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The Count: 58 numbers have been issued; Norway 1; Spain 27; Japan 3; Brazil 6; Germany 1; Italy 1; United States 3 and 17 issued to builders.

Numbered Snipes: 30207

Chartered Fleets: 870

New Fleets

Welcome to the newest fleets in SCIRA:

864 – Ukraine
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866 – Club Deportivo Flota de Snipes de Cadiz, Spain
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Next Issue Deadline:
October 15

The Commodore Sez...

The year was 1951, and the boy was rigging up his recently purchased Snipe for his first race as a skipper. Down the dock walked the fleet captain of his local fleet who happened to also be commodore of the Snipe Class. The commodore tossed the boy a sail bag and said, "Here, sail with these. I used them last year, and I think they are better than the ones that came with your boat." The commodore had recently finished 2nd in the prestigious Mid-Winters in Clearwater, FL, had a room full of trophies, and here he was helping a boy who knew practically nothing about racing. Without being asked. What a welcome to the Snipe Class! The boy was impressed.

The boy never forgot this introduction, but he also found out as the years went by that the commodore's actions that afternoon weren't all that unusual. Snipe sailors are all competitors, yes. Snipe competition is among the most intense in sailing, with a talent level so deep that there is never one, but rather many, who can be called "favorites". But Snipe sailors are also members of a fraternity that stretches around the globe, that knows no national boundaries, where sailors share their knowledge and spend their off-the-water time with each other, are invited to each other's homes. Where a Snipe sailor in the US can contact a Snipe sailor in France to ask that a family member be met at the airport.

That the Snipe still draws the best in sailing in this modern, quickly-changing world where newer, faster, sleeker designs roll off designers drawing boards weekly is a credit to this "fraternity" and to our organizational structure, especially the executive and the Rules Committee.

It has been 73 years now, since Bill Crosby published Snipe plans for the first time and 72 years since the founding of SCIRA. We will, later this summer, hold our 41st World Championship in Landskrona, Sweden. Our Class has spread and is still spreading around much of the sailing world.

Our penetration in the former Soviet countries of Eastern Europe is very encouraging, potentially bringing many excellent sailors into our Class, into our fraternity.

Recent events surrounding the Pan American Games, with the Snipe (and 4 other classes) be-

ing dropped and then reinstated for one year only, point up the fact that, our Class's strengths and successes notwithstanding, it is mandatory that we work to raise SCIRA's profile in the sailing world.

To this end US National Secretary Bill Welch has started a program of regatta publicity using the Snipe US web site, the Scuttlebutt web-based sailing newsletter, and US Sailing web site, as well as a US e-mail Snipe newsletter with regatta reports, rigging tips, and as many photographs of competitors as possible. The goal is to present our Class to as many sailors in the US as possible. The number of "hits" at the US site has increased dramatically as a result of these efforts.

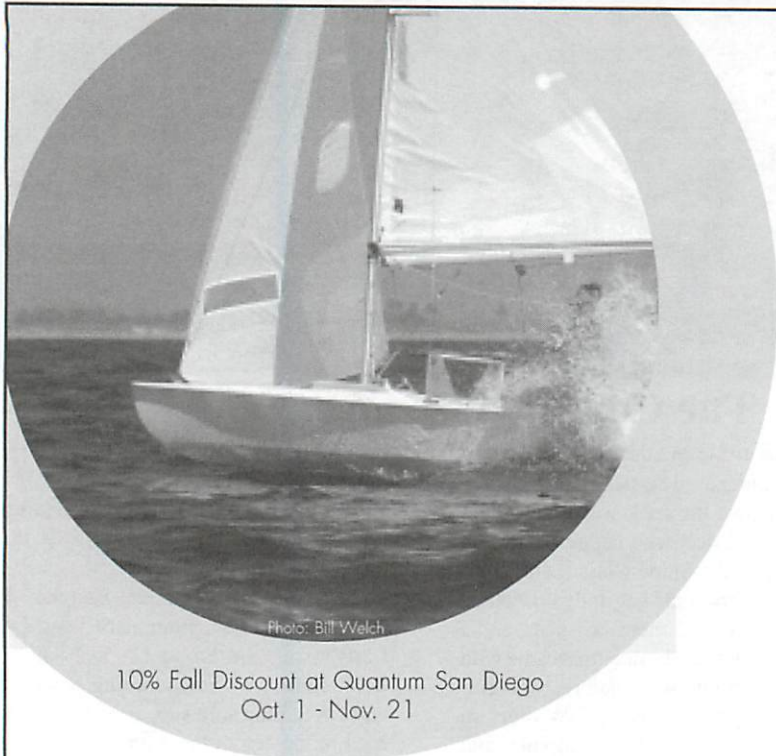
It would be helpful to see similar steps undertaken in Europe, South America, and Japan. They will be labor-intensive and demand dedication. We are in a competitive world, and our choices are to compete or see ourselves become marginalized within the sailing world.

It does not help that SCIRA has always been run on a "shoe string" basis. In addition to the labor and dedication, raising our profile in the sailing world will take money, money for promotion, money for advertising. Money we do not presently have.

SCIRA finances have never strong enough for us to breath easily. Every incoming commodore faces the fact that we never have enough money to promote the Class the way we would like to. Historically SCIRA dues have been kept as low as possible to allow as many people as possible to sail our boats, and we have relied on the generosity of some few individual sailors to keep the class afloat financially. With the dues increase of 2002 we began addressing this problem. There is currently a committee looking into the impact this measure has had on finances and membership to see if our Class is adequately funded for the future.

So, in our 72nd year your Snipe Class is strong but needs to be stronger. In difficult financial times worldwide, we find we compete for members with well-funded build

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From the Rules Committee & Chief Measurer

Interpretations of Rule 42 Propulsion

As most of the competitors at the recent World Championship in Landskrona, Sweden were aware, the on-the-water judges were aggressive in calling the new interpretations of Rule 42.

ISAF recently released these interpretations for general consumption and also distributed a CD-rom, which competitors have been viewing at various championships around the world.

To read, download or study these new interpretations, go to the ISAF website at: www.sailing.org/rrs2001/42interpretations.pdf

Updated SCIRA Scoring Table

Due to a misprinting, the official scoring table published on the 2001-2004 Official Rulebook is not complete and has some mistakes. You can view and download the correct version in pdf format optimized for a laser or inkjet printer off the Snipe web page: www.snipe.org Changes are in cyan. The page format is the same as the rulebook, so you can cut the pages using the marks and put in the Rulebook to replace the older ones.

Posted on June, 17, 2003

Forestay Attachment

Rule 51 says that "All jibs must be capable of being attached without disconnecting the forestay". This wording has caused some interpretation problems. The jib and the forestay can be fastened to the tack in any way, using a pin or a multi-hole plate or any other suitable fitting. To comply with the rule, if the jib and the forestay are connected to the same pin directly at the deck fitting, the jib must be fastened using a shackle. This allows the jib to be connected and disconnected to the pin with the shackle, without disconnecting the pin (and the forestay, of course). Connecting both the jib and the forestay to the same pin, without the shackle, makes it necessary to disconnect the forestay when the jib has to be fastened and this doesn't comply with the rule. If the jib and the forestay are connected at a multi hole plate, just connect the plate to the pin at the deck fitting then fasten the jib to a hole (using a pin, a shackle or whatsoever) and the forestay to a different hole.

Clarification posted on June, 13, 2003

Antonio Bari

SCIRA Chief Measurer

Rules Change Summary To be in effect January 1, 2004

Changes to General Restrictions and Measurement Rules

Centerboard: Rule 17: add "Centerboard width allowance of +/- 3mm as allowed on bottom of centerboard."

Rudder: Rule 26.1: add "Gudgeon allowance of +/- 3mm on the position of the gudgeons (lower 155, upper 410)."

Mast: Rule 29: add "A screw or other stopper shall limit the top mainsail highest position over the lower edge of mast top band. In case of masts with halyard locks, the stopper (lower edge) shall be located at middle of the top band." *Adding stoppers for the boom and now*

the mast should facilitate both the sailors and measurers and get everyone on the water faster! Note: sails still must not be above/beyond the bands!

Sails: Rule 35 and 46: add "Bolt rope on the mainsail foot and luff may be cut-out, at tack only."

Rule 46: add "The maximum dimension across the top of the mainsail shall be maximum 176 mm measured from inside of the boltrope."

Advertising Policy. SCIRA adopts Category C for all regattas.

Deeds of Gift

All Deeds of Gift will have the following changes, reflected either through the Rules for Conducting Championships or the Deeds themselves:

SCIRA courses are changed to reflect courses based on time, not length, with a target of 60 minutes and a maximum of 75 minutes with a total time limit of 2 hours maximum or 20 minutes after the arrival of the first boat."

Junior World: Juniors may enter their World Championship as non-owners., Juniors may use borrowed or chartered sails.

Masters World: Masters may enter their World Championship as non-owners. Masters may use borrowed or chartered sails. Regatta Conditions: 7 races of SCIRA approved courses. 2. No more than 2 races in one day. 3. 3 races constitute a regatta. 4. Regatta site to be approved by SCIRA Board at World Championship. 5. Regatta venue to rotate, North American, Europe, South America, Japan. 6. No races to be run in wind velocity exceeding 15 knots. 7. Boats to be weighted and sails measured only. 8. 3 divisions of medals for trophies for the top 3 places in the following divisions: Apprentice Masters, Masters, Grand Masters, Overall World Masters Champion will be top placing team. 8. Host country will hold a drawing for participants chartering boats.

South American Junior: Awarded to: top placing Jr. skipper and crew in South American Championship. Open to: delete "there shall be no entry fee." Regatta conditions: 1. conducted every year together with the South American Championship. 4. Delete "3 races shall be attempted. 1 race shall constitute a regatta."

Hub E. Isaacs World Championship: Open to: 1. Skipper and crew must be SCIRA members in good standing with their fleet, country, and the Association and sailing a Snipe registered to SCIRA for the current year. Regatta Conditions: 2. second bullet *First, second, and third days - 2 races (remove "in events with chartered boats, first day will only have 1 race.") 3. If six or seven races are completed, the worst race shall be dropped, including a disqualification, if allowed by the SCIRA Official Scoring system. (remove rest of wording) Add: "3 races constitute a regatta."

Dues Changes for 2004

Effective January 1, 2004, there will only be 1 category of membership in SCIRA. (ie; no delineation between skipper or crew membership)

As such, the skipper of any Snipe must be a registered member in SCIRA to race in sanctioned regattas. In any regatta from a National Championship on up to a World Championship, both skipper and crew must be members of SCIRA. Both of these remain unchanged since 2002.



AUGIE DIAZ AND JON ROGERS OF THE USA WIN SNIPE WORLDS

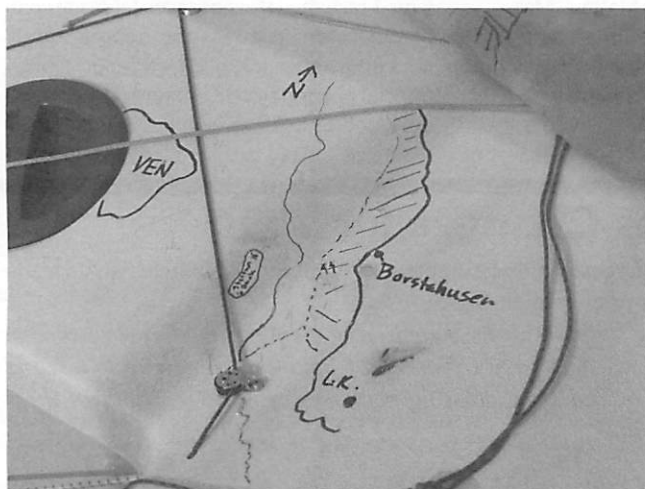
18 countries came to Landskrona, Sweden for this year's Snipe Worlds bringing 58 boats to vie for the coveted title of World Champion.

