnf-4-11-14-13-1	46.75
8. William Kemenes/Silvia de Kemenes	Colombia	6-dnf-8-5-12-6-12	49
9. Hernando Ramirez/maria Luisa Arango	Colombia	14-dnf-5-6-7-9-11	52
10. Solmar Bermudez/Roberto Londono, Jr.	Colombia	dnf-4-12-dns-4-3-4	59
11. Richard Deeb/Daniel Borrero	Colombia	9-dnf-dns-13-8-4-7	73
12. Mauricio Ortiz/Brojen Fernandez	Colombia	dnf-6-dns-15-10-16-10	89
13. Alberto Valenzuela/Rodrigo Mora	Colombia	dnf-dnf-21-12-11-11-8	95
14. Juan Carlos Herkrath/Martin Isaza	Colombia	dnf-dnf-10-9-13-17-17	98
15. Tomas/Mauricio Valenzuela	Colombia	11-dnf-14-10-15-ocs-16	98
16. Joaquin/Joaquin Jr., Tamayo	Colombia	12-dnf-19-22-23-18-18	112
17. Roberto Londono/Yolanda Sarmiento	Colombia	dnf-dnf-9-dnf-17-14-9	113
18. Francisco Jose Castillo/Daniel Castillo	Colombia	13-dnf-13-18-20-dns-21	117
19. Felipe Lisocki/Andrei Quintero	Colombia	8-dnf-20-dnf-15-ocs-14	121
20. Juan Manuel Lombana/Rodolfo Garica	Colombia	dns-dns-16-16-19-12-26	121
21. Juan Jose Carulla/Rodrigo Solo	Colombia	dns-dnf-15-14-16-dns-15	124
22. Carlos Alvarado/Carlos A.	Colombia	dnf-dnf-dns-19-18-15-22	138
23. Juan Pablo Castillo/Alejandro Alhambra	Colombia	dnf-dnf-17-23-22-dns-13	139
24. Jaime Castillo/Javier Delgado	Colombia	dns-dnf-23-24-21-19-27	146
25. Simon/Alejandro Cardenas	Colombia	dnf-dnf-18-17-dnf-dns-23	154
26. Jose Fco Di Ruggiero/Arturo Leyva	Colombia	dns-dnf-dns-25-24-20-28	161
27. Jurgen Hobrecker/Dany Delgado	Colombia	dnf-dnf-22-20-dnf-dns-24	162
28. Pedro Manuel Latiff/Nicolas Deeb	Colombia	dnf-dnf-dns-21-dnf-dns-dns	181
29. Camilo Yamin/Jorge Gaitan	Colombia	dnf-dnf-dns-dns-dnf-dns-25	185
30. Maria Helena Carulla/Luis Gabriel Perez	Colombia	dns-dnf-dns-dns-dns-dns-dn-s	192
31. Miguel Ribon/Santiago Douat	Colombia	dnf-dnf-dns-dns-dnf-dns-dns	192

2000 North American Championship

Spanish Point, Bermuda
May 4-6

George Szabo and Carol Cronin became repeat winners of the North American Championships, held May 4-6 at Spanish Point Boat Club in Bermuda. Szabo/Cronin started off by winning Bermuda Race Week, a 6-race annual series where 31 boats competed this year as a prelude to the North Americans, which followed a day later. Szabo/Cronin won 5 of the 6 races in Bermuda Race Week, but found the competition had warmed up a bit by the start of the North Americans.

