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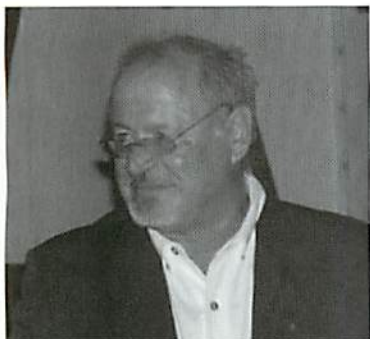
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**The Count:** 13 numbers have been issued; Italy 1; Brazil 2 and 10 issued to a builder.

**Numbered Snipes:** 30220

**Chartered Fleets:** 870

In 2003, the Board voted Jan Persson and John Broughton as Honorary Vice Commodores of the Snipe Class for their years of dedication and service. Jan, pictured below, was present to receive his award.



**Next Issue Deadline:**  
**January 15**

## The Commodore Sez...

As we approach the end of SCIRA's 72<sup>nd</sup> year a look at the year in review is appropriate.

The completion of both World and Junior World Championships, of course, were the highlights of the racing year in your Class, but it is true that our real strength lies in the fact that Snipes were raced every weekend in Snipe countries around the world, that the competitors in those races were just as serious as those who sailed in the World Championships.

Since the last *Bulletin* ISAF has met in Barcelona to discuss rules changes and other matters of interest to sailors. Secretary General of Europe Gilles Boisaubert represented us at these meetings and presenting our position on the issues that were discussed in the One Design Council. One issue which has created much controversy within ISAF is President Paul Henderson's proposal that race officers of major championships be appointed by that organization. SCIRA strongly opposes this.

As I mentioned in the last issue of the *Bulletin* SCIRA's finances are sound but not overly so. The Class has always been run with an eye to keeping costs for the sailor low. We may have gone too far in that direction, however. In response to generally expressed opinion that the historic *Bulletin* was too much involved with US issues and regatta reports and in light of financial constraints, the Board of our Class several years ago decided to issue the *Bulletin* quarterly. This has led to decreased communication with sailors in countries that do not publish their own newsletters. And it has helped foster, in those countries that do, fragmentation within our organization.

In a perfect world every Snipe sailor would receive a newsletter every month

from SCIRA and one from his SCIRA national organization. Since that is out of our reach financially at present we have begun to use the Internet to circulate SCIRA news. This has proved quite successful, but sailors still tell members of the Board that they want a written document in their hands.

As reported to the Board of Governors in Sweden a committee was formed to insure that Snipe would continue to be represented in future Pan Am Games. The short history of this is that this spring, after the Notice of Race was published and after some sailors' boats were already in containers for shipping, the Pan Am Committee decided to eliminate all sailing events that were not sailed in Olympic class boats, including Snipes, Lightnings, J-24's, Sunfish, and Hobie 16's. Your Board immediately responded with appeals to the Pan Am committee, ISAF, and the national authorities of the affected countries with the result that we were reinstated for the 2003 Games only.

Because of the potential impact on any regional games of a decision such as the Pan Am committee made, a committee of was formed to insure that we continue to be represented in the Pan Am Games and any other regional games where it might be appropriate. At the ISAF meeting in Barcelona the One Design Committee supported our position that regional games should properly be sailed in classes that have great regional penetration.

Our Pan Am committee's unanimous recommendation (elsewhere in this *Bulletin*) is that, as the Snipe is ideal for the men's double-handed dinghy, open double-handed dinghy, and women's double-handed dinghy, our Class aggressively offer the Snipe to the Olympic Committee in these three competitions. Accordingly a ballot has been

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# Attention Snipe Sailors!

Mark your calendars and plan to join us for a special celebration and commemoration regatta to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Snipe Sailing in The Bahamas.



