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The Count: 23 numbers have been issued; 10 to Spain, 1 to USA, 1 to Germany, 1 to Great Britain, 3 to Brazil, 2 to Italy, 2 to Sweden, and 2 to a boat builder.

Numbered Snipes: 30062 Chartered Fleets: 863

#### **Photos Needed**

Even though SCIRA and the world have gone digital — we still need photos! The Snipe archives, full of photos of our 75 years as a Class have run thin these past few years with the advent of the digital camera. To do some of these wonderful digital photos justice, they need to be properly developed to ensure a lifetime as a storyteller.

Please continue to send regatta photos to the SCIRA office – remember to put a note in on who's in the photo, when, where and the photographer. Not only do we need them for the Bulletin, but it's great for our archives!

Next Deadline: October

# 2 New Countries Added to SCIRA Roster

Belarus & Ukraine boost East Europeans to 3



East European Secretary Alexei Fomin has been working diligently and has requested 2 new countries be added to the SCIRA roster. Ukraine, with National Secretary Valeriy Gusenko and Belarus with Andrey Morozov as their National Secretary, have petitioned SCIRA to join as the latest countries.

Both of these new countries have participated in regattas run in Russia, most recently as the East European Championship.

SCIRA looks forward to working with both new countries and establishing new fleets there.

Currently SCIRA is active in 28 countries (including these 2 new ones) with over 30,000 boats built.

# **CIRCULAR LETTER**

#### Jib Luff Wire

The Rules Committee would like to call attention to compliance of current rules, especially those concerning safety. The enforcement of Rule 51, page 51 of the current SCIRA Rulebook, concerning the mandatory requirement that

"...The jib must have a wire attached to the luff while racing..."

The use of spectra, vectran or other aramid or exotic lines or cables is not allowed. Wire means metallic. Some months ago this same question was asked and was clearly answered "no" substitutions for wire. It has been posted and clarified on the Snipe website and this answer is still valid. Non-compliance of Rule 51 is grounds to make the jib illegal and/or for disqualification of a boat breaking the rules during a regatta.

The view the Rules on the web site, go to:

http://www.vivoscuola.it/us/brantn311/Rules\_page/RulesInterp/text/wire.html

As stated in the Official SCIRA Rulebook 2001-2004: Constitution, Section 18: Rules and International Rules Committee: Whenever a "circular letter" from the International Rules Committee over the signature of the Chairman appears in the Snipe Bulletin, the corrections, interpretations or simplifications appearing therein shall become part of the Official Rulebook. Such corrections, interpretations or simplifications will also be posted on the Snipe web site, Rules section.

# In Memory of Ralph Swanson SCIRA Commodore 1973-1974

Anyone who has sailed Snipes for a while most certainly knew Ralph Swanson. He and his wife Berta were well known on the international regatta scene and a standard fixture at all US major regattas. It is with sad news that SCIRA reports the loss of Ralph.

Below are a few of the many of the responses (over 250!) received by Berta and the Swanson children as well as in the SCIRA office. Ralph is already missed. Memorial donations suggested to the Snipe Perpetual Fund, of which Ralph was a Board member, c/o the Snipe Class.

Brainard Cooper, read at Ralph's eulogy;

"Many, perhaps all, of you know that Ralph Swanson devoted over 50 years to the promotion and administration of Snipe sailboat racing. Ralph first sailed on a Snipe in 1931, the year the Snipe was designed. He almost

certainly is our last active "plank owner". He was commodore of the Class in 1973 and '74, one of the few to serve more than one term, during years of great change in the Snipe Class. And he was head of the Class in the US for several years after that. This afternoon Norm Towle told me that in these last days his daughter was speaking of Ralph. And she told Norm that she thought the most remarkable thing about him was that, with all his years and stature and interests, he knew the names of all the kids at the Winchester Boat Club, and their ages, and if not their birthdays, he knew about when they were. And he knew what their interests were, and what they were sailing, and, most importantly WHEN THEY WERE GOING TO START SAILING SNIPES! My own daughter said of him late last Thursday night, "Dad, I never forget a gentleman." She speaks, I think, for us all." Buzz Lamb, SCIRA Executive Secretary 1970-1988

"Marge and I had been close friends with Ralph and Berta and we are going to miss him. He did more for SCIRA than any other person and the Class will miss him too."