Sailed on the Öresund, a body of water connecting the Baltic with the North Sea between Sweden and Denmark and with the island Ven in between, the sailors were greeted with tough currents, and varying wind pressure. The current was dictated by air pressure, which challenged every sailor on the course. Borstahusen Sailing Society provided the facilities including a large parking lot for the boats, a large ramp and a huge tent for the meals.

Augie Diaz and Jon Rogers of the US started off with a first place finish, contested by an ill-placed finish mark that they were first to recognize. They were flagged for sculling at the start of the 2nd race, immediately giving them their throw-out for the regatta. Fellow Americans Hal Gilreath and James Liebl crossed first in the 2nd race. Spaniards Paco Sanchez with sister Marina as crew led the regatta at the end of the first day with a 3-2, sailing smart and consistent.

The 2nd day found another American team taking the bullet, Bryan Lake and Graham Biehl, who had qualified for the Worlds through their 2nd place finish at the previous Jr. World Championships. The string

photo below: Mapping the current - Peter Commette's boat.



of wins was broken by Henrique Wanderley and Richard Zietemann of Brazil, with blazing speed, crossing 1st in the 4th race. Race 5 found the Russian teams of Maxim Semerkhanov/Semen Chistikov and Edourd Skornyakov/Ekaterina Skoudina leading the race in 1-2. But Semerkhanov/Chistikov were OCS giving the gun to another American team, that of George Szabo and Brian Janney.

Thursday was a lay day, which gave all



Augie Diaz and Jon Rogers in winning form. B. Welch photo.

sailors the chance to visit the Island of Ven or just relax. Back on the water for race 6, Takuya Miyaguchi and Akiko Kobayashi of Japan led wire to wire in the 8-10 knot breeze to win the race.

The final race on the last day was held in dying breeze. Any 3 could win the championship: Diaz/Rogers, Sanchez/Sanchez, Szabo/Janney. Diaz had to be within 5 boats of Szabo and no more than 13 boats from Sanchez to win. Augie did not get into



A happy Augie Diaz with Hub E. Isaacs trophy.

that window until the last half of the last beat.

Swedish favorites Lennart Ljunggren and Gustaf Svensson rounded the weather mark 2 minutes ahead of Bart Jansen/Eva Jacobs of Belgium and greeted by cheers from local supporters. They were on their way to winning the Earl Elms Perpetual until the breeze caved in. Massive places were gained and lost by most competitors giving the spectators their money's worth! While the Sanchez' seemed to have the Championship in their pocket, Szabo/Janney moved up throughout the race from 22nd to just behind the Sanchez', giving Szabo/Janney the nod for the title. In the meantime, Diaz/Rogers never gave up and clawed through the fleet from 18th to 13th, just enough to cross the line 2 behind Szabo to win the title! Alexandre Paradede/Eduardo Paradede sailed a great final beat to win the Earl Elms Perpetual.

Augie Diaz is now the current World Champion, Western Hemisphere Champion and World Masters Champion.

**Bill Welch
Jereilyn Biehl**

2003 Snipe World Championship

Results

<i>Skipper/Crew</i>	<i>Country/Sail #</i>	<i>Finishes</i>	<i>Total</i>
1. Augie Diaz/Jon Rogers	USA 28810	1-(34)-7-2-2-4-13	28.75
2. George Szabo/Brian Janney	USA 29957	5-6-(13)-8-1-2-11	32.75
3. Francisco/Marina Sanchez	ESP 29724	3-2-9-11-3-(25)-9	37
4. Alexandre/Eduardo Paradedá	BRA 29821	20-3-2-6-(ocs)-20-1	52.75
5. Henrique Wanderley/R. Zietemann	BRA 29822	7-10-3-1-35-(41)-6	61.75
6. David Saura/Jordi Triay	ESP 29512	10-5-15-(19)-18-11-3	62
7. Hal Gilreath/James Liebl	USA 8652	16-1-6-(20)-9-16-16	63.75
8. Adrian Marcatelli/F. Zapatoski	ARG 29339	2-33-11-3-15-5-(36)	69
9. Bryan Lake/Graham Biehl	USA 29104	9-23-1-(30)-17-15-10	74.75
10. Enrico/Franco Solerio	ITA 29976	4-15-(28)-7-23-21-17	87
11. Gustaf Svensson/L. Ljunggren	SWE 28042	8-18-30-4-22-(38)-7	89
12. Morten Ullmann/Kim Hyttel	DEN 29939	21-24-4-16-11-(32)-18	94
13. Koji Ida/Hiromu Yamasaki	JPN 30185	19-11-5-(49)-26-24-15	100
14. John/Maggie Manderson	USA 29684	12-7-8-(41)-zfp-23-23	104
15. Paolo Tomsic/Andrej Mocilnik	ITA 30009	11-13-zpf-12-(zpf)-26-21	107
16. Peter/Morgan Commette	USA 29114	28-14-18-21-8-(47)-22	111
17. Maxim Semerkhanov/S. Chistikov	RUS 29490	(45)-25-zfp-17-7-34-5	120
18. Rob/Bridget Hallawell	USA 30111	31-26-10-(dnf)-12-12-32	125
19. Rick Arneson/Gus Wirth	USA 29781	24-17-24-40-zfp-3-(53)	125
20. Ulrik Sandvig/Steffen Skjonberg	NOR 27971	17-29-35-(44)-6-22-19	128
21. Bart Janssens/Eva Jacobs	BEL 29613	15-(46)-21-46-16-29-8	135
22. Diogo/Miguel Talone	POR 29958	(56)-19-26-37-4-40-12	138
23. Steve Stewart/Adam Roberts	USA 29108	18-30-27-53-(ocs)-7-4	139
24. Masayoshi Hashimoto/Kenji Daito	JPN 29619	14-9-(49)-18-30-46-24	141
25. Ivan Pimental/Felipe Novello	BRA 29815	40-12-(ocs)-24-zfp-14-2	142
26. Birger Jansen/Cecilia de Faire	NOR 29940	(54)-8-zfp-9-20-37-41	143
27. Rayco Tabares/Francisco de Leon	ESP 29854	(dsq)-51-23-cnf-14-6-29	143
28. Edourd Skornjakov/E. Skoudina	RUS 29480	26-44-17-26-(ocs)-13-25	151
29. Tomas Berg/Patric Wollmersson	SWE 27459	25-4-zfp-39-(42)-18-28	155
30. Karl Otto-Book/Alexandra Wang	NOR 29088	42-21-29-25-(45)-8-30	155
31. John MacRae/Barb Evans	USA 29727	32-28-(44)-23-zfp-9-26	162
32. Yuzo Morita/Satoru Maruyama	JPN 30084	27-47-31-42-(ocs)-10-14	171
33. Francisco Ibanez/G. Canellas Beas	ESP 29608	30-38-(ocs)-22-27-27-33	177
34. Tatsuya Oka/Yuki Kobayashi	JPN 29427	43-(48)-41-10-zfp-19-28	181
35. Per-Anders Johansson/K. Pettersson	SWE 29819	13-22-22-48-39-42-(50)	186
36. Shigeru/Toshio Matsuzaki	JPN 30025	55-16-(ocs)-cnf-31-44-31	188
37. Shinichi/Michiko Uchida	JPN 29003	41-32-(42)-31-zfp-30-35	191
38. Antonio Bari/Paolo Lambertenghi	ITA 6313	36-31-34-(47)-36-17-37	191
39. Thierry Den Hartigh/Greet Jansen	BEL 29252	39-20-zfp-33-25-(49)-27	192
40. Ricardo de Queiroz/A. Tinoco	BRA 28651	(57)-41-14-34-13-54-39	195
41. Robert Dunkley/John Kehoe	BAH 29899	22-27-46-32-(ocs)-33-50	200
42. Christian Andersen/Rasmus Hanse	DEN 29916	35-36-32-28-24-53-(dnf)	208
43. Bo/Bodil Lindsjo	SWE 29979	23-29-33-35-44-36-(49)	210
44. Takuya Miyaguchi/A. Kobayashi	JPN 29768	33-42-(ocs)-55-34-1-47	211.75
45. Mariano Arroyo/Agustin Zabalua	ARG 28984	3-40-48-(50)-zfp-50-34	216
46. Argellio Moreira/Daniel S. Claro	BRA 29954	37-45-(zfp)-27-21-31-55	216
47. Stefano Longhi Ortenzia Caselli	ITA 29774	34-50-38-13-40-52-(54)	227
48. Robert Winther/Martin Persson	SWE 29860	29-37-39-36-(ocs)-35-52	228
49. Pal/Pauline Bratbak	NOR 29663	38-35-37-cnf-(ocs)-43-dsq	238
50. Wolfgang Gerz/Jacob Janich	GER 29106	49-(52)-25-45-33-48-43	243
51. Janusz Knasiecki/B. Ratajczak	POL 29973	52-43-45-29-(zfp)-56-45	270
52. Jerome Thomas/G. Louveau	FRA 29856	46-56-51-52-(zfp)-28-42	275
53. Harri Palm/Molly Kurvink	CAN 28045	44-49-50-(51)-43-45-46	277
54. Rene/Romain Le Bour	FRA 29703	51-(55)-53-54-46-55-20	279
55. Henri Raty/Tommy Andersson	FIN 29238	50-53-43-43-(zfp)-51-48	288
56. Seiji koga/Miki Siraiwa	JPN 29620	47-54-40-(ocs)-ocs-39-44	288
57. Stefan Winqvist/Alf Renvall	FIN 29019	48-57-(cnd)-38-41-57-51	292
58. Tomasz Stodecki/Zbigniew Rakocy	POL 29004	53-(58)-52-56-48-58-56	323



Mikee Anderson-Mitterling and Graham Biehl

Win Jr. World Title

August 12-17

Moscow, Russia

Twenty-seven teams arrived in Moscow representing fifteen countries from the Snipe World. The Jr. Worlds were created by 1976 Commodore Svend Rantil, whom many of us had just met at the Sr. Worlds in Sweden the week before. The Jr. Worlds idea came about not only to foster competition between the juniors, but also to expose them to different cultures. On paper, Russia seemed about as different as you could experience, but once on the water, the juniors all found they were basically the same!

East European Secretary Alexei Fomin and his Moscow Sailing School did a great job preparing for the regatta including ordering 24 brand new boats delivered right before the event. Alexei was also instrumental in encouraging 4 different East European countries to send junior teams; Russia, Ukraine, Belarus and newcomer Moldavia.

The first day of competition began with a 1-hour tow to one of three possible regatta sites. Once there, the sailors first start was a recall followed by dying breeze which forced the Race Committee into a 4 hour postponement. Finally the breeze began to build and the first race was off. Uruguayans Juan Sierra and Santiago Sanches rounded first and were able to keep their lead until local sailors Maxim Kuzmin/Alexander Shirokov passed them in the light and shifty breeze. Kuzmin/Shirokov went on to win the only race of the day.

