

# Snipe Bulletin

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**The Count:** 35 new numbers were issued; Denmark-2 Brazil-2, Sweden-2, Portugal 1, USA-15, Italy-3, Norway-2, France-1, Poland-1 and 6 to builders.

**Numbered Snipes:** 29982  
**Chartered Fleets:** 859

10 away from 30,000!

## 3 New Fleets

Welcome to these new fleets:

**857-Póvoa de Varzim, Portugal**

**858-Club Nautico Hansa, Colombia**

**859-Caput Mundi, Rome, Italy**

## 2001-2004 Rulebook

New Rulebooks will be mailed to all members who request them. The new SCIRA Rulebook and the Rules Committees interpretations can be accessed on the Snipe web page:

[www.snipe.org](http://www.snipe.org) -  
Rules Changes  
or visit:

[www.vivoscuola.it/us/  
brantn311/rules\\_page/index.htm](http://www.vivoscuola.it/us/brantn311/rules_page/index.htm)

## SCIRA Board of Governors

### SCIRA's new officers for 2002 are:

Commodore Birger Jansen, Norway  
Vice Commodore Brainard Cooper, USA  
Rear Commodore Jiro Yamamoto, Japan  
Past Commodore Bertel Bojlesen, Brazil/USA  
Rules Committee Chairman Giorgio Brezich, Italy  
Euroeapan General Secretary Ezio Braga, Italy  
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Northern Europe, Ola Nygard, Norway  
East European Secretary, Alexei Fomin, Russia  
Western Hemisphere & Orient Secretary Don Hackbarth, USA  
Vice WH & O Secretary, Celia Garrafa, Brazil  
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## ISAF News



### ISAF Sailor

Coming soon is the ISAF Sailor, a facility which will enable you to register with ISAF to receive a range of services. Initially the ISAF Sailor will allow you to subscribe to receive the ISAF Newsletter, Ranking Releases, create your own biography and register your Sailor's Classification. However, over the coming months these services will be expanded to allow you to subscribe to receive reports from specific events and classes, enter regattas online and much more.

Built into the ISAF Sailor is the ISAF Sailors' Classification, a system which for those events which have professional/amateur rules allows you to determine your professional or amateur status online within minutes. At the moment, the ISAF Sailors' Classification is not mandatory, and other systems are permitted. However, after November 2002, the ISAF Sailor's Classification will be the only international system used.

To find out more about the ISAF Sailors' Classification visit:  
<http://www.sailing.org/classification>

### 2002 ISAF Regulations

The 2002 ISAF Regulations are available for download on the ISAF website at [www.sailing.org/regulations](http://www.sailing.org/regulations) in entirety or to download by parts.

Also available is an overview paper highlighting the major changes which were made in November 2001. However, please note this paper is purely intended as a guide to assist and you should refer to the specific Regulations. 2002 ISAF Regulations [www.sailing.org/regulations](http://www.sailing.org/regulations)

### 2002 Special Regulations

The Special Regulations effective 1 January 2002 are available from the ISAF website <http://www.sailing.org/offshore>

**Masthead and other worlds photos: 2001 World Championship, Punta del Este, Uruguay. Photos by Ricardo Figueredo & Miguel Cvello. [imfoto@adinet.com.uy](mailto:imfoto@adinet.com.uy)**

Next Deadline: March 1

# Paradedas' Capture 40<sup>th</sup> World Championship

## Punta del Este, Uruguay

In SCIRA's 70<sup>th</sup> year, the Brazilians came on strong to finish in the top 2 positions and capture the 40<sup>th</sup> Snipe World Championship held in beautiful Punta del Este, Uruguay, November 24-December 2, 2001.

Consistency was again the factor with cousins Alexandre & Eduardo Paradedas, and the brother duo of Federico and Felipe Vasconcellos, in retaining the top spots. Tied with the Vasconcellos were another brother duo of Cristian and Alejandro Noe of Argentina who showed consistency with 3 first place finishes, but deeper finishes dropped them back and also became the determiner of the tie breaker.

Yacht Club Punta del Este's facilities and management were outstanding and gave all the competitors an equal footing both on and off the water. Unpredictably lighter breezes caused many of the heavier teams to be unprepared for the change in tactics, but those able to quickly adjust found themselves at the top of the leader board.