Dan Williams, Past Commodore 1977, Rules Chairman Emeritus

"We truly lost one of the stalwarts of the Class when Ralph died. Buzz and Marge always felt that he saved the Class standing with IYRU when most of the fleet capsized at a South American World Championship. The boats were non-self rescuing then and there was much thrashing about trying to salvage the fleet. IYRU had an observer there and was recommending that our world class status with IYRU be cancelled. Ralph, then Commodore, calmed the situation and got us started developing self-rescuing Snipes. So many memories of Ralph – what a great guy!"

Marina and Martin Fraser, Winchester Fleet 77 members.

Ralph's spirit lives on – through his children and grandchildren, through the people he mentored, through the numerous green Snipes sailing on the Mystic Lakes. For us he is an indelible part of our memories of the Winchester Boat Club. His tall figure, the white hair, the ready smile, the jokes, his love of sailing and desire to pass on that love to others. We miss him, he leaves a large absence. But despite his absence he is somehow still present – on the lake, in the sails, in the wind, in the light shining across the water."

Henrique Motta, National Secretary of Brazil

"Brazilian Snipe sailors and Brazilian National Secretary are sad to



know that Ralph is no longer with us and extend their deep regret to his family and friends. However, rest assured that for those as Ralph who devoted a good part of their existence to the benefit of others the life never ends remaining always vivid on the minds of those who had the good luck to be their fellowship."

Chuck, Cherry, Katie & Peter, Winchester Fleet 77 members - sent to Ralph prior to his death Ralph

- —Can see the wind on Mystic Lake when no one else can and sail around all of us
- —Has forgotten more about Snipes than most of us ever knew
- —Has a passion for the color green, the letter S and the number 9
- -Stays young by thinking young
- —Gracefully balances roles as husband, father, grandfather and teacher

—Is known for his warmth, gruff humor, consistency, selflessness, generosity and personal dedication to family, friends, Club and Class. —Continues to inspire three generations of WBC sailors, including not only his own children, but also ours

—Is the kind of person that all of us are very proud to know Means Davis, Past Commodore 1991

"...You have given your wise counsel willingly without being judgmental and have been a good friend to many, many Snipe sailors throughout the world. Thank you. Your support of the Perpetual Fund and US builders, is legendary, and if it benefited SCIRA, you were there. You will leave shoes no one will be able to adequately fill. God speed and fair sailing for ever and ever."

John Broughton, UK Snipe sailor and former European General Secretary

"For untold years I witnessed his steady hand on the tiller of SCIRA America's organization and the skill in handling our complex international membership. Whilst appreciating his passing is a great loss to the US association you can be assured the ripples will be felt globally."

Charlie Hagedorn, Snipe sailor

"...You were one of my favorite people growing up. You had sailed all over the world, you knew all these famous international Snipe people, you had been the International Commodore. You were a big deal, and you took me seriously as a sailor. That gave me confidence and helped shape my self-image in a good way. I also want to thank you for being so generous all those times with trailers, advice and time."

Todd St. John IV, Snipe sailor

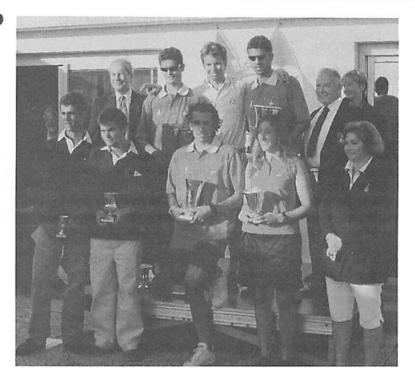
"....Ralph was such a class guy, a fierce competitor while always displaying that gentlemanly sportsmanship quality. The Snipe class will be forever indebted to Ralph. His hard work and dedication to all the Snipe people past and present is immeasurable. One of the true lions has passed. Goodbye Mr. 999, you will be missed."

Flavio & Cida Caiuby, Past Commodore 1979

"At the difficult moment you are now crossing, we would like you both to know about the immense tenderness we dedicate to you. You will be forever within our best remembrances and well-intentioned prayers. Here, far but near, we are with you. Good winds.'

### Jr. European Championship Le Havre, France July 21-26

Trophy winners gather at right after a great week of racing at Le Havre. Medium winds in warm conditions greeted the 21 teams from 7 different nations. The regatta was run excellently with social events provided for the sailors.