Day 2 found the group being towed to a much closer venue; only 30 minutes away. Here the teams found a little more breeze to their liking. The day was overcast with squalls rolling across the reservoir bringing moments of big breeze and pockets of light, shifty areas not so easy to read. 2nd place finisher Adolfo Benavides and Federico Pierson of Argentina posted a 1-2-4 for the day moving them into first place overall. Americans Mikee Anderson-Mitterling and Graham Biehl reveled in the big puffs and were able to post a 5-1-2 moving them to 2nd overall. Russians Kuzmin/Shirokov had a difficult last race posting 2-5-10 as the day progressed. The Brazilian duos of Victor Demaison/Filipe Novello and Marcelo Bellotti/Eduardo Molina traded off good races through the day with Bellotti/Molina winning the final race.

The 3rd day of racing was once again light and spotty. Patience was the key word here as first the left then the right would pay depending on the oscillations. Those most patient were the winners with Americans Anderson-Mitterling/Biehl winning both races of the day.

Fellow Americans Adam/Melanie Roberts posted the 2nd best results of the day with a 3-2, trying to erase an OCS they received in the first race. On the tow in, Mikee & Graham said they were mentally exhausted from the days sailing, but started to do the math and quickly realized they had won the regatta, as their closest competition has both not had stellar races.



After a few protests were heard, the sailors were loaded on to busses and driven into central Moscow to view the Kremlin, Red Square and St. Basil's Cathedral as well as numerous other spots in Moscow. Everyone returned exuberant that they had seen some of the treasures of Russia, but exhausted and ready to hit the sack for the final day of racing.

The final day was sunny and light. Anderson-Mitterling/Biehl opted to watch from the coaches boat as their fellow competitors duked it out on the race course in 6-8 knot winds.

Americans Adam/Melanie Roberts won the final race after chasing Belarussians Daniil Odintsov/Yiry Polzin around the course. Spaniards Rayco Tabares/Francisco DeLeon also passed the Belarussians to finish 2nd in the race.

The prizegiving included a Camel for the winners to ride, fireworks and a great disco party afterwards. In true junior fashion, the celebrating continued until the wee hours and new friends were made and lots of shirts were exchanged.

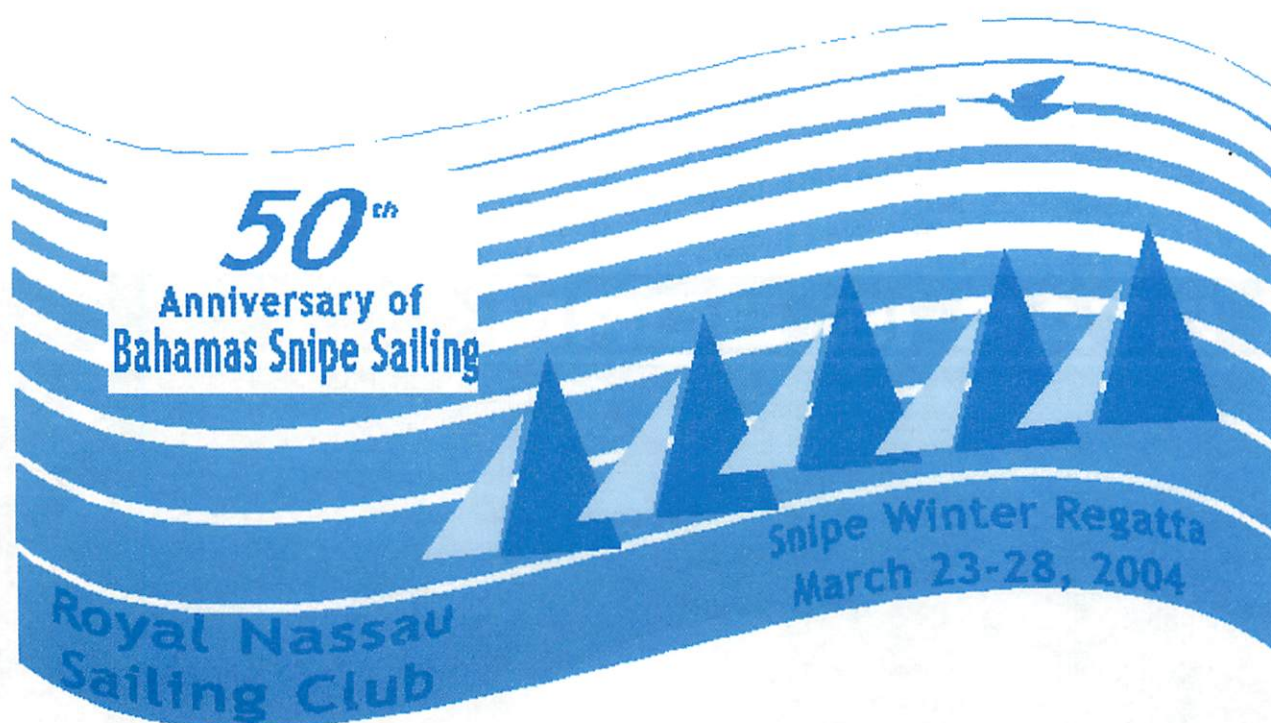
Thanks to SCIRA Russia for a momentous regatta for all competitors!

Results

1.	Mikee Anderson/Graham Biehl	USA	5-5-1-2-1-1-1-(dnc)	14.25
2.	Adolfo Benavides/Federico Pierson	ARG	3-1-2-4-(10)-10-4	23.75
3.	Maxim Kuzman/Alexander Shirokov	RUS	1-2-5-10-2-5-(12)	24.75
4.	Martin Petrini/Lelio DiSanto	ARG	2-(8)-6-6-4-4-6	28.0
5.	Adam/Melanie Roberts	USA	(ocs)-3-13-7-3-2-1	28.75
6.	Danil Odintsov/Yiry Polzin	BLR	4-6-(16)-8-6-8-3	34
7.	Rayco Tabares/Francisco de Leon	ESP	6-7-4-5-(16)-12-2	36
8.	Victor DeMaison/Filipe Novello	BRA	14-4-3-3-(30)-13-5	42
9.	Marselo Bellotti/Eduardo Molina	BRA	12-10-7-1-8-9-(dsq)	46.75
10.	Anna Kovrigina/Ekaterina Vetrova	RUS	11-9-10-(20)-5-7-7	48
11.	Juan Sierra/Santiago Sanches	URU	7-14-9-(16)-14-3-11	58
12.	Julia Geraseva/Victoria Ryabinkina	RUS	8-11-11-15-11-(22)-9	65
13.	Max Rohde/Jannick Schreiner	DEN	13-15-8-12-(18)-17-8	73
14.	Alberto Parron/David Garcia	ESP	10-12-15-(19)-19-15-10	81
15.	Natalia Ivanova/Ekaterina Grigorishina	RUS	9-18-22-(24)-12-6-15	81
16.	Christian Andersen/Rasmus Hansen	DEN	16-13-12-9-(21)-18-16	84
17.	Taro Nishioka/Shinya Morimoto	JPN	(21)-20-19-11-13-14-13	90
18.	Antonin Nouette/Guillaume Capit	FRA	(zfp)-22-14-14-7-21-14	92
19.	Luca Fazzini/Lorenzo Bonomi	ITA	17-20-(21)-17-9-16-21	99
20.	Derek Taylor/Anna Wiesner	CAN	(21)-17-20-18-17-11-19	101
21.	Benjamin Romain/Jeremie Bouridane	FRA	(23)-16-17-13-22-20-17	104
22.	Andrey Gusenko/Anton Volkov	UKR	16-22-18-21-15-(24)-18	109
23.	Andrea/Vittorio Zaoli	ITA	18-23-(25)-25-25-19-20	129
24.	Sho-Ta Nakada/Miki Yamauchi	JPN	19-(24)-24-22-24-23-22	133
25.	Stian Pedersen/Eskil Aune	NOR	22-(25)-23-23-23-25-23	138
26.	Alexander Denisuc/Serghei Pismennii	MDA	dnc-dnc-dnc-dnc-dnc-dnc	

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Reichner Perpetual Won by John & Mary Buckley

The 2002 edition of the SCIRA High Point championship, the oldest trophy in SCIRA's existence, was won by John and Mary Buckley of Lincoln, Nebraska. By winning the Reichner, they also win the US version, the Minneford, also begun in 1932.

The Buckleys raced 13 races with a total winning of 1682, 18 points ahead of fellow fleet member Larry Briggs. Only 5 fleets entered High Point scores for 2002 with 56 competitors.

The Reichner was originally established to see how all Snipe sailors did against each other all over the world. Past winners include sailors from Brazil, Cuba, Portugal, Bermuda, England and Finland.

For a complete description of the High Point scoring and description, see pages 94-98 in the SCIRA Rulebook.

1.	Buckley	Lincoln	28444	13	1682
2.	Briggs, L	Lincoln	27372	20	1660.1
3.	Bertsche	Lincoln	29956	9	1655.5
4.	Bojlesen, B.	Willamette	27668	14	1646
5.	Kinas	Green Lake	24690	12	1641.8
6.	Garman	Seattle	28141	37	1639.3
7.	Wright	Seattle	28472	33	1634.6
8.	Zeratsky, E.	Green Lake	28911	5	1633.7
9.	Dahl	Newport YC	25370	14	1631.14
10.	Ewoldt	Lincoln	25552	20	1625.5
11.	Patterson	Willamette	27415	21	1624
12.	Briggs, J.	Lincoln	24731	2	1620
13.	Rolfsmeyer	Lincoln		2	1620
14.	Horvath	Newport YC	26897	14	1618.14
15.	Lampros	Willamette	27377	21	1618
16.	Smith	Seattle	27522	37	1604
17.	Zeratsky, A	Green Lake	28911	5	1602.6
18.	Russell	Lincoln	28881	6	1594.8
19.	Patrick	Willamette	23594	20	1561
20.	Darrough	Lincoln	20875	7	1560

21.	VanDeventer	Seattle	24775	32	1557.7
22.	Zeratsky, B.	Green Lake	25432	5	1556
23.	Travis	Seattle	27002	6	1548.8
24.	Brown	Willamette	23291	22	1545
25.	Bengtsson	Lincoln	22810	5	1543.4
26.	Bojlesen, N	Willamette	27668	10	1541
27.	Vaughn	Newport YC	26456	14	1532.71
28.	Morse	Newport YC	28441	11	1528.54
29.	Miller	Seattle	26832	10	1520.6
30.	Disch, M	Newport YC		12	1509.42
31.	MacDonald	Lincoln	24330	4	1505.2
32.	Maier	Willamette	17390	22	1504
33.	Byorth	Lincoln	20936	2	1502.5
34.	Nance	Lincoln	24104	3	1500.3
35.	Ozaki	Lincoln	24242	5	1496
36.	Wagener	Lincoln	28882	11	1493
38.	Drahota	Lincoln	21364	6	1459.6
39.	Fawcett	Seattle	23964	36	1443.9
40.	Dunning	Seattle	27569	47	1436.8
41.	Winkler	Lincoln	20630	6	1434
42.	Rogers	Seattle	25912	34	1422.7
43.	Pearson	Seattle	16307	25	1400.3
44.	Keane	Lincoln	24321	4	1391.2
45.	Beeck	Lincoln	19444	5	1367.8
46.	Leach	Lincoln	25652	2	1352.5
47.	Wahl	Lincoln	24685	2	1352.5
48.	Folmer	Lincoln	25846	5	1350
49.	Parker	Lincoln	21604	5	1333.4
50.	Calvin	Newport YC	19119	8	1331.88
51.	Gustafson	Lincoln	24111	8	1324.2
52.	Sanders	Seattle	22727	18	1300.6
53.	Smith	Seattle	13023	13	1279.4
54.	Layman	Lincoln	21913	6	1275.1
56.	Engbrecht	Seattle	24004	32	1260.3

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Bethlem/Bianchi win Gold at Pan Am Games

August 7-17

As the hottest Class at the Pan Ams, the gold came down to a tie between 1999 World Champions Nelido Manzo and Octovio Lorenzo of Cuba and Bruno Bethlem and Dante Bianchi of Brazil.