North American - results

Skipper/Crew	country/sail	Finishes	Total
1. George Szabo/Carol Cronin	USA 29672	2-2-1-3-1-(8)	8.5
2. Henry Filter/Lorie Stout	USA 28702	3-1-3-1-10-(11)	17.5
3. Hal Gilreath/Ned Jones	USA 29324	7-9-(13)-2-5-1	36.75
4. Paul Cronin/Nancy Haberland	USA 29592	5-8-(12)-8-4-3	28
5. John/Maggie Manderson	USA 29864	4-4-9-(14)-7-4	28
6. Rick Arneson/Clare Lyon	USA 27569	9-(11)-8-4-3-5	29
7. Lee/Lisa Griffith	USA 29204	1-3-10-(19)-11-7	31.75
8. David Tillson/Watt Duffy	USA 29112	6-5-6-10-(18)-9	36
9. Andrew Pimental/Stacey Szabo	USA 29699	8-(15)-5-9-9-6	37
10. Ken/Julie Redler	USA 29315	12-13-(17)-5-2-10	42
11. Gonzo Diaz/Eric Krebs	USA 28812	11-7-11-7-8-(12)	44
12. Stephen Dickinson/Heath Foggo	BER 25864	14-6-7-6-(17)-13	46
13. Ian Brown/Susan Cushman	CAN 29317	16-14-2-15-(20)-2	49
14. Malcolm Smith/Damian Payne	BER 25077	10-12-4-11-(14)-14	51
15. Alex/Lisa Pline	USA 29147	15-10-14-12-6-(15)	57
16. Gregg Morton/Nancy Gilreath	USA 25080	(24)-16-16-13-12-18	75
17. Alex Stout/Liz Filter	USA 29682	13-(19)-15-16-16-16	76
18. Robert Coyle/Melissa Lim	USA 28542	20-(25)-19-17-15-19	90
19. Woody Norwood/Julie Smithers	USA 29200	18-18-21-(22)-13-22	92
20. Claus Carpelan/Freddie Wegelius	FIN 29019	17-17-20-(23)-21-17	92
21. Kiki Bosch/Robert Blee	BER 14888	23-21-18-21-(25)-20	103
22. Christopher/Don Hains	CAN 27055	22-20-23-20-(23) 23	108
23. Bill Buckles/Kim Disbrow	USA 25707	25-24-24-18-24-(26)	115
24. Gweneth Crook/Monique Gaylor	CAN 25843	(26)-26-25-25-22-21	119
25. Ray Pitman/Seaweed Tatem	BER 19708	(dnf)-22-22-26-26-24	120
26. Jerry Thompson/Carolyn Brown	USA 24702	21-23-(dnc)-19-dnf	121
27. JP Snelling/Cameron Hill	BER 19111	27-(28)-26-24-27-25	129
28. Leo Murphy/Joe Murphy	USA 28282	28-27-27-27-(dnc)-dnc	140
29. John/Cathy Johns	USA 29534	19-(dnc)-dnc-dnc-dnc	143

Bermuda Race Week - results top 20

Skipper/Crew	country/sail	Finishes	Total
1. George Szabo/Carol Cronin	USA 29672	1-1-1-1-1-(2)	5.75
2. Henry Filter/Lorie Stout	USA 28702	3-3-3-3-(6)-1	18.75
3. Andrew Pimental/Stacey Szabo	USA 29699	5-5-(11)-8-2-4	35
4. David Tillson/Watt Duffy	USA 29112	(10)-12-5-2-5-3	37
5. John/Maggie Manderson	USA 29864	8-4-2-5-(19)-6	44
6. Lee Griffith/Lisa Griffith	USA 29204	6-2-7-(13)-3-11	42
7. Hal Gilreath/Ned Jones	USA 29324	2-6-8-(15)-9-5	45
8. Paul Cronin/Nancy Haberland	USA 29592	4-10-6-9-7-(14)	50
9. Malcolm Smith/Damian Payne	BER 25077	11-(15)-4-4-13-7	54
10. Lisa/Alex Pline	USA 29147	9-8-10-6-12-(16)	61
11. Rick Arneson/Clare Lyon	USA 27569	7-9-(13)-12-11-13	65
12. Jerry Thompson/Carolyn Brown	USA 24702	16-7-(18)-21-4-12	78
13. Ian Brown/Susan Cushman	CAN 29317	13-13-9-7-(20)_17	29
14. Stephen Dickinson/Heath Foggo	BER 25864	12-14-12-(20)-15-9	82
15. Alex Stout/Liz Filter	USA 29682	14-16-14-10-(18)-15	87
16. Claus Carpelan/Freddie Wegelius	FIN 29019	17-(ocs)-17-11-10-19	101
17. Gonzo Diaz/Eric Krebs	USA 28812	15-20-15-14-(27)-10	106
18. John/Cathy Johns	USA 29534	(dnc)-18-19-23-8-8	108
19. John Papadopoulos/Stefanie Faillers	USA 29696	20-17-16-(24)-17-18	112
20. Ken/Julie Redler	USA 29315	18-11-(dnf)-16-14-dnf	123