	Skipper/Crew	Country/Sail	Finishes	Total
١.	Rayco Tabares/Mariano DeLeon	ESP 29854	I-I-I-I-2-(dnc)	6.0
2.	Francisco Palacio/Angela Pumariega	ESP 28278	3-2-2-7-1-(dnc)	15.0
3.	Pedro Guimaraes/Antonio Barreto	POR 28767	6-3-(14)-3-6-1	19.0
4.	Victor Perez/Alvaro Munaiz	ESP 28818	4-(ocs)-4-5-7-2	22.0
5.	Joan Marc Rigo/Filiberto Perello	ESP 29871	6-5-3-(8)-5-6	24.0
6.	Alberto Parron/David Garcia	ESP 29504	(ocs)-4-5-2-9-7	27.0
7.	Antonin Nouette/Gulliaume Capit	FRA 29839	7-7-7-(11)-3-4	28.0
8.	Christian Andersen/Jonas Midtgaard	<b>DEN 29116</b>	2-(ocs)-8-12-4-5	31.0
9.	Max Rohde/Jannick Schreiner	<b>DEN 29980</b>	8-8-11-9-(12)-3	39.0
10.	Julie Gerasiova/Viktoria Ryabinkina	RUS 29490	(ocs)-6-6-10-13-15	50.0
11.	Jonathan Raknes/Halvor Garaas	NOR 28359	10-9-13-(14)-10-8	50.0
12.	Benjamin Romain/Robin Paillette	FRA 29835	9-10-9-15-11-(dnf)	55.0
13.	Lorenzo Bonomi/Luca Fazzini	ITA 29571	13-(dnc)-dnc-4-8-10	57.0
14.	Piotr Manczak/Krzyaztof Kluza	POL 28973	17-12-12-6-(dsq)-13	60.0
15.	Fabian Bruvik/Birgitte Gran Klonstedt	NOR 29685	(18)-14-16-13-15-9	67.0
16.	Anna Kovrigina/Alexandr Shirokov	RUS 29460	11-13-14-15-14-(dsq)	67.0
17.	Jon Andre Saether/Henrik Nagelhus	NOR 27268	5-(dnf)-15-18-17-11	76.0
18.	Jeremie Bouridane/Alexie Logier	FRA 29977	14-11-18-21-19-16	78.0
19.	Romain Gabriel/William Lutard	FRA 29937	12-(ocs)-19-17-18-14	80.0
20.	Ole Christian Lekven/Christoffer Opstvedf	NOR 28037	15-(ocs)-17-20-16-12	81.0
21.	Romain Le Bour/Aurelie Peixoto	FRA 29703	19-15-20-19-(20)-17	90.0

#### North Americans -

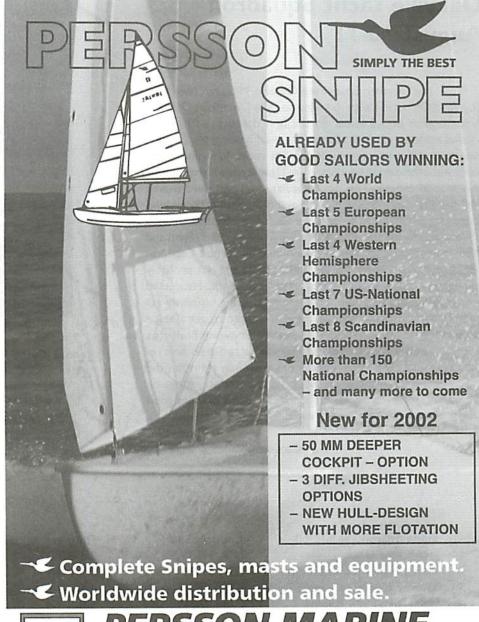
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RC was now measuring a steady 18kts with gusts to 22kts on the course and many competitors decided to sit out the last race of the day on shore. A big gust hit the fleet at the start gun while many were luffing and down speed. Bibi Juetz and Bryan Fishback capsized next to each other on the line, and Bibi had to retire. Henry Filter and Lisa Griffith managed a terrific start, tacked and crossed the fleet, but it did not last as the shifts jumbled the lead many times. The RC had chosen a triangle course, which created some spectacular reaches, and significant position changes. The Hallawells out in front again, headed for what they thought was a jibe mark, which turned out to be a fishing boat with a bright red raft tied to its transom. Again the whole fleet followed them; but this time they bailed before rounding the raft. The Mandersons worked their way up finishing first in a very close race down to the last tack. The party tonight was outstanding with a terrific midwest band "Lucky Dog". There was some serious partying going on, and only one race scheduled for tomorrow. By the way, the thunderstorms never came through.