Held in the Dominican Republic, this edition of the Pan Ams was full of controversy. The Snipe and the Lightning are the only two classes to have competed in every Pan Am Games since their inception in 1959, and just 6 months before the Opening Ceremonies, after most countries had held their Pan Am Trials, we were told all non-Olympic classes were out of the Pan Ams! A barrage of e-mail, phone calls and letters

ensued with the result of all classes except the Lightning being reinstated. The Snipe Class, long time friends of the Lightning, came to

their aid, but to no avail.

With the Games back on,

the selected teams quickly scrambled to attend. Jerry Thompson did an outstanding feat, gathering a container full of charter boats, graciously donated by fellow Bahamian and Florida Snipe owners, to ship to the DR. The Snipe was allowed 8 countries to enter with Argentina, Bahamas, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Cuba, Uruguay and the United States each sending one team.

Fernando and Celia Garrafa of Brazil become chief Snipe measurers and Snipe representatives at the event, while Jerry Thompson was also in attendance helping with the charter boats and also assisting US Shipwright and former Snipe builder Carl Eichenlaub tend to just about any boat that needed help.

Heavy air and large ocean swells along with current gave the sailors a run for the Gold. Reports were that the finishes on the Snipe course were within 30 seconds of the entire fleet – truly great competition! Unfortunately the Games were scheduled the same time as the Worlds in Sweden, so both events drew some of the top Snipe competitors.

Bruno and Dante fought hard against Nelido and Octavio, and won through the tie breaker.

SCIRA has secured a Pan Am Committee to ensure the Snipe to be back in the 2006 Games, with all Pan Am countries arguing that the current classes are more economical and still provide excellent competition. Stay tuned....

Photos can be found at: www.fdvela.org



1. Bruno Bethlem/Dante Bianchi	Brazil	1-(3)-1-(3)-1-1-2-2-2-3-3-3	19
2. Nelido Manso/Octavio Lorenzo	Cuba	3-1-2-2-2-(7)-3-1-1-2-(5)-2	19
3. Santiago Silveira/Nicolas Shaban	Uruguay	2-4-3-1-(6)-4-1-(7)-4-1-2-5	27
4. Henry Filter/Lisa Griffith	USA	(6)-6-(7)-4-4-6-4-5-5-6-1-1	42
5. Luis Calabrese/Jorge Engelhard	Argentina	5-5-4-5-5-2-5-(6)-3-4-(6)-4	42
6. Mike Dinsdale/Lars Lekie	Canada	4-(8)-6-6-3-3-6-3-6-(8)-4-7	48
7. Jimmie Lowe/PB Wassitch	Bahamas	(8)-2-8-7 (dsq)-5-7-8-7-5-7-8	64
8. Juan Higuera/Nicolas Deeb	Colombia	7-7-5-(8)-7-(8)-8-4-8-7-8-6	67

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Statement of Financial Condition SCIRA

Assets

	12/31/01	12/31/02
Cash	\$8,345	\$5,377
Accounts Receivable	5,157	11,557
Int. receivable due from US	853	3,280
Prepaid Membership card stock	3,874	6,826
Measurement/Computer equip.	2,407	3,733
Total Assets	<u>\$20,636</u>	<u>\$30,773</u>

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$574	\$1,307
Payroll tax liabilities	663	1,354
Accrued Expenses payable		675
Total Liabilities	<u>\$1,237</u>	<u>\$3,336</u>
Equity	\$19,399	\$27,437
Total Liabilities & Equity	<u>\$20,636</u>	<u>\$30,773</u>

Treasurer Takes Exception to Financial Report

Readers of the Minutes of the 2003 SCIRA Board of Governors Meeting in Landskrona, Sweden, will note that the Board took the unusual step of amending the 2001 and 2002 Financial Reports as tendered to the Board by Treasurer Pedro Lorson.

The report approved and the one tendered (excerpted here) differ in the way the compensation of our Executive Director is reported. There is, however, no difference in the total income and total expenses in either report (printed elsewhere in this Bulletin) so there is no indicated or implied financial error in the report.

	PROPOSED		APPROVED	
	2002	2001	2002	2001
Expenses:				
Payroll and related expenses	27,823	28,046	21,502	21,690
International salary expense funded by U.S. (6,321)	(6,356)		This line deleted completely	

The SCIRA Board voted unanimously to amend the tendered report because it shows \$27,823 to be the amount of the Executive's compensation, and the correct amount for this expense, as previously approved by the Board, is \$21,502.

The Treasurer's position, strongly held, is that correct accounting of the Executive's compensation should be allocated on the basis of time spent on handling the affairs of SCIRA International and those of Snipe US, which also pays her a salary. On the basis of time sheets completed by the Executive Director during 2001, the Treasurer feels that her total compensation should be allocated approximately 70% to SCIRA and 30% to Snipe US while in actual fact SCIRA International pays approximately 53% of the Executive's compensation and Snipe US the balance. Consequently the Financial Report he presented to the Board showed this computed "imbalance" (\$6,321 in 2002) as a line item and showed it added to the approved compensation.

He also feels that the membership of the Class should be made aware of the "imbalance".

Had the two Boards of Governors in question approved this it would not have been a problem.

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Statement of Activities For the years ended December 31

Revenues

	2001	2002
<u>Dues</u>		
Dues/Decals	\$51,390	\$43,690
Fleet/Crew dues	7,450	7,300
<u>Other Income</u>		
Royalties	5,100	7,365
Numbers	6,250	5,600
Miscellaneous	790	110
Bulletin Income	1,670	1,525
Merchandise Revenue	3,341	2,878
Rulebooks		782
Shipping	715	505
Interest	15	11
Total Revenues	\$76,721	\$69,766

Expenses

Payroll and related benefits	\$21,690	\$21,502
Travel and Meals	3,240	1,904
Membership card stock	1,291	1,291
Telephone	4,582	5,001
Printing & Reproduction	987	820
Rent	2,400	2,400
Postage & delivery	3,819	2,227
Office Supplies	1,137	1,305
Bank Service Charges	1,429	1,249
Trophies	131	193
Fees	2,742	2,276
Equipment Rental	1,474	1,477
Depreciation on equipment	602	1,152
Bulletin Expense	14,900	13,075
Merchandise cost	930	267
Professional fees	600	675
Amortization of Rulebooks		4,242
Software	129	397
Miscellaneous	737	275
Total Expenses	\$62,820	\$61,728
Revenues over Expenses	<u>\$13,901</u>	<u>\$8,038</u>

Footnotes

Note 1: Net Bulletin Loss

Bulletin Revenues	\$1,670	\$1,525
Bulletin Expenses	\$14,900	\$13,075
Excess Bulletin exp. over rev.	<u>\$(13,230)</u>	<u>\$(11,550)</u>

Note 2: Net Merchandise Gain

Merchandise Revenues	\$3,341	\$2,878
Merchandise Expenses	930	930
Gross Profit (loss) on Merch. sales	<u>\$2,411</u>	<u>\$1,948</u>

The Treasurer had previously asked the Board of Snipe US to approve an allocation system of splitting the Executive's compensation. This was rejected at a meeting in January 2003. A proposal to establish a system of allocation of the Executive's salary was also defeated by the SCIRA International Board in Sweden after the Financial Report was presented and amended.

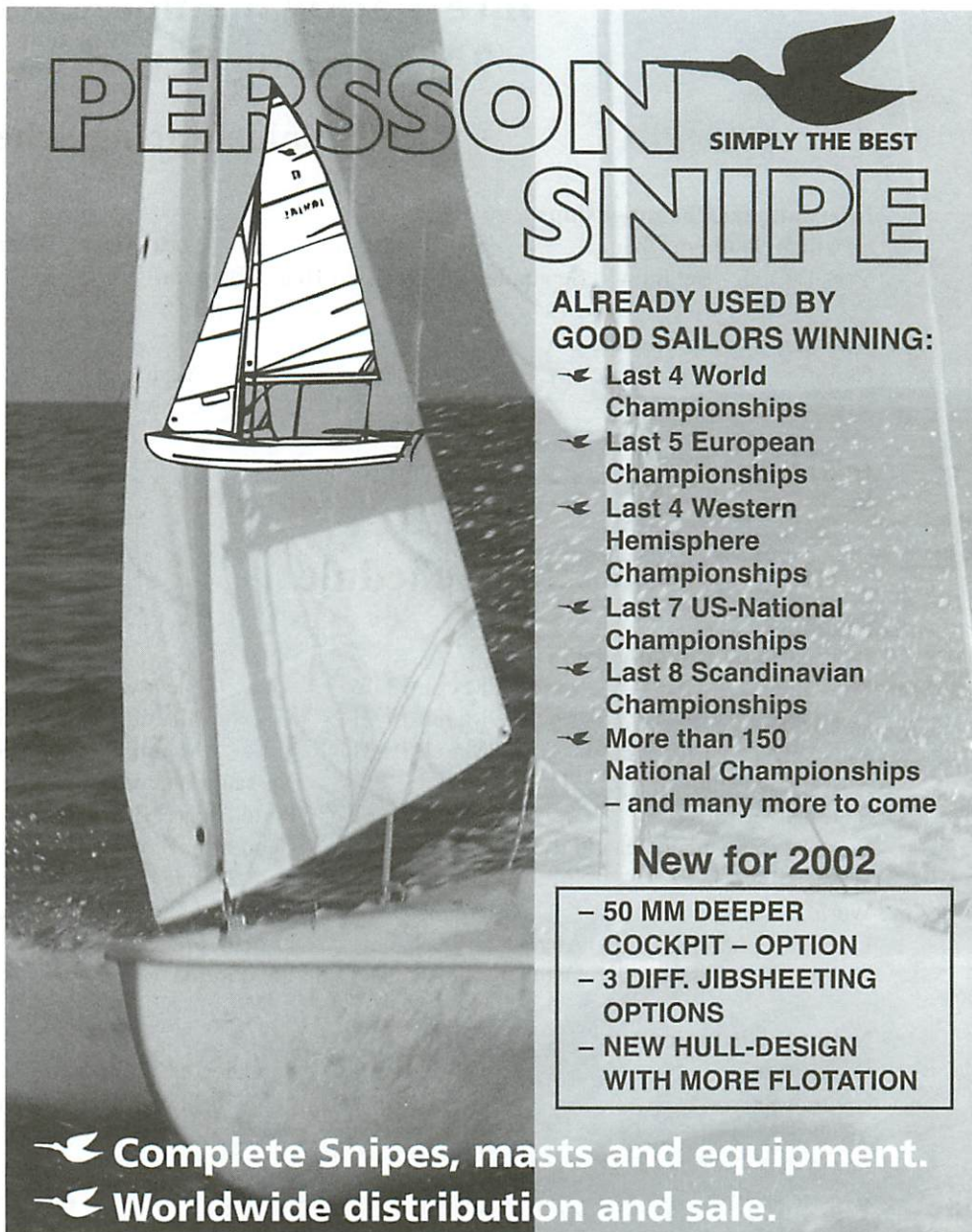
Both the SCIRA International Board and the US Board have now rejected the "allocation" approach to this expense.