8-18 knot breezes were seen throughout the week with sunny skies and clear water. Henry Filter and Lorie Stout, US representatives to the Pan Am Games last year, led Szabo/Cronin into the last day by .75 points by posting a 3-1-3-1 to Szabo/Cronin's 2-2-1-3. But shifty sailing on the last day found Szabo/Cronin taking a 1-8 while Filter/Stout posted a 10-11.

Meanwhile, the fleet, made up of competitors from Bermuda, Canada, Belgium and the US, battled it out for the rest of the hardware. Hal Gilreath/Ned Jones of Annapolis finished third overall, winning the last race, and Paul Cronin/Nancy Haberland edged out another close finish for 4th with 28 points, ahead of John & Maggie Manderson (28 pts) and Rick Arneson/Clare Lyon (29 pts).

The fleet at Spanish Point Boat Club put on another excellent regatta complete with social functions, scooters, and a chance to show off their great island!

SCIRA's Advertising Policy

Updated

In response to ISAF's Advertising Policy change, SCIRA's Board of Directors and the Rules Committee has passed the following (this replaces the current policy as printed on pages 65 & 66 of the current Rulebook):

- All Snipe regattas are Category A except as allowed in paragraph 3.
- The following regattas are approved as Category A regattas only: World Championship, European Championship, and Western Hemisphere Championship.
- A national secretary may, with the approval of the SCIRA members in his country, allow any or all regattas sailed in his country to be Category C as defined by ISAF including national championships, continental, and international championships not mentioned in paragraph 2.
- The organizers of events may request that competitors display advertising material of an event sponsor under the restrictions outlined in paragraphs 5 thru 7.
- Under no circumstances will the display of advertising of an event sponsor be mandatory. The final decision on whether to display such advertising shall remain with the skipper. There shall be no penalty or inducement of any type for any skipper who chooses not to display the advertising of an event sponsor.
- The entry fee and any other fees associated with the event shall be uniform for all skippers whether or not they display advertising associated with the event sponsor. This shall include fees associated with social events.
- For those event organizers who choose to allow event sponsorship advertising under either Category A or C, the following fee schedule shall apply:
 - World Championship: \$1500 (US) to the SCIRA Office.
 - European and Western Hemispheres: \$750 (US) to the SCIRA Office.
 - World Masters, Junior, and Women's: \$350 (US) to the SCIRA Office.
 - Continental, International, and National Championships: \$350 (US) to host country's SCIRA Office.

2000 French National Championship

61 Snipes came to Le Havre for this year's French Snipe Nationals from 29th April to 1st May. Ten British boats made the trip over the Channel, other nations represented with 18 additional boats were Belgium (5), Russia (3), Poland (3), Germany (3), Denmark (1), Sweden (1), Norway (1) and the United States (1). At nearly 70 years old the Snipe is still a truly international class.

Despite the determined efforts of the Belgian contingent - who finished 2nd, 3rd and 4th - and the remarkable performance of the girls from the Moscow Sailing School (5th and 6th) who attracted as much attention on the water as off - French sailmaker Jean-Jacques Frébault, crewed by Gilles Boisaubert emerged victorious, being in a position to discard a 6th place. Peter Wolstenholm finished 8th in the first British boat. Gene Soltero flew in from Dallas and finished 24th with a borrowed boat.