### Day 1

Winds from the northeast gave the most breeze of the Championship and big chop gave the sailors an added challenge. The Noe brothers won the opening race starting the regatta with a bang, looking like they were the team to beat. Local Uruguayans Santiago Silveira/Nicolas Shaban were cheered across the finish in 2<sup>nd</sup> with defending World Champions Nelido Manso/Octavio Lorenzo of Cuba 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### Day 2

An on-shore postponement started day 2 but was dropped by noon as the wind filled to get the races going. Races began in 6-8 knots out of the East-south-east with flat seas – quite an opposite to the previous day. A windward-leeward with offsets and a gate at the bottom mark was signaled and the fleet spread across the entire course looking for breeze and playing the current. Jr. World champions Lucas Gomez/Marcos Montanaro of Argentina led with another former Jr. world competitor Diego Garcia/Martin Dovat 2<sup>nd</sup> followed by the Noe brothers and Paradedas. By the bottom leeward mark, many positions had



2002 World Champions Alexandre Paradedas and cousin Eduardo Paradedas of Brazil enjoy their trophies with the crowd. Flanked by SCIRA Past Commodore Horacio Garcia Pastori & Commodore Bertel Bojlesen

changed and the Noe brother rounded first followed by Luis Soubie/Celia Granucci of Argentina. The wind shifted left and the course was moved leaving the competitors to pick their sides. At the finish, Noes crossed first followed by Hardesty/Rogers who charged through the fleet, with Paradedas, Garcia/Dovat & Spaniards Fernando Rita/Javier Sintes in 5<sup>th</sup>. As the breeze built, the course was again re-adjusted and the fleet finally got off under Z and I flags. The breeze shifted to the east at about 10-12 knots. Silveira/Shaban led the entire race with their easily recognizable yellow boat and extended their lead throughout, with the fleet behind them constantly changing positions. Brazilians Paradedas and Carlos Wanderley/Richard Zietmann were in the top until Wanderley hit the weather mark and had to do a circle. Cubans Manso/Lorenzo moved near the Brazilians with Gomez/Montanero close behind. Hardesty/Rogers climbed through the fleet again to keep another consistent score as did the Vasconcellos brothers, while double race winners the Noe brothers struggled mid-fleet. Japanese sailors Takushima/Kangi stayed near the top to score a good finish. The jury flagged a few sailors for kinetics and circles were done. At the end of the day, Hardesty/Rogers led the leader board with their consistent finishes.

### Day 3

Changing weather patterns with a nice breeze in the morning dissolved by the time the competitors reached the race course. After an hour postponement, the breeze began to fill from the East-south-east at 10-12 knots. The anxious fleet had several recalls on race 4 prompting another Z & I combination. 5 boats were caught over at the start. The Paradedas sailed well again leading to the weather mark and never looking back. Following them were Hardesty/Rogers, Manso/Lorenzo and Wanderley/Zietmann charging from behind. At the finish, Paradedas crossed first followed by Wanderley/Zietmann. Kevin Funsch and Watt Duffy of the US hit a shift at the finish to cross Manso/Lorenzo and capture 3<sup>rd</sup> with Soubie/Granucci rounding out the top 5. The breeze began to fill more shifting east with clouds rolling in, signaling the coming storm. Race 5 began again under the Z, catching 8 over early. The left side seemed to pay with more pressure and a clear path of breeze, and at the top mark, Cubans Manso/Lorenzo led, extending their lead away from the pack the entire time. Silveira/Shaban of Uruguay and the ever consistent Vasconcellos brothers of Brazil battled back and forth over the course of the regatta. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> leg, the wind shifted a little more left and positions