This question has been discussed for several years, but currently neither the Board of SCIRA nor the Snipe US Board agree with the treasurer's proposal, his approach to allocating this expense between the two entities, and his use of the line item deleted from the approved report.

Since the Boards of SCIRA and Snipe US act independently of each other, and their differing rates of compensation for the Executive were arrived at independently also, the balance between compensation and work load will never be more than an approximation unless the two boards agree to fund the office expense together. Originally, of course, SCIRA was supported almost completely by the US. When the Executive Director was hired in 1993 the salary split was 50-50. After a 1997 salary increase SCIRA International was paying 60% of the total compensation up until 2001 when Snipe US raised its compensation to the current level.

Pedro Lorson and the Commodore both agree that it is in the best interests of the Snipe Class that this issue and the Class' financial reports be completely transparent.

Brainard Cooper
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www.snipe.org now features a Forum (www.snipe.org/board) or discussion list where Snipe sailors can ask questions, voice opinions and share stories with fellow sailors around the world. Anyone can read the entries but you must register with your name to add your comments.

The benefit of the Forum over the e-mail list is that you can view the topics you wish to comment on and you don't have to

read through everything sent to your e-mail input to decide if it is worthwhile! It also allows many who may be thinking about getting into the Snipe to see the broad community of sailors throughout the world that race and enjoy the Snipe. Please visit the site and pass along the address to your fellow racers and fleet captains!

Don Bedford
Chief Information Officers



International Snipe Class 2003 Racing Schedule

2003 Snipe Racing Schedule

International Championships

Brazilian Southern Champs September 5-7 Porto Alegre, Brazil
Yves LeBour -Belgium September 27-28 Eau d'Heure, Belgium

National Championships

Chile November 1-2, 8-9 Algarroba
Argentina November 8-9 Chascomus

Other Regattas

Vestlandsmesterskapet September 13-14 Stavanger, Norway

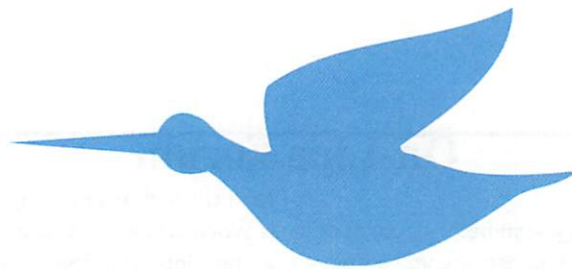
2004 Snipe Racing Schedule

International Championships

Midwinters March 13-16 Clearwater, Florida, USA
Don Q Rum March 19-21 Miami, Florida, USA
Jr. NA Qualifier for WH&O March 19-21 Miami, Florida, USA
Nassau 50th Anniversary March 24-27 Nassau, Bahamas
South Americans April 3-11 Porto Alegre, Brazil
Western Hemisphere & O. July 5-11 Cabo Frio, Brazil
Women's Worlds July 23-28 Oslo, Norway
World Masters August 3-7 Lake Bracciano, Italy
European Championship August 22-28 Lorient, France
North Americans October Jacksonville, Florida

National Championships

US Women's February 27-28 San Diego, California
US Jr & Sr August 14-20 Mentor Harbor, Ohio



South American Championship won by Silveira/Shaban

In a brilliant performance and taking the title in the last second from the Brazilians, Santiago Silveira and Nicolas Shaban won the South American Championship for the second time in a row. In spite of the area's strong recession, 25 excellent crews took part of this 26th edition of the most important regional championship. Crews came not only from Argentina, Brasil, Chile and Uruguay, but also from Bermuda and Japan.

Unlike expected, low to medium easterly winds prevailed. El Nino phenomenon seems to have suspended the 18-20 Kt typical sea breezes that everybody was ready for.

After the bermudan-japanese crew of Stephen Dickinson & Kimie Isobe easily won the first race, the Brasileans Wanderley & Zietemann and the Uruguayans Silveira & Shaban and Fabini & Stéfani took the top 3 places, wining every race except the third one, which was won by Diego García & Maria Stefani.

The last 2 races promised to be of high tension, as the Brazilians Wanderley & Zietemann and the Uruguayans Silveira & Shaban and Fabini & Stéfani were very close. In the first race of the day Wanderley & Zietemann didn't have a good performance, while Fabini & Stéfani and Silveira & Shaban finished 1st and 2nd respectively. With only one race left, the Uruguayans needed to win and prevent the the Brazilians from finishing second. Given the excellent competitive level of Wanderley & Zietemann, this seemed to be on the brazileans side.

Soon after the start, Silveira & Shaban took the right side which had been paying for most of the championship. At the windward mark, they comfortably led by 15 seconds. After continuously increasing their lead through the Olympic

course to 55 seconds at the last leeward mark, they noted that Wanderley & Zietemann followed them in the second place. Towards the end of the race, Silveira & Shaban slowed their boat, got close to the Brazilians to make it difficult for them, risking their own position as well with Fabini & Stefani who came in third. Following an electrifying tacking duel, Silveira & Shaban managed to slow Wanderley & Zietemann just enough so that Fabini & Stefani slipped in the second place by half a boatlength in the last moment of the race!

In this way Santiago Silveira and Nicolas Shaban from Uruguay won their second title in a row, followed by Carlos Wanderley & Richard Zietemann from Brazil in the second place and Ricardo Fabini & Nicolás Stéfani in third.

Pedro Garra



South American Championship

Results

Skipper/Crew	Country/Sail #	Finishes	Total
1. Santiago Silveira/Nicolas Shaban	URU29827	(7)-1-5-2-2-2-1	12.5
2. Henrique Wanderley/Richard Zietemann	BRA29822	3-2-3-1-1-(7)-4	13.5
3. Ricardo Fabini/Nicolas Stefani	URU28026	(4)-3-2-4-3-1-2	14.75
4. Andre Wahrlich/Atile P. de Lima	BRA26804	6-6-(9)-5-4-3-3	27
5. Stephen Dickinson/Kimie Isobe	BER25864	1-4-10-3-9-(13)-7	33.75
6. Roberto Fabini/Diego Stefani	URU29826	5-7-4-(8)-5-8-5	34
7. Diego Garcia/Maria Stefani	URU29785	(13)-10-1-6-7-4-9	36.75
8. Pedro Garra/Felipe Garcia	URU29251	12-(16)-6-9-6-6-8	47
9. Adolfo Benavides/Federico Pierson*	ARG22718	10-5-7-7-13-11-(14)	53
10. Andrea/Mariana Foglia	URU29829	(15)-9-11-12-12-9-10	63
11. Alex Juk/Piero Zurlan	BRA29971	(17)-11-12-11-8-12-11	65
12. Alejandro Carluccio/Phillip Umpierre	URU29828	2-14-8-13-11-(dnf)-dnc	73
13. Santiago Gari/Rosina Rodriguez*	URU29886	8-8-(20)-16-16-10-17	75
14. Crisopher/Alesandra Schewe	URU21597	11-15-(17)-14-17-5-16	78
15. Javier Moyano/Carlos Wybert	ARG29730	19-13-14-15-(dnf)-16-6	83
16. Sebastian Guerra/Juan Dris	ARG28647	14-(18)-18-10-14-17-13	86
17. Pablo Defazio/Diego Freiria	URU28024	16-12-(dnc)-22-10-15-12	87
18. Adolfo Idoyaga/Alejandro Rodriguez*	URU27785	18-19-15-18-15-(20)-18	103
19. Juan Sierra/Santiago Sanchez*	URU27784	9-17-13-(dnf)-21-22-21	103
20. Esteban Fourquet/Franco Camba	ARG29344	(22)-21-19-19-19-21-15	114
21. Cristobal Grez/Juan Sanchez	CHI28851	21-22-21-17-20-14-(dnf)	115
22. James Harvey/Yukiko Yanaga	BER27205	(25)-24-16-21-22-18-19	120
23. Matias Murguia/Federico Rodriguez	URU28193	20-23-22-(24)-18-19-20	122
24. Ignacio Capurro/Felipe DeLeon*	URU29346	23-20-24-20-24-24-(dnc)	135
25. Diego Ronco/Eduardo Medici	URU28025	24-(dnf)-23-23-23-23-22	138

* Junior sailors

Commodore's Comments

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ers' classes that receive funding from sources we cannot access. But we are competitors. We wouldn't be racing if we weren't. This is just one more challenge we must meet. And we are up to the task.

Oh, the commodore in 1951 was Commodore Owen Duffy, who died before that summer was out, and that boy, well, he is the current commodore of SCIRA.

In the last Snipe Bulletin an article titled "A commodore's Year" catalogued the travels of Commodore Birger Jansen's year as commodore of Snipe Class and the regattas in which he sailed. It is doubtful any commodore ever "showed the flag" so effectively or so broadly. And it will be a long time until someone matches his interest and dedication to our Class. The present commodore salutes you, Birger.

*Brainard Cooper
Commodore*



North Americans won by Szabo and Suarez

The Columbia River Gorge is a natural wind tunnel that extends about 100 miles from the cool Pacific Ocean in Portland Oregon, through the Cascade Mountains in an easterly direction to the desert. It has walls as high as 1500 feet on both sides, and is about a mile wide where we are sailing in Cascade Locks. This gorge is a natural pipeline for the sea breeze to travel all the way to the desert. As long as there is sunshine over the desert, air will rise and pull wind up the gorge at a routine 18-20 kts every afternoon. About 20 miles to the east where the Hood River joins the Columbia River, the gorge walls are very close, funneling the wind to a normal 30 kts with standing waves from the current; windsurfing paradise.

It is in this unbelievable setting, surrounded by the spectacular beauty of the Cascade Mountains, that the Snipe Class is holding the 2003 North Americans. Only 12 boats are in attendance; a result of the Gorge's reputation for heavy air, and the heavy schedule of great racing over the last month eating away at everyone's vacation time. But, if you did not come, you are missing it.

The start of the first race found Lampros and Thompson both over at the pin-end of the line, and both came back to restart giving the rest of the fleet a huge lead. The current was about equal across the river at the wide spot where we were racing, although the chop was much worse at the bottom of the windward-leeward course. Henry Filter and Kim Couranz rounded first followed closely by George Szabo and Shelly Suarez.

The second race continued with the unusual shifty conditions, but the wind was now 14-16kts. George Szabo and Shelly Suarez performed a perfect 360° turn (but on the wrong axis) capsizing and turtling with less than 3 minutes to go before the start. At 1:30 they were still capsized. Expertly they got it back up the first try and actually had to luff a while at the pin end because they were early. The start was otherwise clean and uneventful. Again, Henry Filter and Kim Couranz beat George Szabo and Shelly Suarez to the first windward mark, but this time George and Shelly were able to sail by-the-lee all the way to the mark, blazing fast, and moving into the lead. There were many capsizes in this race as the wind built to 19 kts and the chop got proportionately higher. George and Shelly finished the day with two bullets. There was beer on the beach, and a lot of excitement, as heavy air always seems to bring out in Snipe sailors. A pizza party at a small pub ended a full day's activities.