The cold front finally came through at 0800 this AM with lightning, heavy rain and strong winds. There was a time limit of no starts after 1200, which came and went with continued rain and lightning, so the final race was abandoned. The scores stand from yesterday with five great races to determine the new North American Champion: Rob and Bridget Hallawell. Rob graciously thanked all the competitors for following him around the course even when he went the wrong way. Harken gave "bullet trophies" for the first place finishers for each race and keeper trophies were given to the top 10 places. See the scores below for all the results. The crowd dispersed into the rainy parking lot to pack trailers and head home. The Snipe Class thanks the Carlyle Sailing Association, the Sepanski's, the RC, all the volunteers, and all the friendly folks in Carlyle for hosting this event. We all had a terrific time.

> -Bill Welch US National Secretary





# PERSSON MARINE

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#### Norwegian Nationals

July 4-7 Stavanger Sailforening

Top 22 of 58

Unfortunately no crew names were sent with the results....crews union unite!

	Skipper	Sail #	Finishes	Total
1.	Bjorn Forslund	NOR 30026	2-1-3-1-(9)-1-4	12
2.	Reidar Berthelsen	NOR 29982	3-2-4-2-1-(8)-1	13
3.	Birger Jansen	NOR 29940	1-(6)-1-4-3-3-6	18
4.	Ulrik Sandvig	NOR 27971	4-3-(8)-7-4-2-7	27
5.	Pal Bratbak	NOR 29961	7-5-6-8-7-(9)-3	30
6.	Karl Otto Book	NOR 29088	8-4-2-(14)-2-11-11	38
7.	Ola Nygard	NOR 15569	6-10-10-9-5-(14)-2	42
8.	MIchael Irgens	NOR 29663	(11)-7-5-10-8-6-10	44
9.	Harald Walder	NOR 30002	(21)-8-12-3-11-4-12	50
10.	Josvien Grodem	NOR 29421	10-11-11-13-8-12-(17)	65
11.	Erling Nesse	NOR 30024	RDG-12-(20)-12-14-5-18	69
12.	Magnus Hedmark	NOR 2979	13-9-(bfd)-5-24-16-13	80
13.	Johan Mejlaender	NOR 30013	9-(bdf)-7-24-12-16-14	84
14.	Rune Kartvet	NOR 29451	(dsq)-15-14-29-13-13-8	92
15.	Tom Boe	NOR 29632	12-(bfd)-17-17-18-10-26	100
16.	Victor Sinding Larsen	NOR 19438	15-31-(bfd)-19-10-24-5	104
17.	Jan Langfeldt	NOR 29459	5-26-19-22-(31)-20-19	111
18.	Geir Myre	NOR 29694	26-14-22-6-(29)-21-22	111
19.	Per Stednar	NOR 29152	28-16-18-(30)-19-19-15	116
20.	Fredrik Marius Sandvig	NOR 29365	RDG-27-25(35)-20-17-23	127
21.	Jorn Haga	NOR 29856	40-(bfd)-9-15-21-7-27	128
22.	Halvor Poulsson	NOR 29673	14-(40)-26-26-22-22-15	129

"Sailboat Racing with Greg Fisher is by far the best book I have ever read on sailing. At a [major event] last week, my crew and I applied several of the major points of the book to our game. The result was our best national regatta ever and we finished in the money which was also a first for us. The book is very powerful and full of key learning. You have found a way to go the essence of the point which makes the book very valuable." Jim Liggett