The three races run on Sunday will long have a place in the annals of the class. The morning race fizzled out in a dying land breeze - only three Snipes finished within the time limit. The afternoon races were sailed in a Force 5 - ideal conditions for the Snipe!

The Société des Régates du Havre, the senior yacht club on continental Europe (founded 1838) has long been associated with the senior international one-design dinghy (1931) This association will continue in 2002 with the Snipe European Junior Championships.

The French Nationals were the first leg of the three-nation Yves Le Bour Challenge. The next leg will be the Southeastern Championships at Maldon (1-2 July) and an open meeting organised on the Eau d'Heure in Belgium (30th Sept - 1st October).

—Gordon Davies
France



Le Havre, France April 29-May 1

photo: Gilles Boisaubert & Jean Jacques Frébault, new French National Champions!
Gene Soltero photo.



Skipper/Crew	Country/Sail	Finishes	Total
1. Jean Jacques Frébault/Gilles Boisaubert	FRA 29322	(6)-4-3-2-4-4-	17
2. Guy Celia/Dick Celis	BEL 29115	11-(17)-2-1-1-10	25
3. Bart Janssen/Eva Jacobs	BEL 29613	1-1-(dnf)-10-12-2	26
4. Thierry Den Hartingh/Jansen Greet	BEL 29252	8-8-(dnf)-3-2-5	26
5. Maria Skoliapova/Tatiana Lratseva	RUS 29490	3-2-(dnf)-5-6-11	27
6. Ekaterina Skudina/Svetlana Kitchik	RUS 29480	5-13-1-8-(14)-1	28
7. Bjorn Forslund/Jens Ekencren	NOR 29454	9-3-(dnf)-6-5-8	31
8. Peter Wolstenholm/?	GBR 2667	14-7-(dnf)-14-3-6	44
9. Jean Claude Confoulan/Michel Hosteins	FRA 27947	12-9-(dnf)-15-10-9	55
10. Filip Svensson/Emil Svensson	SWE 29701	20-10-(dnf)-13-7-13	63
11. Igor Choroshylow/Franicowski Marivsz	RUS 2940	10-16-(dnf)-9-15-13	63
12. Iain Marshall/Ednard Marshall	GBR 29501	15-22-(dnf)-4-9-20	70
13. Jean Pierre Etcheber/Jean Marthiens	FRA 29990	29-5-(dnf)-23-17-18	92
14. Giovanni Galleoti/Aina De Bock	BEL 29374	7-12-(dnf)-7-8-dnc	96
15. Stephane Bariou/Guillaume Canado	FRA 23283	25-15-(dnf)-24-13-19	96
16. David DuFour/Damien Cazala	FRA 28690	2-14-(dnf)-21-dns-3	102
17. Jean Pascal Nouette/Julien Gramond	FRA 29006	21-19-(dnf)-25-11-29	105
18. Brian Gregory/Matthew Williams	GBR 28451	26-18-(dnf)-22-30-22	118
19. Sebastien Monteil/Gilles Carnelez	FRA 28944	40-21-(dnf)-18-25-16	120
20. Mark Antonelli/Sunny Sporne	GBR 29677	19-20-(dnf)-31-18-34	122
21. Alan Hoy/Janet Hoy	GBR 29408	36-35-(dnf)-11-20-24	126
22. Frederic Brossard/Solenn Le Guen	FRA 23265	22-42-(dnf)-29-19-14	126
23. Wolfgang Gerz/Ferdinand Gerz	GER 29611	4-28-(dnf)-41-34-21	128
24. Gene Soltero/Fabien Vehrnes	USA 27777	28-11-(dnf)-occs-16-12	129
25. Liven Dossche/Frederik Dalaet	GER 28046	38-27-(dnf)-19-22-32	138
26. Alan Williams/Liz Crouch	GBR 29164	37-38-(dnf)-26-21-25	147
27. Jerome Thomas/Jean Christian Joquet	FRA 2819	31-34-(dnf)-28-27-26	147