Saturday morning was gorgeous; cool 64°, and only a light wind coming up the gorge. An early start was planned since the heaviest winds are usually in the mid-afternoon. It was only 6 kts as we left the beach, but that kept the weekend windsurfers off the river for a while. A windward-

leeward course was set and the current pushed several boats over early in the lighter air. Everyone scrambled back to restart, and there was no need for a general recall. Szabo found all of the shifts and kept in the pressure, passing Tillson half-way up the next beat, and extending it before the weather mark. Tillson held onto second, Griffith held third, Filter fourth, and Thompson remained fifth. The wind was beginning to pick up now, 10 kts and shifting a little to the left. Szabo and Suarez were now powered up and easily won the third race; Filter and Couranz were second. Many of the boats sailed to the beach to change their rig tuning assuming that the 'big' wind was coming for the next race.

The wind was up to 12-14 kts for the fourth race, which was enough to start getting the windsurfers and kite boarders out on the river. Henry and Kim rounded the leeward mark easily 20 boat-lengths ahead of Lee and Gus, with Dave and John holding third. Carolyn and Eric Krebs had moved up to fourth until their rudder came off, which required assistance to retrieve, forcing them to retire without rounding the last leeward mark. George and Shelly were energized with their short swim and passed boats like crazy to get back to finish fourth; Henry and Kim won, Lee and Gus were second, and Dave and John were third. The RC called for a two hour rest while the afternoon breeze pushed the windsurfers around.

By 1600 the wind seemed to be calming down enough to go back out for the fifth race. There were so many windsurfers and kite boarders that we had to move the entire course west a quarter mile. At the start the breeze was still measured as 17-18 kts but it was coming down from the 22 kts an hour earlier. The RC signaled a "W" course. Everyone was at max-de-power. Henry and Kim hit the committee boat end, right on time, going fast, and took off rolling the entire fleet as they headed for the shelter and shifts of the left corner. They rounded first with Tillson second, and Szabo third. The windward mark was in the lee of the launching beach so the spectator crowd had a great view of the action.

The next day the Gorge was glassy calm; unexpected to say the least. 30 minutes after the scheduled start we had a steady 6-8 kts and a windward leeward course was signaled. There were several over early but everyone heard the hail and returned rapidly with little effect in the light air. The wind started to pick up as the fleet sailed the final leg but remained 10-12 kts max until after everyone was back to the beach. George and Shelly kept a loose cover on Henry and Kim for the remainder of the leg winning the sixth and final race, clinching the series, and becoming the 2003 North American Champions. The trophy presentation was in the parking lot as everyone finished packing up their boats. The US Snipe Class gratefully thanks the Columbia River Racing Association, the Willamette Sailing Club, the town of Cascade Locks, and all of their volunteers for hosting such a terrific regatta. This venue is truly one of the great treasures of North America and we intend to keep coming back for more for a long time.

-Bill Welch

North American Championship Results

<i>Skipper/Crew</i>	<i>Sail #</i>	<i>Finishes</i>	<i>Total</i>
1. George Szabo/Shelly Suarez	29957	1-1-1-(4)-3-1	6
2. Henry Filter/Kim Couranz	29867	(2)-2-2-1-1-2	7.5
3. David Tillson/John Fretwell	29112	(4)-4-3-3-2-4	16
4. Lee Griffith/Gus Wirth	29204	5-3-4-2-5-(6)	19
5. Carolyn/Eric Krebs	28955	3-7-7-dnf-(dnc)-3	29
6. Kirk Smith/K. Ivashchencko	27522	6-5-6-dnf-4-(10)	30
7. Bertel/Nicolas Bojlesen	27668	9-dnf-(11)-5-6-7	37
8. Brad/Johnnie Beckett	26752	8-6-10-6-7-(12)	37
9. Cliff Wright/Richard Welch	28472	7-(8)-8-7-8-8	38
10. Jerry Thompson/Sherry Eldridge	24702	(dnf)-dnf-5-dnf-dnc-5	41
11. Charles/Graham Heimler	29302	10-9-9-dnf-(dnc)-9	46
12. Jim Lampros/Sarah McAllister	27377	11-(12)-12-8-9-11	51



US Nationals

Buzzards Bay, Massachusetts

July 12-18

Andrew Pimental and Kathleen Tocke sailed a great regatta to claim this year's National Championship title. The US Junior, Women's and Junior/Senior Nationals were held the 2 days prior with Roberto Ramirez/Andrew Brennan taking the trophy with all firsts except for a dnf for a broken mast. Nick Voss with Dad Ken crewing sailed a great series in the Special Junior division, claiming title to the Old Man Diaz Perpetual, while Lisa Pline with Kim Couranz as crew bested the women's fleet and finally won a well deserved National title. In the Senior division, 51 boats attended the Nationals with the Crosby elimination series held the first few days in light to moderate breeze. Jerry Thompson/Sheehan Commette and Pimental/Tocke ended up tied for first, with Pimental/Tocke winning the tie breaker.

With the split made between the Heinzerling and Wells series, based upon Crosby results, the fleet ventured onto Buzzards Bay for a wild ride. The forecast was for 20-25 knots and the group wasn't disappointed. The racing was actually held in the more manageable 15-18 knot range, but by the end of the day, the Heinzerling fleet found puffs to 25 at the finish. The ride in was awesome with puffs recorded to 30 and Pimental/Tocke breaking their mast with a monster puff from behind. The Wells series, racing behind the Heinzerling, felt the brunt of the storm on their last leg of racing, causing many capsizes and many masts broken or left to be straightened on-shore. Concern on shore for a sailor rescued and taken to the hospital, but he was back and Augie Diaz was forming a party to rescue his abandoned boat from the rocks. The next day, he, his crew and boat were back racing! What a Class!

The final 2 days of racing brought varying conditions. The fleet was towed out to start a W-L course in light breeze on Thursday, but as the day progressed the breeze increased to 16-18 providing surfing conditions. One race found the fleet passing the other stuck in a windless hole. By the end of the day, Szabo/Janney were leading with Pimental/Tocke and Diaz/Rogers in the hunt. One race was scheduled on the final day and the title came down to that race. The lead changed throughout the race, but Pimental/Tocke had the championship locked, so it was up to Szabo and Diaz. Szabo covered Diaz around the course. Meanwhile Rob Hallawell and Jerelyn Biehl sailed a smart race, winning and securing 4th overall, but watched as 2nd and 3rd were decided at the finish line. Szabo crossed first giving them 2nd with Diaz in 3rd. Peter and daughter Morgan Commette secured 5th overall.

Meanwhile in the Wells fleet, Scott Leppert and Julie Batcho, sailing a 1984 McLaughlin, put the boat in gear and won the Crosby winning 4 out of the 6 races.

A great trophy dinner and dancing ensued at the Beverly Yacht Club with the presentation of all the SCIRA trophies. District 1 and Barb Evans did an outstanding job with these Nationals, especially being held at a club that doesn't have Snipes!

-Bill Welch

Results -Heinzerling Series (top 25)

1.	Pimental/Tocke	30110	1-2-1-1-4-(14)-6	14.5
2.	Szabo/Janney	29957	3-(5)-4-2-3-5-3	20
3.	Diaz/Rogers	28810	5-4-3-5-1-(11)-4	21.75
4.	Hallawell/Biehl	29842	9-11-6-3-2-(26)-1	31.75
5.	Commette/Commette	30089	13-1-2-12-(31)-1-5	33.5
6.	Filter/Griffith	29867	10-3-9-11-(130)-7-2	42
7.	Reinke/Couranz	29892	6-9-7-(18)-6-3-11	42
8.	Fishback/Stout	28142	(15)-8-5-15-10-2-7	47
9.	Mandersons	29684	(24)-12-8-4-11-4-9	48
10.	Pline/Pline	29147	(19)-16-10-9-7-12-12	66
11.	Bowers/MacRae	28440	4-13-19-(20)-9-10-13	68
12.	Sackett/Sackett	28575	18-7-(dnf)-17-5-17-8	72
13.	MacRae/Evans	29727	(23)-18-11-7-8-19-10	73
14.	Tilson/Fretwell	29112	8-6-22-14-(ocs)-9-20	79
15.	Lorson/Duffy	28044	21-10-20-13-12-6-(22)	82
16.	Stewart/Wirth	29108	20-14-15-10-(22)-8-16	83
17.	Diaz/Guevara	29992	7-25-14-6-14-(30)-23	89
18.	Thompson/Commette	24702	2-(21)-13-19-19-21-19	93
19.	Griffith/Griffith	29204	16-19-12-16-17-(29)-14	94
20.	Blackwood/Simonson	29628	17-17-17-8-25-(32)-18	102
21.	O'Hare's	29016	12-20-18-(24)-23-16-15	104
22.	Ramirez/Hermida	29963	11-(dnf)-23-31-15-13-17	110
23.	Tagliamonte/Epstein	29311	14-22-24-21-16-25-(ocs)	122
24.	Levinson/Levinson	26894	22-15-26-(dnf)-20-27-25	135
25.	Sepanski/Manning	29995	(34)-26-27-22-24-15-26	140

Wells (top 10)

1.	Leppert/Batcho	25679	3-1-2-1-1-1-(4)	8
2.	Coyle/Stumski	28542	1-2-4-3-2-3-(5)	15
3.	Suarez/Suarez	29614	(11)-5-4-3-4-3-3	17
4.	Towles/Towles	26808	8-4-1-(10)-4-5-3	24.75
5.	Snebold/Snebold	29882	(12)-8-5-6-8-6-6	39
6.	Zackin/Suggs	29111	2-(dns)-dns-4-ocs-4-1	40.75
7.	Heimler/Heimler	29611	4-(9)-7-9-5-9-8	42
8.	Gannon/Panza	28050	9-3-6-(dns)-6-11-dnc	51
9.	Schneiders	29102	7-6-dnf-5-(dns)-dns-7	52
10.	Hendersons	24605	(15)-7-dnf-11-9-7-9	53

Women's

1.	Lisa Pline/Kim Couranz	29147	1-1-2-1-1	5
2.	Carolyn Krebs/Sherry Eldridge	28955	3-2-1-3-2	10.75
3.	Aimee Graham/Barb Evans	29892	2-3-3-2-3	13
4.	Sherry Welch/Sheehan Commette	30027	4-5-4-5-5	23
5.	Laura Jeffers/Meredith Collins	28702	7-4-5-4-4	24
6.	Jennifer Rousmaniere/Melitta King	25412	6-6-6-6-6	30
7.	Susan Lodico/Janice Taylor	28442	5-8-9-7-8	37
8.	Karen Lorenz/Suzie Wulff	26759	9-7-7-8-7	38
9.	Kerry O'Brien/Elizabeth Lally	29700	8-9-8-9-9	43

Juniors

1.	Robert Ramirez/Andrew Brennan	29963	1-dnf-1-1-1	7
2.	Morgan Commette/Andrea Griffith	29114	2-2-2-3-2	11
3.	Tomas Hornos/Benjamin Arcia	26714	3-1-3-2-4	12.75
4.	Max Hardage/Kate Henderson	29369	4-dnf-4-4-3	19
5.	Erin Elser/Jennifer Erikson	29111	5-dns-5-5-dns	29
6.	Joseph Panza/Matt Erickson	25417	dnf-dns-6-6-dns	32

Special Juniors

1.	Nick/Ken Voss	26900	1-1-2-1-2	6.25
2.	Sam Manning/J. Sepanski	29955	2-4-3-2-1	11.75
3.	Adam/Art Rousmaniere	28050	3-2-1-3-4	12.75
4.	David/Laura Snebold	29882	4-3-4-4-3	18
5.	Brittany/Rob Hallawell	29842	dnf-dns-5-dns-dns	28



UK Snipe Nationals

Herne Bay Sailing Club

August 15-17

Sixteen boats entered the 54th UK Snipe National Championships and European Cup at Herne Bay SC from 15-17 August. Winds were from the northeast all three days and averaged force 4-5 throughout, making for ideal sailing conditions with Olympic courses set.