# Results - 40th Snipe World Championship

## Punta del Este, Uruguay

	<i>Skipper/Crew</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Sail #</i>	<i>Finishes</i>	<i>Total</i>
1.	Alexandre/Eduardo Paradede	Brazil	29821	9-3-2-1-3-6-(dnc)	24.0
2.	Federico/Felipe Vasconcelos	Brazil	29631	(12)-7-4-12-2-5-10	40.0
3.	Cristian/Alejandro Noe	Argentina	28643	1-1-25-(29)-9-1-3	40.0
4.	Santiago Silveira/Nicolas Shaban	Uruguay	29827	2-12-1-8-6-22-(32)	51.0
5.	Bill Hardesty/Jon Rogers	USA	29222	4-2-5-18-18-(25)-15p20	62.0
6.	Carlos Wanderley/Richard Zietemann	Brazil	29822	28-(dsq)-11-2-7-3-(22p20)	73.0
7.	Diego Garcia Terra/Martin Dovat	Uruguay	29785	16-4-13-20-8-13(46p20)	74.0
8.	Adrian Marcatelli/Fernando Zapatoski	Argentina	29339	7-10-6-27-(31)-9-18	77.0
9.	Nelido Manso/Octavio Lorenzo	Cuba	29518	3-(43)-3-4-14p20-34-21	79.0
10.	Ricardo Fabini/Maria Stefani	Uruguay	28026	10-29-10-9-22-(42)-7	87.0
11.	Augie Diaz/Mark Ivey	USA	28810	32-6-17-6-20-8-(35)	89.0
12.	Lucas Gomez/Marcos Montanaro	Argentina	28785	(27)-11-7-25-19-4-27	93.0
13.	George Szabo/Eric Wilcox	USA	29672	13-(32)-19-22-16-16-8	94.0
14.	Luis Soubie/Cecilia Granucci	Argentina	28701	8-8-27-5-(34p20)-27-22	97.0
15.	Maxim Semerhanou/Dimitri Saponou	Russia	29490	17-(48)-8-14-10-37-17p20	103.0
16.	Kevin Funsch/Watt Duffy	USA	29628	23-13-31-3-(37)-2-32p20	104.0
17.	Casto Martinez/Walter Pastor	Spain	29507	5-30-(44)-21-25-11-12	104.0
18.	Andre Fonseca/Rodrigo Duarte	Brazil	29254	14-(42)-20-20p20-31p40-14-6	105.0
19.	Enrico/Franco Solerio	Italy	29571	18-14-28-19-(48)-10-18p20	107.0
20.	Aureliano Negrin/Martin Perez	Spain	29792	20-19-15-10-24-33-(38)	121.0
21.	Doug Hart/Steve Stewart	USA	29314	25-9-18-39-11-24-(61p20)	126.0
22.	Fernando Rita/Javier Sintes	Spain	29376	15-5-9-30-38-(44)-39	136.0
23.	Yakeshi Yoshika/Shinsei Ueda	Japan	29073	38-(44)-37-16-4-29-13	137.0
24.	Rogelio Padron/Eduardo Alonso	Cuba	26916	11-38-35-26-27-(44)-1	138.0
25.	Raul Valenzuela/Jose Martinez	Spain	29787	36-16-12-33-(40)-15-36p20	148.0
26.	Tiago Roquette/Tiago Marcelino	Portugal	29967	6-17-39-43-26-28-(ocs)	159.0
27.	Hal Gilreath/Rob Hallawell	USA	29324	41-37-23-24-(42)-19-17	161.0
28.	Henry Filter/Lorie Stout	USA	29867	45-28-34-17-(62p20)-17-20	161.0
29.	Birger Jansen/Cecilia De Faire	Norway	29940	35-24-24-23-28p20-30-(47)	164.0
30.	Antonio Pons/Lorenzo Mesquida	Spain	29870	19-21-16-15-dnd-(35)-28p20	167.0
31.	Thomas Iversen/Karina Aamann	Denmark	29970	22-15-(55)-13-29-44-50p20	173.0
32.	Yuzo Morita/Akira Setoguchi	Japan	29392	30-27-38-40-12-31-(45)	178.0
33.	Andre Warlich/Fernando Alves	Brazil	26804	26-(45)-41-44-36-7-29	183.0
34.	Yorita/Miura	Japan	29744	29-40-42-(50)-17-12-43p20	183.0
35.	Ulrik/Heidi Sandvig	Norway	27971	43-26-(48)-38-32-20-28	187.0
36.	Dimitri Berezkin/Edward Skorniakov	Russia	29480	37-35-36-(41)-23-18-40p20	189.0
37.	Reidar Berthelsen/Marius Waersten	Norway	28775	33-22-14-(46)-45-44-21	189.0
38.	Patrik Jonsson/Richard Oberpichler	Sweden	29860	46-34-26-(67p20)-13-23-64p20	206.0
39.	Hirohito Takushima/Shinsuke Kangri	Japan	29620	54-50-21-11-28-43-(56p20)	207.0
40.	Katsuhiko Imai/Minoru Gejima	Japan	28729	44-46-22-(49)-34-26-36	208.0
41.	Takeyasu Sugiyama/Hirohika Kaneda	Japan	29465	34-(54)-43-31-39-32 38p20	217.0
42.	Jerry Thompson/Rob Lindley	USA	24702	40-23-33-48-(54)-36-37p20	217.0
43.	Bjorn Forslund/Hilde Trettener	Norway	29897	47-39-(50)-36-14-41-50	227.0
44.	Damian Borrás/Juan Magro	Spain	29698	21-52-30-47-57p20-21-(dnf)	228.0
45.	Antonio Poncell/Daniel Bravo	Chile	29274	42-33-(45)-28-41-44-44	232.0
46.	Micky Costa/Giampalo Spera	Italy	29863	52-41-29-37-33-44-(dnf)	236.0
47.	Sebastian Rana/Mauricio Tejera	Uruguay	28633	24-20-32-(dsq)-68p20-44-54p20	242.0
48.	Bo/Bodil Lindsjo	Sweden	29149	51-31-51-32-(59p20)-39-42	246.0
49.	Kenji Abe/Hiroshi Yamachika	Japan	29527	48-36-(dsq)-ocs-43-38-16	249.0
50.	Jan Persson/Brian Janney	Denmark	29919	31-25-40-42-52-(dnc)-dnc	251.0
51.	Per/Axel Edwal	Sweden	28766	39-56-(dsq)-35-51-40-34	255.0
52.	Niccolo Belloni/Luigi Beducci	Italy	29365	(58)-58-47-45-56-44-11	261.0
53.	Pietro Fantoni/Gianvittore Pontonutti	Italy	28912	(57)-47-46-34-53-44-52	276.0
54.	Johan Majlender/Hege Berthelsen	Norway	29633	(56)-49-56-52-30-44-51	282.0
55.	Miguel Graca/Joao Gouveia	Portugal	29370	53-18-58-57-(60)-44-53	283.0
56.	Carlos Schaubman/Guillermo Mendieta	Paraguay	22820	(60)-57-57-51-35-44-49	293.0
57.	Miroyuki Iwamoto/Norikazu Atsuchi	Japan	28605	49-51-49-(55)-44-53p20	296.0
58.	Thomas Vienhes/Maxim Romain	France	29367	50-(59)-52-53-57-44-44p20	300.0
59.	Santiago Uzcategui/Armando Garcia	Colombia	29350	(59)-53-53-56-55-44-54	315.0
60.	Claus Carpelan/Freddy Wegelius	Finland	29019	55-55-54-(ocs)-47-44-64p20	319.0
61.	Sebastian Gorostiaga/Augusto Masi	Paraguay	22272	(ret)-60-59-58-59-44-dnc	341.0