28. David Gramond/Jean Pierre Gramond	FRA 22282	23-30-(dnf)-37-23-36	149
29. Phil Hackney/Michael Hackney	GBR 29163	33-29-(dnf)-27-29-31	149
30. Maxime Romain/Bastien Broudic	FRA 29367	13-6-(dnf)-dns-dns-15	158
31. Anne Romain/Thomas Vernhes	FRA 29437	24-25-(dnf)-17-dns-30	158
32. Grant Edwards/Geoffrey Edwards	GBR 26671	42-23-(dnf)-38-28-28	159
33. Rene Le Bour/Fabienne Le Bour	FRA 29650	18-39-(dnf)-33-35-37	162
34. Mirek Bloch/Jacek Bloch	POL 2	48-26-(dnf)-30-31-27	162
35. Ian Knight/Bridget Knight	GBR 15602	41-31-(dnf)-32-26-41	171
36. Tomek Slodecki/Michal Kocozorowski	POL 1	46-32-(dnf)-12-24-dnf	176
37. Cedric Carre/Alexis Carre	FRA 28955	23-37-(dnf)-34-dns-23	179
38. Jan/Jane Persson	DEN 29720	16-24-(dnf)-16-dns-dnc	180
39. Philippe Roy/Pascal Blondelle	FRA 28682	31-dnf-(dnf)-20-33-38	184
40. Danny Graux/Freddie Michiels	BEL 20673	30-33-(dnf)-36-dns-23	184
41. John Love/Hugh Smallman	GBR 27098	35-41-(dnf)-43-36-45	200
42. Remy Ortiz/Marion Ortiz	FRA 28676	43-43-(dnf)-44-37-35	202
43. David Rontet/Cedric Santoni	FRA 22447	44-45-(dnf)-45-38-40	212
44. Michel Beaudoin/Marion Beaudoin	FRA 28540	34-36-(dnf)-dns-dns-45	239
45. Benjamin Romain/Xavier Bissonet	FRA 27449	39-50-(dnf)-46-dns-48	245
46. Didier Gain/Sophie Depersin	FRA 20636	52-47-(dnf)-40-pen-44	245
47. Sylvie Le Bour/Camille Boisaubert	FRA 27028	27-55-(dnf)-dnc-dnc-42	248
48. Antoine Rossi/Claude Multe	FRA 29420	49-48-(dnf)-35-dns-dnc	256
49. Gordon Davies/Morin Davies	FRA 27013	47-40-(dnf)-dns-dns-46	257
50. William Milner/?	FRA 22445	dnc-dnf-(dnf)-39-dns-33	258
51. Jean Benoit Coquelle/Agnieszka Marciniuszyn	FRA 29005	dnc-dnc-(dnf)-42-32-dnc	260
52. Gunther Hautmann/Sabine Hautmann	GER 26509	54-52-(dnf)-dns-dns-43	273
53. Julien LaPorte/Aymeric Maitrepierre	FRA 21052	56-49-(dnf)-dns-dns-47	276
54. Jacques Romain/Jean Marc Coquerel	FRA 29004	51-44-(dnf)-dns-dns-dnc	281
55. Edmond Falise/Frederic Oudry	FRA 22878	53-46-(dnf)-dns-dns-dnc	285
56. Nicolas Coquelle/Julien Lazoore	FRA 27252	50-53-(dnf)-dns-dns-dnc	289
57. Rolan Gautier/?	FRA 29452	57-51-(dnf)-dns-dns-dnc	294
58. Jere.oe Bertaux/Alexis Logier	FRA 22440	55-56-(dnf)-dns-dns-dnc	297
59. Jean-Marie Aubourg/?	FRA 29453	51-dns-(dnd)-dnc-dnc-dnc	299
60. Amaury Poussier/Julien Meheust	FRA 28196	59-54-(dnf)-dnf-dns-dnc	299
61. Bernard Liseski/Emanuel Folliot	POL 2867	58-dns-(dnf)-dns-dns-dsq	306

2000 Swedish National Championship

Marstrand, Sweden

June 1-4

Tomas Berg and Jörgen Hurtig were not able to defend their victory from last year. The winners this year were Patrik Jönsson and Rickard Oberpichler from Motala. Marstrand Yacht Club was able to conclude all the 9 planned races, despite the rough sea and wind conditions. The club is one of the possible hosts for the Snipe Worlds in Sweden 2003.



photo: winners pass the trophy around for examination by fellow competitors.