In the first race, Giovanni and Dina Galeotti from Belgium posted their intent with a win in front of Richard and Iain Marshall. Richard normally crews for this older brother Iain so it was an excellent performance. Peter Wolstenholme and Tony Hunt were third. The Galeotti team were clearly in a hurry to get back to their two-month old daughter as they took the second race ahead of Alan Williams and Liz Crouch, who eventually overhauled early leaders Brian and Ian Gregory whom at one stage had forged a sizeable lead, eventually dropping to third.

On Saturday the multiple former champion Wolstenholme kick-started his campaign with a bullet in the third race in front of Richard Lambert whose ex-pat crew Patrick Biddulph – now residing in Gran Canaria – was racing in his first UK Nationals in four years. Lambert and Biddulph just edged out the Galeotti team in a near dead heat finish.

The Belgian couple resumed normal service in the fourth race with a third victory in front of Wolstenholme, and Ian Knight and David Bennet's storming final beat promoted them to third.

In mid-fleet there were some excellent tussles between the crews helmed by Jon Simpson, Christopher Surrige, Alan Hoy, Mark Antonelli and Roger Barnes, each swapping places in some tight racing.

On Sunday, another victory for the Galeotti team secured overall victory and enabled them to sit out the final race. Wolstenholme and Hunt's second ensured overall runner-up spot, but Lambert and Biddulph's third place did not secure overall third. They had to make sure the fourth placed Williams and Crouch did not beat them by more than one boat in the final race.

The sixth race proved something of an epic for the teams vying for third overall. At the windward mark, Wolstenholme led in front of Williams, with Lambert third. On the second reach, Williams powered past Wolstenholme and courageously held on with Wolstenholme and Lambert in pursuit, for three more grueling legs to take the gun for the race and overall third by .25 of a point.

The Snipe fleet thoroughly enjoyed its first visit to Herne Bay and was very grateful for the excellent race management, rescue and beach crew, canteen and back up teams who made the event so memorable for all.

Richard Lambert

<i>Skipper/Crew</i>	<i>Finishes</i>	<i>Total</i>
1. Galeotti/Galeotti	1-1-3-1-1-dns	6
2. Wolstenholme/Hunt	3-5-1-2-2-2	9.75
3. Williams/Crouch	5-2-4-6-4-1	15.75
4. Lambert/Biddulph	4-8-2-4-3-3	16
5. Marshall/Marshall	2-6-5-8-5-4	22
6. Knoght/Bennet	ocs-4-7-3-6-5	25
7. Gregory/Gregory	ocs-3-6-5-7-6	27
8. McGonigle/Welch	6-7-10-7-9-7	36
9. Hoy/Boisaubert	8-11-8-9-8-9	42
10. Antonelli/Alexander	7-9-9-13-11-8	44
11. Simpson/Hoy	9-10-dnf-12-12-10	53
12. Surrige/Roberts	12-14-12-11-10-11	56
13. Barnes/Halshaw	11-13-1-10-14-dns	59
14. Taylor/Williams	10-12-13-14-13-12	60
15. Andrews/Andrews	13-15-dns-dns-15-13	72
16. Alexander/Alexander	14-dns-dns-dns-dnf-dns	78

2003 Dues Paid

as of September 15, 2003

As prescribed by the 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. Current lists of paid members can be e-mailed to Fleet Captains, National Secretaries or Regatta Organizers in a very timely fashion!

The 2005 Worlds entry quota will be based upon the average of boats paid for the years 2003 & 2004.

Country	Boats Paid	Skippers	Crews
Argentina	36	35	41
Bahamas	14	15	0
Belarus	3	3	2
Belgium	18	19	10
Bermuda	4	3	1
Brazil	64	63	65
Canada	11	15	4
Chile	1	1	1
Colombia	25	28	24
Cuba	5	3	2
Denmark	19	34	1
Finland	18	35	29
France	45	44	34
Germany	7	6	3
Italy	98	99	42
Japan	176	358	63
Norway	103	104	9
Paraguay	4	5	1
Poland	8	8	8
Portugal	64	66	28
Russia	49	32	32
Spain	100	96	1
Sweden	44	38	26
Ukraine	3	4	2
United Kingdom	22	25	8
United States	518	577	84
Uruguay	14	19	17
Total	1468	1734	536

SCIRA Board of Governors

Minutes

August 5, 2003

Landskrona, Sweden

Commodore Brainard Cooper called the meeting to order at 8:25pm. Welcoming remarks and introductions were made. The following were in attendance: Commodore Brainard Cooper, Vice Commodore Jiro Yamamoto, Member at Large Sherri Welch, South European Secretary Claudio Ciufo, US National Secretary Bill Welch, Chief Measurer Antonio Bari, Rules Committee Chairman Giorgio Brezich, European Secretary Gilles Boisaubert, Past Commodore Birger Jansen, Members at Large Cliff Browning and Robert Dunkley, Vice Rules Chairman Steve Stewart and Executive Director Jerelyn Biehl. Guests in attendance were: Past Commodores Per Ole Holm and Means Davis, visitors Andrey Astashev of Russia.

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting was made by Giorgio Brezich. Brainard Cooper motioned to amend the minutes to reflect that the East European Secretary vote failed because a majority of the total members of the Board of Governors were not present to pass motions amending the Constitution. According to 23.4 of the SCIRA Constitution, a super majority of all Board of Governor members must vote in the affirmative to approve any motion made from the floor. The motion was seconded by Cliff Browning passed as amended.

A quorum was established for items on the agenda for this Board meeting.

National Secretaries Meeting summary; Jerelyn Biehl summarized the NS meeting and made note that the NS would appreciate the Boards consideration of the following items: possible decrease in the length of major events; consideration of increased number of boats in the Worlds; website with more graphics and animation; NS support Category C for advertising prescription.

Officers Reports

Commodore: Commodore Cooper talked of bright signs for the Class. Our financial position is good but could be better. He stated that we are currently ° way through the year and we hope our numbers will increase. The Pan Am Games situation has taken much time this year and we are actively moving to rectify the position for the future.

European Secretary Report: (see National Secretary's minutes)

Western Hemisphere & Orient Report: no report given

East European Report: (see National Secretary's minutes)

Executive Director's Report: Jerelyn Biehl thanked each Board member for their cooperation and communication and summarized that daily business in the Class office is busy and varied. The finances are in good order and the updated version of the financial software allows the office to e-mail invoices and statements directly to each National Secretary, helping to decrease postage costs. The office has been working with the treasurer to decrease expenses this year. The database is going smoother this year, but still requires a lot of time. There were problems with the Worlds entries this year and verification of membership, mostly through a late submission of entries from the organizers. The Office would like the Board to consider that all entries for Hemisphere and Worlds must go through the SCIRA office first. Finally, Jerelyn stated that she is disappointed in the new Snipe Bulletin and feels it is not a quality product.

Rules Committee: Giorgio Brezich commented that the Rules Committee has been busy this year and in constant contact discussing various rules issues that have been brought to their attention, including scoring, rules, and measurement of boats.

Chief Measurer: Antonio Bari has asked each National Secretary for a list of active measurers in their countries, and only 4 have responded. This list is necessary so Antonio can contact them and alert them di-



SCIRA Board Members take a break during meetings: L-R, Back: Gilles Boisaubert, Sherry Welch, Bill Welch, Cliff Browning, Brainard Cooper, Birger Jansen, Robert Dunkley. Front: Antonio Bari, Giorgio Brezich, Jiro Yamamoto.

rectly to any new interpretations or issues they may run into at regattas.

Regatta Bids:

2004 WH & O: Cabo Frio, Brazil. Approved.

2004 Europeans: Lorient, France. Approved

2006 European: Pori, Finland. Approved subject to receipt of bid form in the SCIRA office.

2004 North Americans: Jacksonville, Florida, USA. Approved

2004 South Americans: Porto Alegre, Brazil. Approved subject to receipt of bid form.

2005 Worlds: Gamagori, Japan. Tabled until the end of the meeting.

Committee Reports:

Finances: Pedro Lorson submitted the following report: "2003 Financial Results: the 2003 financial statements for SCIRA International have been updated through May 31st. Revenues to date total \$36,000 and expenses total \$26,000. As of May 31st SCIRA International has a profit of \$10,000.

2003 Receivable Balances: As of May 31st, there was an outstanding receivable balance of \$12,875 on the balance sheet, of which, \$5,000 of it is aged. Some of these balances date as far back as 2001. This is unacceptable! I would ask this Board to please address the matter of a more timely collection of our receivable balances at this meeting. Our class needs every dollar that it earns, to be collected within 30 days. Much of Jerelyn's time is spent chasing down overdue receivables. This is time she could be spending promoting our class.

Financial Update: Significant progress has been made in the finances since last year. Last year, the Finance committee asked the US Board to retain the services of Cline, Harduval and Co, CPAs. They were hired to provide Jerelyn with the necessary Quickbooks training, and to oversee the bookkeeping. This was done in late 2002. The results are that all SCIRA book and records are current and accurate. It is essential that these standards be maintained, otherwise SCIRA could run the risk of losing its 501c3 exemption with the Internal Revenue Service.

2001 and 2002 Financial Results: the 2001 & 2002 SCIRA International financial statements were completed back in late 2002. These statements need to be issued to the SCIRA membership as soon as possible. As the Int. Treasurer, I would expect these financial statements to be issued *exactly* as I have prepared them.

Understatement of SCIRA International Expense Base: It should be understood that the Int. expense base for 2001, 2002 and for 2003 is understated. The issue at hand is the proper allocation of Jerelyn's salary and her related benefits between International and US. 2001 was the first year that SCIRA Finance has put into place a method to allocate those charges based on monthly time sheets that have been prepared by Jerelyn. This method of allocation provides a much more accurate means by which



to allocate SCIRA highest expense. This allows both the US and International Boards to better understand how much time Jerelyn is really spending on Int. versus US. Currently Jerelyn's salary and benefits are paid 45% by US and 55% by Int. These time sheets indicate that she is really spending 30% of her time on US and 70% of her time on Int. As mentioned earlier, much of her time is spent chasing down uncollected receivables. If the receivable balances were remitted on a timely basis, I am sure that her % of time spent on Int. relative to US would be closer to the actual pay out. This difference should be set up on the US balance sheet as a receivable, and corresponding payable should be recorded on the Int. balance sheet. As someone who is both the Int. and US Treasurer, and after consulting with all past Treasurers, we are all in full agreement with the new and improved allocation process needs to be put into place for all years going forward. However, the US Board has agreed to bear these costs and as such the proper disclosures have been included on the financial statements that I have prepared. I am proposing to this Board that some form of the allocation methodology be adapted in 2003."

There was a motion by Cliff Browning to accept the Treasurer's report for 2001 & 2002, seconded by Robert Dunkley. Cliff Browning then made a motion to amend the statements of 2001 & 2002 to strike from the Expenses, the lines "International salary expense funded by US" and "Payroll and relations benefits funded by US." Both totals for the "Payroll and related benefits" lines would be increased by the stricken amount to reflect the actual expenses. Bill Welch seconded the amendment. The motion to accept the original report as amended passed unanimously. Brainard Cooper made the Treasurer's motion for the Class to adopt "some form of allocation methodology." Motion dies for lack of a second.