# Interview with Cristian Noe

I said "NO WAY" when I heard that Snipe Champion Cristian Noe (pronounced: 'no A'), won three races sailing with his brother at the 2001 Snipe Worlds

**Q** - After winning the first two races in the worlds things were looking good. What happened differently in the third race?

**N** - We think we relaxed a lot. We were afraid to be over at the start, and we thought we needed to sail cleanly or conservatively. Also, we had a little pressure of our fans at our club were waiting for more good results. We were cautious at the start line, but we could see everybody had their foot on the gas pedal. Everybody goes full tilt, so we needed to change our point of view in this situation. It took one more race to recover the strength of our position and get aggressive again.

**Q** - How long have you been sailing Snipes?

**N** - We have been sailing snipes for 14 years [Cristian is 32 yrs old],

Sailing Snipes, I have won:

4 South American Championships

1998 Argentine National Champion

2001 2nd place at the National Championship

This is our first worlds that we qualified for. All other worlds trials we had bad luck. At the 2000 Westerns we had very bad luck also. A boat hit us, separating the deck from the hull on the first race [the front three feet of the deck hull joint separated making the boat look more like a shark]. We were 2nd at the time. At the 2001 South American championship, again we were second overall with one race to go, we broke our mast with 35 knots, and so on. I'm not sailing any other kind of boat, at this time.

**Q** - How did you practice for the worlds?

**N** - We began the campaign with the training for the 2001 South American champ, then the trials, the nationals, the pre world and finally the world at last. We spent one hour sailing per day from Monday to Wednesday, and on sunny or free days only. We did not use coaching this time, but a top level a coach is definitely important. Look what happened to us, after the two first place finishes, we were stuck and we didn't have any idea. We seriously needed an outsider to get our butts in gear again.

**Q** - What preparation did you do to your Snipe before worlds to get it ready?

**N** - We revised all the fittings, the boat was painted recently, so the hull was o.k. Also, we had to repair our mast to get rid of a bend.

**Q** - What mast were you using?

**N** - Sidewinder, normal

**Q** - What tuning changes did you try leading up to the worlds?

**N** - We did not change any of our common tunings. We, at the biggest difference of all, do not carry a tape measure, so we use our boat as we see and as we like.

**Q** - How was your Snipe tuned for the worlds?

**N** - We use really soft rigging, with only a little bit of tension, almost none. For our heavy weight, we use really large spreaders, and we love to sail with really twisty sails. Our spreaders are 48cm (19") long. I never used stoppers, so only 4 cm (1.5") of curve on the mast. The tension of the jib is really light, with only 5 cm of tension. All other secrets are on the tension of the main, which I increase as the wind picks up, then, fix the base 1cm back (to re-tension the jib) and use lots of vang tension.