1999 International High Point

The International High Point series known as the Reichner, is held annually for fleets around the world. This year entries were received from 140 competitors, but all from the United States. For more information, look on page 102 of your Rulebook.

Top 5 for 1999:

1. Bob Rowland, Cowan Lake, 1742
2. Henry Davis, INSA, 1730
3. Bertel Bojlesen, Willamette, 1703
4. Ethan Bixby, St. Petersburg, 1699
5. Marty Kullman, St. Pete, 1680.

Skipper/Crew	boat #	Club	Finishes	Total
1. Patrik Jonsson/Rickard Oberpichler	29421	Motala	3-1-1-3-3-1-1-1-(6)	14
2. Tommy/Christina Sandberg	28922	KKKK	1-3-2-1-4-3-(6)-2-5	21
3. Bjorn Eresund/Maria Rosberg	29089	MSS	7-4-3-2-1-4-2-5-(8)	28
4. Filip/Emil Svensson	29701	Motala	6-6-9-4-2-2-4-(27)-1	34
5. Bosse Lindsjo/Bodil Linsjo	29149	MSS	5-2-5-7-(8)-6-7-3-2	37
6. Ulrika Nystrom/Lars Landen	28221	MSS	2-7-4-8-7-10-9-6-(12)	53
7. Per Anders Johansson/Karin Pettersson	27856	GKSS	4-10-7-13-13-5-13-(27)-9	74
8. Tomas Berg/Jorgen Hurtig	27459	GKSS	9-8-6-6-(27)-27-10-7-3	76
9. Mattias/Magnus Gustafsson	29360	NYSS	12-12-(17)-12-5-8-5-9-13	76
10. Lena Mansson/Kajsa Valfridsson	29416	KSSS	13-11-(14)-10-12-9-12-10-4	81
11. Roger Streling/Tomas Eliasson	27455	GSC	18-5-13-5-6-7-3-(27)-27	84
12. Jonas Wibom/Fredrik Rowa	27452	KSSS	15-9-8-(18)-9-12-16-8-11	88
13. Per/Axel Edwall	28766	GSC	10-13-(16)-11-11-15-14-11-10-9-5	95
14. Tomas Johansson/Goran Svensson	27807	Mora	14-14-12-20-(27)-27-8-4-7	106
15. Anders Danielsen/Anders Bosson	28039	GSC	17-(21)-11-15-14-11-15-14-15-11-2	112
16. Alf Harsjo/Birger Svensson	28783	BKSS	(21)-20-15-16-15-14-18-12-16-12-6	126
17. Mats/Ellinor Gothlin	27808	Stavsnas	8-17-20-17-(27)-27-19-15-14	137
18. Anders Jarl/Leif Andersson	29417	Motala	20-19-19-9-(27)-27-11-13-27	145
19. Ulf Johansson/Martin Lidved	8816	WSSW	11-18-10-(27)-10-27-17-27-27-14-7	147
20. Sara Back/Linda Johansson	26842	KSSS	16-15-18-14-(27)-13-27-27-27-15-7	157
21. Lars Winroth/Kasper Winroth	29419	MASS	19-16-21-19-(27)-27-27-27-27-18-3	183
22. Olle Kronhamn/Lena Kronhamn	27699	MASS	23-23-22-(27)-27-27-27-27-20-3	203
23. Per Folmer/Mats Folmer	29239	MASS	24-22-23-(27)-27-27-27-27-20-4	204
24. David Selvert/Malin Andersson	26993	MASS	22-(27)-27-27-27-27-27-27-21-11	211

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2000 Finnish National Championship