ISAF Report: Per Ole Holm spoke that he has not represented the Snipe Class at ISAF meetings since 2001. At the past 2 ISAF meetings, the SCIRA representative has not attended the Int. Classes Council. Per Ole spoke of the great importance of an ISAF Representative and called for the election of a rep.

Membership Report: Cliff Browning gave a summary of the questionnaire he surveyed both National Secretaries and Int. Classes on membership cards. 12 countries responded; 7 responded yes; 8 responded that the method should be changed, suggesting sending blank cards to each NS for them to complete and hand out with the decals. A discussion was held on the importance of the membership card and enforcement. Robert Dunkley made a motion to investigate the issuance of membership cards on-line. Motion passed.

Sherri Welch presented a report to study the possibility of a single membership. The excellent graphs provided discussion on the various possibilities and possible effect on future membership income. After much discussion, Gilles Boisaubert, seconded by Bill Welch, made a motion to have one category of membership, beginning January 1, 2004. Motion passed. A second motion was made by Gilles Boisaubert, seconded by Giorgio Brezich that a discount for junior dues be considered by the finance committee and suggested to the Board. Cliff Browning amended the motion to include membership at \$15 and junior membership at \$10. Motion and amendment passed.

Junior Committee Report: Giovanni Galeotti submitted the following report: Objectives: The committee was asked to gather information and make recommendations for the promotion of junior sailing in the Snipe with an eye to the subsequent retention of junior sailors in the class. Promotion of future Snipe Junior Worlds with an eye to improving the event was also a specific objective. Findings: 1) the response rate from questionnaires circulated to NS was very low. This indicated that either communication within the Class can be improved and/or many do not consider junior sailing a priority. To the Committee's knowledge there are countries with no junior sailing that did not reply. 2) Insufficient responses were given from which to produce statistically meaningful data. 3) The suggestions received from the surveys were as follows: a) hold junior worlds every year; b) allow sailors from other classes who

are not Snipe Class members to participate. 4) The Class and junior sailing within the Class can be very different from country to country or in some cases from region to region. There is no single solution for the promotion of junior Snipe sailing that will work across the board.

Recommendations: The Snipe Class is attractive for junior sailors for the following reasons, amongst others: 1) it provides a chance to learn from experienced sailors, 3) it is a relatively simple and affordable "tactical boat." In many ways it is therefore ideal for young sailors who want to learn how to race. 1) The NS need to be involved directly in junior promotion and should probably be asked to report and share their positive and even their negative experiences with junior sailing. Each country is different and local focus will be necessary to optimize each situation. Numerical goals and reward system should be put in place. 2) The Jr. World Championship should be held every year. Two years are simply too long for young sailors to keep their focus. Moreover those who are 19 on their last year of eligibility have an unfair advantage over those who are 18 on their last year. 3) to leverage the depth of champions we have in the Class a three day clinic taught by a panel of our most experienced sailors should precede the junior worlds (a three day clinic hosted by the likes of Mark Reynolds or Torben Grael is very good motivation for a young sailor to sail Snipe and try to go to the Worlds. 4) a limited number (5) of good junior sailors from other classes should be invited to the jr. worlds to raise the level and interest in the event. 5) to lower the costs of running the jr. worlds we should consider maintaining the same venue for two or even three consecutive years (where there is a large fleet of boats that can be borrowed for the event and where great champions willing to volunteer for the pre-race clinic can easily get to.) Summary: the Jr. Committee would like to stay on and continue its work. We feel we have not had enough feedback yet to write final recommendations, nor do we feel the job will be finished until a mechanism for truly managing jr. sailing on an ongoing basis is put in place.

The Board will thank the Jr. Committee for it's fine work and would like these suggestions to be passed on to the next Jr. world organizers. The Board would like the Jr. Committee to continue its work.

Promotion: Jiro Yamamoto passed out copies of promotion plans and ideas from his committee of himself, Kai Saarhelo and Pedro Garra. Yamamoto suggested the Board consider the Snipe making a presentation to ISAF regarding Olympic consideration. Commodore Cooper will ask the Pan Am Committee to research and report to the Board.

Nominating Committee: Giorgio Brezich and his committee will add the ISAF representative to their list of nominees.

Old Business:

There were no tabled motions from the previous meeting.

Worlds Quota: the Commodore will appoint a committee to study and evaluate the system that has been in place for 2 World Championships. It was suggested that an Open Silver Championship be added to the Worlds. In addition, 50% of the countries have less than 60 boats. It was also suggested that SCIRA allow qualifiers from the N,S and E Europeans as well as North & South Americans. Consideration must be given to the Orient as well. The Commodore will ask the Long Range Planning Committee to consider.

New Business:

Honorary Vice Commodores: Jan Persson of Denmark and John Broughton of the UK were both nominated and unanimously voted as HVC for their dedication to the Class and years of service. Presentations will be made when appropriate.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15pm to be reconvened on Thursday, Aug.7 at 9:00am.

The meeting was re-adjourned at 9:15am, Thursday, Aug. 7.

Deeds of Gift:

South American Jr. Championship. Motion to amend, presented by Pedro Garra and the NS of SA as follows: Awarded to: top placing jr. skipper and crew in South American Championship. Open to: delete 3,

“there shall be no entry fee.” Regatta conditions: 1. Conducted every year together with the South American Championship. 4. Delete “3 races shall be attempted. 1 race shall constitute a regatta.” Motion seconded by Giorgio Brezich. Motion passed.

World Masters Championship: Motion to amend, presented by Id Crook, Canada. Regatta Conditions: 7 races of SCIRA approved courses. 2. No more than 2 races in one day. 3. 3 races constitute a regatta. 4. Regatta site to be approved by SCIRA Board at World Championship. 5. Regatta venue to rotate, North America, Europe, South America, Japan. 6. No races to be run in wind velocity exceeding 15 knots. 7. Boats to be weighed and sails measured only. 8. 3 divisions of medals for trophies for the top 3 places in the following divisions: A. Apprentice masters (45-54 years) B. Masters (55-64 years) C. Grand Masters (65 and over), Overall World Masters Champion will be top placing team. 8. Host country will hold a drawing for participants chartering boats. Motion seconded by Cliff Browning. Motion passed.

Hub E. Isaacks World Championship: Motion to amend by Giorgio Brezich. Open to: 1. Skipper and crew must be SCIRA members in good standing with their fleet, country, and the Association and sailing a Snipe registered to SCIRA for the current year.

Regatta Conditions: 2. second bullet *First, second, and third days – 2 races (remove “in events with chartered boats, first day will only have 1 race.”) 3. If six or seven races are completed, the worst race shall be dropped, including a disqualification, if allowed by the SCIRA Official Scoring system. (remove rest of wording) Add: “3 races constitute a regatta.” Motion proposed by Robert Dunkley, seconded by Cliff Browning. Motion passed.

Promotion: Jiro Yamamoto circulated a report submitted by his committee consisting of himself, Pedro Garra and Kai Saarhelo. Yamamoto will circulate a summary of the report to officers and National Secretaries. Yamamoto wants to promote the slogan from Kai Saarhelo: “Think Globally, Act Locally” for fleets to follow.

Rules Committee:

1. Membership: motion proposed by Giorgio Brezich, seconded by Cliff Browning. “Masters and Juniors may enter their respective World Championships as non-owners.” Motion passed.
2. Term of Office: Housekeeping motion presented by Giorgio Brezich, seconded by Claudio Ciuffo. “The following officers of the Snipe Class are elected to one-year terms of office: Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore. The following are elected to three-year terms of office: At-Large members of the Board of Governors (these are staggered so that all do not come due on the same year.) The following are elected to four-year terms of office: Rules Committee chairman and Vice Chairman, Treasurer (re-elect able only once consecutively), Chief Measurer.” Motion passed. (Note: these terms of office have been in place since 1993 but were inadvertently left out of the Rulebook.)
3. Sails: Proposed by Giorgio Brezich, seconded by Steve Stewart. “Masters and juniors may use borrowed or chartered sails for their respective World Championships.” Motion passed.
4. Sails: Proposed by Giorgio Brezich, Gilles Boisaubert. “The maximum dimension across the top of the mainsail shall be maximum 176 mm measured from inside of the boltrope.” Motion passed.
5. Course Changes: Motion made by Giorgio Brezich, seconded by Steve Stewart, amended by Robert Dunkley & seconded by Gilles Boisaubert. “SCIRA courses changed to reflect courses based on time, not length, with a target of 60 minutes and a maximum of 75 minutes with a total time limit of 2 hours maximum or 20 minutes after the arrival of the first boat.” Motion passed.
6. Course Changes: Motion by Giorgio Brezich seconded by Robert Dunkley; amended by Gilles Boisaubert and seconded

by Birger Janes. “To consider a start and finish line at 1/3 of the windward leg, to be applied only to regattas up to National Championships, with approval of the National Secretary only.” Motion passed.

7. Course Changes: “In every race with at least 24 boats, offset and gates will be applied in a windward-leeward course.” Proposal withdrawn
8. Course Changes: “To shorten SCIRA courses to 1 hours or 1 hour, 15 minutes.” Proposal withdrawn
9. Advertising Policy: Motion by Giorgio Brezich, seconded by Steve Stewart. “SCIRA adopt Category C for all regattas.” Motion passed.
10. Measurement Rules: Motion by Giorgio Brezich, seconded by Gilles Boisaubert. “Bolt rope on the mainsail foot and luff may be cut-out, at tack only.” Motion passed.
11. Measurement Rules: Motion by Giorgio Brezich, seconded by Birger Jansen. “A screw or other stopper shall limit the top mainsail highest position over the lower edge of mast top band. In case of masts with masthead halyard locks, the stopper (lower edge) shall be located at middle of the top band.” Motion passed.
12. Measurement Rules: “A measurement sticker (void label) will be used to determine the correct location of the pin of the mast step.” Motion withdrawn.
13. Measurement Rules: Motion by Giorgio Brezich, seconded by Steve Stewart. “Centerboard width allowance of +/- 3mm as allowed on bottom of centerboard.” Motion passed.
14. Measurement Rules: Motion by Giorgio Brezich, seconded by Steve Stewart. “Gudgeon allowance of +/- 3mm on the position of the gudgeons (lower 155, upper 410).” Motion passed.
15. Charter Boats for International Events: Motion tabled, but Board will recommend to bidding countries: “A country bidding for any international event (world, hemisphere, European, SA, NA, etc.) must guarantee that prices for chartered boats shall not exceed USD\$500 plus insurance costs. The following guidelines are recommended: for “A” boats: \$500; “B” boats: \$300; “C” boats: \$200.”

Worlds 2005: Gamagori, Japan. Jiro Yamamoto was able to contact Akibumi Shinoda with the following comments; Entry fee was presented in the bid for \$400, but they may be flexible to lower to \$300-\$350. 20 charter boats listed in the bid form are those available in the Kaiyoh Yacht Harbor. There are many more available from other areas and individuals. Motion to accept Japan’s bid by Gilles Boisaubert, seconded by Birger Jansen. Motion passed.

Motion by Gilles Boisaubert to ratify all motions made previously by the International Board of Governors since the 2001 Board meeting. Seconded by Birger Jansen. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn by Sherri Welch, seconded by Gilles Boisaubert. Motion passed. Adjourned at 12:10pm.



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