**Q** - How did these settings change for the conditions?

**N** - Because we love to have no tension, we only use the main sheet to re-tension the rig, but if the wind goes really up, we take one or two points below the stay regulation. Our mast rake for the different winds are: 655cm (21'6"), 650cm (21'4") & 645cm (21'2")

**Q** - Many Snipe Sailors worry about mast bend and spreader length. How do you think your mast was bending?

**N** - bah, our mast was really damaged at the Worlds trials, so we needed to re-shape this. Look, before we fixed it, I was standing with our mast on my shoulder, and the two ends of the mast were hitting the ground. With two torches to heat the mast, and the help of a crane, we tried to straighten the mast. This was a titanical effort to do. [On land, the mast was still bent during the worlds. Cristian sailed with all of his mast shims on one side of the mast to keep the mast straight on the water]. With this repair, we continued on the trials the next day and took two firsts in windy conditions - 25 knots and big waves.

**Q** - What conditions were you fastest in?

**N** - We think we are fast in all of conditions, but we are weighing 155 kilos [341 lbs], and in the last Worlds, we won the three races in light-medium air. We expected winds near 25 knots at the Worlds, which are usual in Punta Del Este that time of year.

**Q** - How long have you been sailing with your crew?

**N** - Since we start sailing snipes together in 1997, but I have also used other crews since then because he is working training Optimists.

**Q** - What information do you ask your crew for on the water?

**N** - Well, we make a good couple, normally, I do the tactics, the compass, and my brother looks at the sails and the fleet.

**Q** - What sail trimming notes/tips do you have for the rest of us?

**N** - Well, I am one guy who does not like to measure a lot. I prefer to sail as much as I can. On the water we probe anything, with no measuring tapes. We try to have a really clear mind.

**Q** - Any common mistakes that you saw the rest of us doing on the race course that we can all work on?

**N** - This was a really tight competition, and I have heard that this could have been one of the best championships. It was really difficult to stay in front. We saw our best of velocity, and when the waves got bigger, and the wind decreased, it was better for us. Next time I will sail lighter, like we sail in Rosario, so

we can go faster in flat water, we have no doubt. I may need to change my crew for different conditions.

**Q** - What was different about the races that you won from the races that you finished back in the pack?

**N** - Well, I think the starts are important. These two bad races we had, the wind was so strange. It seemed that anybody could win those races. We saw 30 degrees wind shift more than one time in one leg, and this, could be determinative.

**Q** - Where do you feel you can improve before the upcoming westerns?

**N** - Starts for sure, concentration level, and reaching speed.

**Q** - You have been doing a lot of coaching. Who is looking good for the next generation of Snipe sailors?

**N** - We need to work on preparation of new Snipe sailors, for this, we need to prepare the directives of each club, to support the coaching on bigger levels, until they are seniors and more.

**Q** - What is next?

**N** - Sail 2002 Westerns in USA, coaching 2002 Women's World, 2003 Junior Worlds and then the 2003 Worlds in Denmark, for the revenge.....

**Q** - While some sailors are out looking to buy the perfect piece of equipment or the stiffest and most fair hull to improve their boatspeed, I was impressed by Cristian Noe's approach to Snipe sailing. With a limited budget, Noe has put in his time on the water practicing to find his sailing style and speed while also giving a significant amount back to our sport through his coaching. Congratulations on a job well done.

*The above is a condensed interview with Cristian Noe of Argentina by George Szabo. For the complete version, go to [www.quantumsails.com](http://www.quantumsails.com).*

## Tips from Bill Hardesty

I am writing to share a few experiences from this year's Snipe Worlds. The competition was tough but as with most Snipe regattas there was a friendly atmosphere and the after regatta parties were great.

It was re-assuring to see that a simple rig set-up was okay. I continued to use the 2-to-1 purchase on the mainsheet and found great upwind speed when the breeze was up. Interestingly, Wanderley had no jib lead adjustment. Most boats had no barber hauler and we had only one mark for our jib halyard setting. I think some of these complicated arrangements on the modern boats distract the average sailor and the important issues are lost in the confusion.

Here is where I had my setup:

**Rake** 21'5" heavy air with tight tension  
21'7" Light air with loose tension

**Spreader Length** 15.75"

**Spreader tip-to-tip** 30" heavy air  
28" or free swinging in  
light to moderate air

**Jib Lead position** moved back as the breeze built up to two holes.

I strongly believe the basics of boat speed come from a few

main areas. Sail selection, boat preparation, and technique. You can buy the right sails and boat but here are a few tips that might help you improve your technique.

### Upwind

- Keep the boat flat
- Set up the mainsail so that it will luff at the top first. Move the jib lead back if the sail luffs down low first or open your tip-to-tip measurement to 30"
- Constantly adjust the mainsheet to the changing wave and wind conditions. This will also help to keep the boat flat and moving fast.