Tampere, Finland

June 17-18

Skipper/Crew	Sail #	Club	Finishes	Total
1. Claus Carpelan/Risto Valjust	29019	HSK/OPS	3-1-2-1-2-1	8
2. Ville Aalto-Setala/Jussi Nevas	29642	BSF	2-3-1-3-3-8	20
3. Sampo Valjus/Janne Salmela	28704	OPS	1-4-3-2-9-4	24
4. Juha-Pekka Vuorinen/Henry Raty	28707	GK/N	7-7-10-5-1-7	49
5. Kai Saarhelo/Jouko Saarhelo	87	BSF	6-2-15-10-7-3	49
6. Jussi Savela/kari Tuomala		BSF	4-5-11-14-12-2	56
7. Jouni Valli/Mikael Viitanen	2870	N	8-11-dnc-4-6-5	60
8. Peter Bjurstrom/Kaj Bjurstrom	26645	N	5-dnf-5-6-5-dnc	69
9. Antti Mikkonen/Jussi Mikkonen	27277	Sail 88	dnf-6-4-17-10-6	70
10. Christian Ostman/Martin Andersson	26922	SSJ	12-13-12-8-4-10	74
11. Rainer Viikkila/Lauri Konsen	26925	WiPS/N	14-10-6-9-8-dnf	76
12. Timo Nikkila/Jukka Nikkila	27469	TPS/KaaVe	10-8-8-11-13-dnc	80
13. Kimmo Kotisalo/Kaisa Kotisalo		MPS	11-9-7-15-15-14	83
14. Paavo Nikkila/Antti siiskonen	28109	MPS	13-12-13-15-17-15	98
15. Nisse West/Joni Hoppi	29238	WSF	15-dnf-dnc-13-11-1	102
16. Juhani Sillanpa/Eva Sundblom	26923	BSF/HSK	9-ocs-9-dnc-dnc-12	104
17. Jukka Tainio/Jukka Peuhkonen	26474	LP/EPS	dnf-dnc-dnc-7-16-9	106
18. Henri Lindholm/Tuomas Kulva	9	HSK/ME	16-dnf-dnc-16-14-13	111
19. Robert Bjurstrom/Mikko Partanen	26646	N	dnf-dnc-14-18-18-dnc	124
20. Jussi Vasala/Mika Paalanne	24140	OPS	dnc-dnc-dnc-dnf-19-16	131
21. Mikko Jussila/Riku Kaijainen	25138	NPS/ASS	dns-dnc-dnc-dnc-dnc-dnc	140

Fiber Centerboard Testing Program

The Board of Governors decided at the 1999 World Championship, to implement the testing of the carbon centerboard produced by Inapal Plastics, in Portugal.

The first shipment of boards were distributed at the 1998 Europeans to all European countries. The latest shipment of boards were shipped this past spring to all Western Hemisphere and Orient countries. This project is due to the courtesy and generous assistance of the former European General Secretary and long time Snipe sailor, Mr. Antonio Roquette.

The Snipe Class has the opportunity to update our image and attraction, increase the ease in handling of the centerboard and significantly reduce the cost (\$100 versus present \$500). This is a great opportunity, but we must be convinced that this kind of board is really suitable before we make a final decision.

As you can easily understand the matter, it is very important to involve as many sailors as possible. We ask your assistance and cooperation to make this testing program a success in deciding the future of the Snipe Class.

Please circulate the board to as many sailors as possible and insist on its use during training and racing in all conditions. The most important point is safety, so testing and assessing the board before/during and after a capsizes is extremely important. Please also encourage the use of the board in heavy seas.

Remember, the centerboard can be used in all regattas excluding National and International Championship regattas. Racing boats must carry lead to reach the minimum weight as per rules 51 and 52. The testing program be from date of distribution until October 1, 2000.

Your and the sailors cooperation is vital. Please have each sailor complete the performance questionnaire provided to all National Secretaries and available on the Snipe web page, after each use of the centerboard (day or regatta). Please make additional copies if necessary. Please forward any and all information and comments regarding the centerboard to the SCIRA office or contact us for any assistance.