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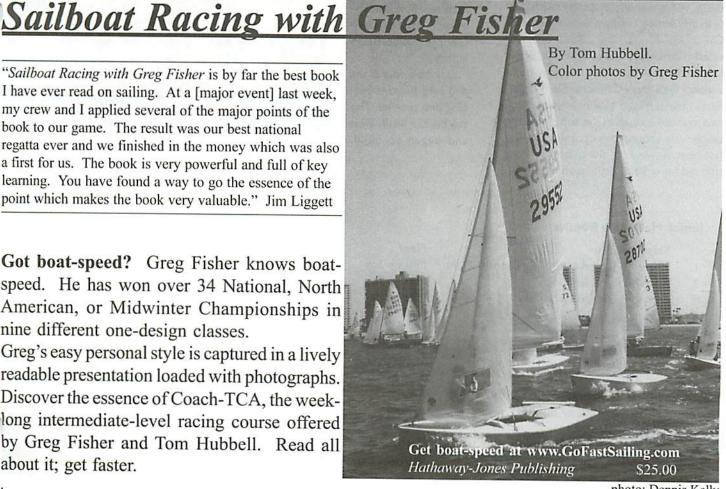


photo: Dennis Kelly

## **US Nationals**

#### Crosby Qualifying Series - top 10 of 46

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	Skipper/Crew	Fleet	Sail#	Finishes
1.	Hal Gilreath/Aimee Graham	Annapolis	29990	1-3-2-2
2.	Dave/Barbie Tillson	Mission Bay	29112	7-4-1-1
3.	Chris Snow/Mikee Anderson	Mission Bay	29151	3-2-6-4
4.	Andrew Pimental/Josie Williams	Narragansett	29988	4-6-2-3
5.	Bryan Lake/Cameron Biehl	Mission Bay	28854	5-1-10-1
6.	Rick Arneson/Gus Wirth	Mission Bay	29781	1-2-9-6
7.	George Szabo/Brian Janney	Mission Bay	29672	9-4-1-5
8.	Augie Diaz/Pam Kelly	Miami	28816	6-1-5-8
9.	Jim Grubbs/Ruth Paulling	Alamitos Bay	29441	2-10-3-7
10.	Gonzo Diaz/Nancy Gilreath	Miami	28812	3-9-7-6
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9. Jim Grubbs/Ruth Paulling	Alamitos Bay	29441	2-10-3-7	22
10. Gonzo Diaz/Nancy Gilreath	Miami	28812	3-9-7-6	25
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Augie Diaz/Pam Kelly	Miami	28816	2-7-1-5-5	10.75
Andrew Pimental/Josie Williams	Narragansett	29988	3-10-3-4-10	19.75
Hal Gilreath/Aimee Graham	Annapolis	29990	9-8-7-10-6	30
4. Rob/Bridget Hallawell	Mission Bay	29842		40
5. Peter/Morgan Commette	Miami		5-4-20-9-3	41
6. George Szabo/Brian Janney		29114	8-9-14-1-11	42.75
7. Bryan Lake/Cameron Biehl	Mission Bay	29672	10-1-10-3-19	42.75
8. Rick Arneson/Gus Wirth	Mission Bay	28854	1-11-6-22-4	43.75
9. Gonzo Diaz/Nancy Gilreath	Mission Bay	29781	15-2-12-8-16	53
10. Dave/Barbie Tillson	Miami	28812	6-12-22-11-7	58
\$200 P. S.	Mission Bay	29112	16-6-5-24-9	60
11. Henry Filter/Lisa Griffith	Annapolis	29867	11-5-11-20-15	62
12. Kevin Funsch/Watt Duffy	New Orleans	28678	13-3-9-ocs-2	63
13. Jennifer Bruner/Priscilla Duffy	New Orleans	29628	14-13-18-7-14	66
14. Lee/Andrea Griffith	Barnegat Bay	29204	12-22-16-2-17	69
15. Chris Snow/Mikee Anderson	Mission Bay	29151	21-19-19-13-1	72.75
<ol><li>Jerome Fournier/Julie Calvert</li></ol>	Mission Bay	28679	23-17-13-14-8	75
<ol><li>I7. Jim Grubbs/Ruth Paulling</li></ol>	Alamitos Bay	29441	7-15-32-6-25	85
18. Steve Stewart/Graham Biehl	Mission Bay	29108	17-14-31-12-12	86
19. Gonzalo Diaz, Sr./Ana Fernandez	Miami	29992	ocs-16-4-19-13	88
20. John Hagman/Chris Russick	St. Petersburg	29692	22-21-16-18	98
21. Don Bedford/Teresa O'Dea	Mission Bay	29013	19-20-8-29-31	107
22. Bill Welch/Linda Cortez	St. Petersburg	29400	4-23-26-30-28	111
23. Abigail Ahmanson/Lynn Fitzpatrick	Alamitos Bay	29780	24-18-27-21-22	112
24. Sherry Welch/Ben Givens	St. Petersburg	29955	29-29-17-17-21	113
25. John Sepanski/Sam Manning	Carlyle Lake	4196	20-24-25-18-26	113
26. Stephen/Monica Irgens	Carlyle Lake	28470	25-25-2-31-30	113
27. John/Maggie Manderson	Barnegat Bay	29684	ocs-26-15-15-24	116
28. DonHackbarth/Amy Thompson	Atlanta	29014	18-27-24-25-23	117
29. Cliff Browing/Rosalind Lim	Indianapolis	29540	27-31-23-23-20	124
30. Bob Coyle/Kate Gingras	Medford	28542	26-28-28-27	137
31. John Lally/John Ainsworth	Winchester	29700	28-32-30-27-32	149
32. Gary Derrick/John Ainsworth	Oklahoma City	29775	ocs-30-29-26-29	150
Wells Series	Orthanie Giey	27773	063-30-27-20-27	130
I. Eric Wulff/Tabitha Hersman	Cleveland	29148	2-2-5-1-2	11.75
2. John Hill/Chris Hurst	Atlanta	28628	1-3-7-5-3	18.75
3. Sean Adams/Pete Gregory	Atlanta	25434	8-4-4-4-1	20.75
4. Gary Beck/Phyllis Langley	, tanarraa	30000	4-5-3-6-4	20.73
5. John/Adrienne Korkosz	Galway	28648	3-6-6-2-ocs	
6. Woody Norwood/Diane Fowler	Atlanta	29200	ocs-1-2-3-ocs	27
7. Matt Heywood/Mark Hafner	Barton Boat Club	26805	6-8-1-8-ocs	28.75
8. Orren/Sandra Williams	Atlanta	25845		32.75
9. Charles/Graham Heimler	San Francisco	29611	5-9-8-7-dnc	42
10. Steve/Mary Spider	Seguevah	17150	9-10-9-10-5	43