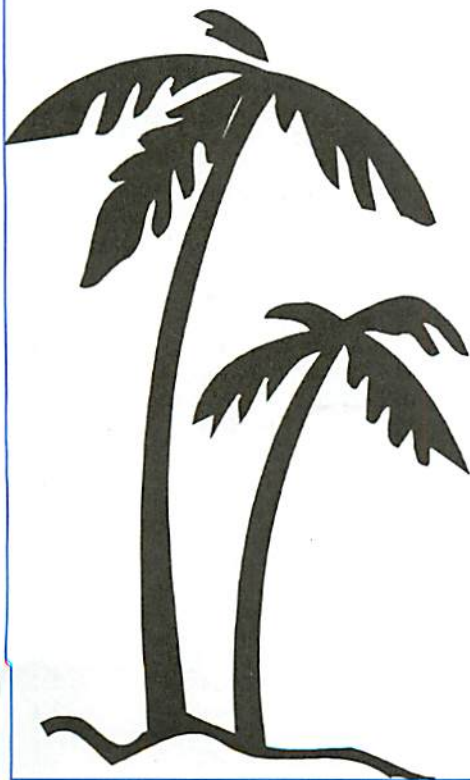
### Downwind

- Always try to use the pole, even on a fairly tight reach.
- Set the angle of heel to reduce the amount of helm. Too much windward or leeward heel will slow you down
- Put the board down a bit in wavy conditions to help the boat track. This will help you catch more waves.



*Bill Hardesty & Jon Rogers finished 5<sup>th</sup> at the recent Snipe World Championship. Bill's article is a condensed version of what is available on the North website: [www.onedesign.com](http://www.onedesign.com)*

## WINTER RACING CIRCUIT



### SCIRA Mid-Winter Championship

March 10-12, 6 races with one throw-out  
On the Gulf of Mexico, Clearwater, Y.C., Clearwater, FL  
Contact Bob Foster, 2031 Otter Way, Palm Harbor, FL 24685  
727-771-8744, [fosterbob@juno.com](mailto:fosterbob@juno.com)

### Don Q Rum Keg Series

March 15-17, 5 races  
Biscayne Bay, Coconut Grove SC, Miami, FL  
Contact Gonzalo Diaz, Sr., 5520 SW 72<sup>nd</sup> Avenue., Miami, FL 33155  
305-667-0492, [gcdiaz@accesspro.net](mailto:gcdiaz@accesspro.net)

### Bacardi and Gamblin Memorial Series

March 20-23, two series of 3 & 5 races  
Royal Nassau SC, Nassau, Bahamas  
Contact Peter Christie, PO Box N1628, Nassau, Bahamas  
Fax: 242-326-5642, [bswestbrook@hgchristie.com](mailto:bswestbrook@hgchristie.com)  
Local housing available

*The Zimmerman Perpetual Trophy, emblematic of the Winter Circuit Championship, will be awarded at the conclusion of the Circuit in Nassau.*

**\*\*top country** of the Nassau series qualifies for the 2003 Pan Am Games (not already qualified)

## International Snipe Class 2002 Racing Calendar

### International Championships

Midwinter Championship	Clearwater, Florida, USA	March 10-12
Don Q Rum	Miami, Florida, USA	March 15-17
Bacardi/Gamblin	Nassau, Bahamas	March 21-24
South American Championship	San Bernardino, Paraguay	March 24-30
San Remo	San Remo, Italy	March 24-31
Jr. Europeans	Le Havre, France	July 21-26
Nordics	Bjorneborg, Finland	August 2-4
North American Championship	Carlyle, Illinois, USA	August 16-18
European Championship	Anzio, Italy	September 14-20
Western Hemisphere & Orient	Alamitos Bay, Calif., USA	September 21-29
Women's Worlds	St. Petersburg, Florida, USA	October 15-20
World Masters	St. Petersburg, Florida, USA	October 22-27

### Other Major Regattas

Princess Sofia	Mallorca, Spain	March 24-31
Copa Espana	Almeria, Spain	March 28-31
Mai Snipen	Goteborg, Sweden	May 4-5
Wiibroe Cup	Espergaerde, Denmark	May 18-20
Vitus Bering Cup	Horsens, Denmark	June 15-16

### National Championships

Portugal	Tavira	April 25-27
Germany	Lake Caldonazzo, Italy	May 24-26
Italy – Women's, Masters	Castelletto di Brenzone	June 15-16
Italy	Anzio	June 27-30
United States	Pass Christian, Mississippi	June 29-July 6
Norway	Stavanger	July 3-7
Sweden	Motala	July 22-28
Denmark	Greve Sejlklub	August 8-11