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Chairman,
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International Championships

European Championship	Oslo, Norway	July 24-30
World Master Championship	Horsens, Denmark	August 9-13
Women's World Championship	Trieste, Italy	Aug. 31-Sept. 3
Junior Europeans	Santiago de la Ribera, Spain	September 1-5
Western Hemisphere & Orient	Rosario, Argentina	October 7-14

National Championships

Italy	Lake Como	June 29-July 2
Norway	Vestfjorden, Oslo	June 30-July 2
Denmark	Lynæs	July 6-9
United States	Oklahoma City, OK	July 7-14
United Kingdom	Stone Sailing Club	August 16-20
Canada	Oakville, Ontario	August 19-20
Belgium	Brouwershaven	August 26-27
Argentina	Villa Carlos Paz, Cordoba	October 27-29
Japan	Nagasaki	November 22-26
Spain	Las Palmas, Gran Canarias	December 5-9

Canary Island Cup

Canary Islands, Spain
March 18-19

This past 18-19 March, the annual Canary Island Cup was held under the auspices of the Real Club Nautico de Gran Canaria and a blazing sun. The event has once again proved a great success both on the water and socially too!

The magic number of thirty-two boats was short of one, due to a lack of own-confidence of one of the new owners a brand new Snipe, who decided not to compete. However, with a team from Tenerife, ten from Lanzarote, three from Denmark and the balance, fifteen from Gran Canaria, participation has been excellent. The evergreen Jan Persson and his wife Jane had only brought four brand new Snipes from Denmark but sailed in the regatta too. From Denmark also came the top teams of Iversen/Iversen and Ullmann/Hittel. They were the guest stars and attractions of the event and proved to be among the best of the World.

For the regatta a new system of course laying has been tried and found to be very acceptable. While the Snipes did their classic Olympic triangle in the centre, the two top local class fleets of 420's and 470's (the strongest in number and level in Europe) went round the outside to different buoys in a trapezoid shape. This system

allowed two launches and six zodiacs to organize the whole weekend sailing.

Saturday dawned with a steady NE wind of 14-15 knots with a very long course in subsequent regattas made shorter. From the first the dominance of "Nete" Armas/Agpito was amazing as they notched up their first win of a straight five. They never went round the windward mark in less than third position.

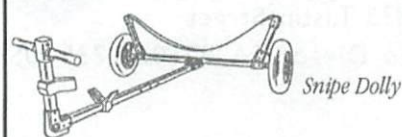
Sundays racing, with a lighter 9-10 knot wind, proved exciting stuff as the close fight between second, third and fourth boats continued. In the final regatta Nete didn't need to sail, allowing the swift Iversen brothers a win. Matias Gomez, Commodore of the Real Club Nautico de Gran Canaria, with Javier Pons as crew, came around the top mark in second position, close to the Iversen brothers Peter and Thomas who finished first and managed to keep that place until the end of the second beat. That was considered a promise for the future.

Regatta highlights included the return to the Snipe Class of past World and Olympic Finn sailor Joaquin Blanco who in his just-out-of-the-box Persson Snipe scored a second and fourth position in the first two regattas, the only ones which he could do due to professional affairs. Foreign participation was good with crews being lent boats. These boats were good Proto boats. The level of the regatta was high and to give you an idea,

the European Champions Negrin/Martin finished fourth overall, same position they finished in the Worlds the September prior. Best of all, at the end, there were lots of smiles all round.

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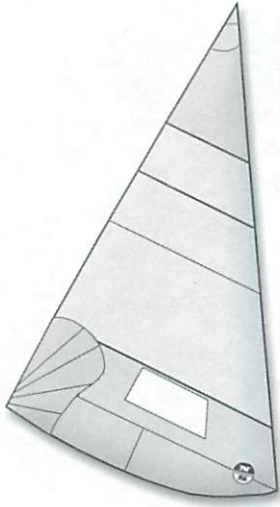
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