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10. Steve/Mary Snider

11. Walter Longsworth/?

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# **International Snipe Class** 2002 Racing Calendar

International Championships

European Championship Western Hemisphere & Orient Women's Worlds World Masters Anzio, Italy Alamitos Bay, Calif., USA St. Petersburg, Florida, USA St. Petersburg, Florida, USA September 14-20 September 21-29 October 15-20 October 22-27

# **SCIRA USA Goes Digital!**

Snipe Droppings have now replaced the former US publication, Snipe Hunt and can be viewed on the totally dedicated US Snipe web page: www.snipeus.org. Here you will find real-time regatta reports, photos & results straight from the scene! To get your first

issue, sign up through the US Snipe page on the address above. If you don't have access to the Internet or just need the satisfaction of a printed copy in your mailbox, send a note to the SCIRA office and you'll receive quarterly condensed versions of the on-line reports in color!

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SCIRA logo with leather tabs: \$20.00 All leather with bird stamp: \$25.00

Best of Snipe Bulletin: \$20.00 Snipe Tales: \$20.00

Blazer patches: \$3.00 Straw Hats \$20.00;

Window decals (inside) \$1.50

Blueprints to build your own Snipes; \$20.00

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Kevlar duffle bags; \$60.00 med; \$70.00 large zip end

Kevlar bathroom kits: \$20.00

Kevlar wallets: \$15.00 Snipe silk ties: \$40.00 Kevlar backpacks: \$60.00



# 2002 Dues Paid

#### as of August 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

2002.	Boats paid	Skippers	Crews
Argentina	12	12	-0-
Bahamas	15	14	-0-
Belgium	23	28	12
Bermuda	8	7	-0-
Brazil	54	49	30
Canada	11	14	6
Chile	21	20	12
Colombia	27	28	25
Cuba	5	2	2
Denmark	13	24	10
Finland	25	30	31
France	53	46	34
Germany	6	3	3
India	15	2	-0-
Italy	101	105	96
Japan	131	268	71
Norway	127	121	10
Paraguay	-0-	-0-	-0-
Poland	9	9	8
Portugal	101	100	-0-
Russia	28	33	25
Spain	63	68	14
Sweden	65	56	23
United Kingdom	45	52	8
United States	563	607	62
Uruguay	18	19	18
Total	1521	1715	500