## Thank You to Retiring Board & National Secretaries

### Retiring Board members:

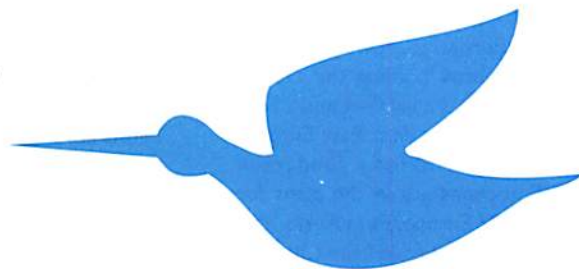
Past Commodore **Id Crook**, Canada  
 Member at Large, **Enrico Michel**, Italy  
 Member at Large, **Pedro Lorson**, USA  
 ISAF Representative **Gonzalo Diaz, Jr.**, USA  
 Chief Information Officer **Alex Pline**, USA

### Retiring National Secretaries:

Henrique Motta, Brazil  
 Jerry Thompson, USA  
 John Love, United Kingdom  
 Pedro Garra, Uruguay

### New National Secretaries for 2002:

Brazil	United States
Afonso Abreau	Bill Welch, MD
United Kingdom	Uruguay
Miss Liz Crouch	Mariana Foglia



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will before the Commodore to assign in 2002. **ISAF:** Currently we do not have an ISAF representative.

**Nominations & Organization:** The ballot for the proposed slate of officers was handed out to those Board members in attendance. Those not in attendance will receive theirs via e-mail & fax. Alexei Fomin discussed that the East European Secretary be awarded a voting position. Motion was made by Bertel Bojlesen, seconded by Id Crook. Motion passed.

**Report & Evaluation of Executive Director:** Commodore Bojlesen noted that since the figures relating to the Executive Director's salary were not clear, Bertel made a motion to in principal grant a raise pending clarification of the Finance Committee of the present situation.

### Old Business:

Tabled proposals from 1999 Board meeting:  
5.2 Course length 60-70 minutes: Brainard Cooper suggested not discussion on this issued. Giorgio Brezich said the new prescription of shortening or lengthening the course no more than 20% than the original gives this the possibility to change the course. The motion was disconsidered.

12.1 Consider suggested time limit of 2 hours for each race and 1 hour for first lap. Motion was also included under the new Sailing Instructions; motion disconsidered.

### New Business:

Dues: discussion of late or non-payment of dues was discussed including the possible elimination of a position in the World Championship if dues are not paid by the due date. It was suggested to publish the number of paid members in each Bulletin. The entire motion was sent to the Finance Committee for consideration, made by Jerry Thompson, seconded by Id Crook and approved by the Board.

Review of new Worlds quota: Jiro Yamamoto requested a review of the quota and the effect upon the organizers and charter boat availability. All comments were positive.

Id Crook proposed a standard charter fee for major regattas set at a maximum of \$500. Discussion was held and Giorgio Brezich pointed out that this would be taken out of the control of the organizing host. Brainard Cooper sited abuse of the charter fee at recent WH&O Champs. It was suggested to add the charter fee to the bid form. Motion was defeated.

Past Commodore Terry Timm presented a motion to delete the junior world champions as a automatic qualifier for the Snipe Worlds. Motion defeated.

East European Secretary Alexei Fomin presented a motion to expand Category C to the Worlds and Hemisphere Championships.

## 2001 National Secretaries Meeting December, 2002

### Punta del Este, Uruguay

The meeting was called to order at 9:15am by Commodore Bertel Bojlesen who welcomed everyone and gave some opening remarks. Those in attendance were: Commodore Bertel Bojlesen, Rear Commodore Brainard Cooper, Northern European Secretary Ola Nygard, Rules Committee Chairman Giorgio Brezich, Western Hemisphere Vice Secretary Celia Garrafa, East European Secretary Alexei Fomin & Past Commodore Id Crook. National Secretaries: Jiro Yamamoto, Japan; Sebastian Gorostiaga, Paraguay; Mats Gothlin, representing Sweden; Claus Carpelan, representing Finland; Giorgio Brezich, representing Italy; Jan Persson, representing Denmark; Jerry Thompson, USA; Id Crook, representing Canada; Alexei Fomin, Russia; Henrique Motta, Brazil; Maxim Romain, representing France; Vicente de la Guardia, Cuba; Pedro Garra, Uruguay; Cristian Noe, representing Argentina.

Giorgio Brezich presented the new measurement tools as the new standard, manufactured by Vice Chairman Steve Stewart and distributed one set for each country with extra sets available for \$80 from the SCIRA office.

Membership and collection of dues was discussed with each National Secretary thanked for their hard work and dedication with the conversion to the new system. The relationship between the responsibility to ISAF and the Deed of Gifts was discussed. Commodore Bojlesen discussed the importance of dues being collected on time and forwarded to the SCIRA office. Discussion was held with Italy asking to change the collection of dues. Italy explained that all members in Italy must be members of SCIRA Italy. Crews only have to pay for sanctioned regattas. It is mandatory for all crews to join SCIRA Int. which possibly may decrease the dues. Italy proposed that the membership cards be sent blank to each

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Brainard Cooper seconded. Discussion was held and the motion was defeated.

Treasurer Pedro Lorson proposed to publish the Snipe Bulletin only on-line. Jerry Thompson seconded. Motion defeated. Meeting was adjourned at 11:45pm.

NS to help them distribute them. Brazil also explained that crew dues were difficult to obtain. Denmark, Uruguay & Russia added that they collect \$30 per boat which covers the crew.

Japan discussed the proposal in the April 2001 Bulletin also supporting that membership cards be sent to each NS blank for them to complete & distribute.

**Rules Committee** – Giorgio Brezich discussed the reorganization of the Rulebook, Deeds of Gift, Constitution & By-laws and the transition to metric only measurement. The SMC centerboard was discussed with explanation the Antonio Roquette has been ill and the company now belongs to his brother. Ola Nygard was attempting to negotiate a contract with Inapal, but his business travel has precluded him from further contact combined with the Roquette's illness. Giorgio stated that the measurement & interpretations are all accessible on the Snipe web page and asked that if any of the countries have measurement problems to please contact the Rules Committee to help solve.

### National Secretary Reports

**Argentina:** Cristian Noe reports that the Class remains active despite economic problems. They are adopting to the new membership & decal system and they are attracting more juniors. It is a high level of competition and the fleets are recovering in Buenos Aires.

**Japan:** More registrations will be sent in to the SCIRA office, but their numbers are lower than last year. Yamamoto discussed the membership system once again and the production of the Bulletin 4 times per year. Japan has their qualifying & nationals in October & November, which is their major opportunity to collect dues making it difficult to make the March deadline. Japan lost Hisano Kato this past April. Matsumoto has been elected Vice Commodore of the Japanese Sailing Federation.

**Paraguay:** Membership is improving. Paraguay is organizing the South Americans 2002 in San Bernardino over Easter. Paraguay hopes to add one more fleet and to expand to 15 boats.

**Sweden:** The Class is optimistic. The first regatta has 18-20 boats including from other countries. Sweden needs to get

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**Germany:** German sailors attended several European regattas and have increased the number of Snipes in Germany. Guliano Dematte is helping to organize a regatta at Lake Caldonazzo in May of 2002 for the German Open.

Japan is interested in hosting the 2005 Worlds.

**Proposals to the Board of Governors:**

1) Italy and Japan proposed to amend the membership to one membership with no distinction of skipper or crew and a special rate of \$5 for juniors. Passed. (This motion was presented to the Board of Governors and forwarded to the Finance Committee for consideration)

2) Argentina & Uruguay proposed to amend the Isaacs Deed of Gift to allow:

- national champion from each country
- S.American Champion
- N.American Champion
- European Champion
- Jr. European Champion
- Women's World Champion

Motion passed. (This motion was presented to the Board of Governors and subsequently defeated)

Ballots of future sites for the World Masters 2004 will be distributed for voting.

Minutes were approved as printed in the Bulletin. Motion made by Id Crook, seconded by Giorgio Brezich; motion passed.

Meeting adjourned.

## 2002 Dues Paid

as of January 31, 2002

As suggested at the recent Board of Governors, each Snipe Bulletin will carry a current listing of dues paid members current as close to the printing date of the Bulletin.

This is to assist countries and sailors to know if their dues have been received in the SCIRA office as well as regatta organizers to assist in registration.

The 2003 Worlds entry quota will be based upon the average of boats paid for the years 2001 & 2002.

	<u>Boats paid</u>	<u>Skippers</u>	<u>Crews</u>
Argentina	-0-	-0-	-0-
Bahamas	1	2	-0-
Belgium	-0-	-0-	-0-
Bermuda	3	2	-0-
Brazil	1	1	-0-
Canada	3	4	1
Chile	-0-	-0-	-0-
Colombia	-0-	-0-	-0-
Cuba	5	2	2
Denmark	1	1	1
Finland	-0-	1	-0-
France	-0-	-0-	-0-
Germany	-0-	-0-	-0-
India	-0-	-0-	-0-
Italy	1	2	2
Japan	-0-	2	-0-
Norway	-0-	-0-	-0-
Paraguay	-0-	-0-	-0-
Portugal	-0-	-0-	-0-
Russia	-0-	-0-	-0-
Spain	-0-	1	-0-
Sweden	-0-	1	-0-
United Kingdom	-0-	-0-	-0-
United States	238	230	8
Uruguay	18	19	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>33</b>