Royal Nassau Sailing Club, Nassau, Bahamas  
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# Olympic – More thoughts

By Peter Commette

My only concern with the Snipe going Olympic is that I do not like many, many of the decisions that the ISAF has made, and I especially do not like the way ISA makes decrees that are handed down from on high seemingly without care to give credence to what those being "governed" might prefer, especially in the Olympic classes. Therefore, before we jump in with both feet, I think we should look carefully at what we would be giving up. I could give you many examples, but I think one of the best known and publicized was forcing all their Olympic classes to have their worlds as part of that big thing they had in Europe last summer. Another one was the brouhaha over money ISAF insisted on getting from the match racing circuit. The list goes on and on. I wouldn't be surprised if we would have to give up our format of the World Championship alternating yearly with the hemispheric championships. We probably also would lose the ability to choose the site and time for the worlds, with the hemispheric championship falling by the wayside and the worlds being held every year. I just hate having people who don't have a feel for the class dictating some of the major policies to be implemented. With that "eyes wide open" understanding, I still would be in favor of the Snipe seeking Olympic status. I think it would be a tough sell to ISAF, but if our class is interested in pursuing it, I'd like to volunteer to help in any way in any initiative by the Snipe Class to be included in the Olympics. We are an established enough class, like the Star, so that we would not suffer the adverse affects that some classes have suffered. It should be important for ISAF to consider that we survive well already without the Olympics propping us up, we are relatively inexpensive and have thus established ourselves in many countries around the world which have difficulty fielding competitive teams in the more expensive classes (either more expensive because of the initial cost or because the boats are throw away boats requiring the sailors to run through a number of them in a quadrennial), and we have well designed and thought out rules with good guys in positions applying them, so that we do not have measurement nightmares (measurement of the shear

height on the mast and pinning of the forestay notwithstanding!).

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Paul Henderson wrote in Scuttlebutt a few days after Peter's letter that he envisioned the combined world championships to be every other year. Presumably, that would be on the odd years, so that our format of hemispheric championships on the even years and world championships on the odd years might not be affected.

In response to Mr. Motta's letter, we can walk away any time we like, and, depending on our timing and how we handled it, we would only suffer two things were we to become Olympic and then lose or choose to leave behind Olympic status. We may suffer a perceived prestige loss and lose competitors not committed to the class for the love of it. For instruction, look at the

affect on the Star a few Olympiads ago when it was dropped. The class stayed strong and only lost a few of the top sailors. I suspect we would gain and lose more than the Star because of the cost of the Snipe is cheaper. Therefore, I see a slightly larger affect on the Snipe overhead. I would think that, because of the vagaries of the IOC decisions driven by revenue and exposure concerns that the Snipe's tenure as an Olympic class would have the strong potential to be short-lived and constantly attacked. With our eyes wide open to seeing the events that could transpire in the future were the Snipe to go Olympic, I think that there is much good that could come of being Olympic, but I caution that we should keep a strong hold on the class fiscally, so that the class can remain strong if it were to be decertified as an Olympic class.



Above: Peter and daughter Morgan Commette at the 2003 Worlds.  
Below: David Saura and Jordi Triay launch the pole at the 2003 Worlds.  
B. Welch photos.



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sent to Board members for their consideration.

This, of course, is potentially revolutionary. In times past when approached by the Olympics our Class has felt it not worth the sacrifice of some of our autonomy. If accepted by the Olympic Committee, SCIRA will face new problems and many new opportunities. Fortunately we have the talent within SCIRA to rise to our challenges.

If not accepted, we will have broadened our recognition and signaled our cooperation with ISAF and the Olympic movement. And it will put us in an even stronger position with regional games committees as they organize their games in the future.

A final word: the newly elected president of US Sailing was asked recently what were the most pressing problems facing that organization. The response was, "Membership, membership, membership." That goes for SCIRA as well. Each of us needs to be an ambassador for this Class. Not for Snipe US or Snipe Spain or Snipe Uruguay but for SCIRA. We must work together to maintain our position in sailing world. Divided, we fail. And the answers to all our challenges are: Membership, membership, membership.

**Commodore Brainard Cooper  
2003**



*Borstahusen Sailing Society welcomed the Snipe Sailors from around the globe. Swedish Snipe team is welcomed by their countrymen.  
B. Welch photos.*

## A STAR IS BORN

After many years of local successes we have given our sails to test to some of the best international sailors. The performances of our mains and jibs have been greatly appreciated worldwide. During the past winter, we have invited to our loft the World Champion 2001, the Brazilian Alejandro PARADEDA. Together with him, we have developed an even faster set of sails. The results achieved at 2003 World is Sweden are the best proof of it: two 1<sup>st</sup>, one 2<sup>nd</sup>, two 3<sup>rd</sup> in the single races and a very nice 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup>, overall! At the Italian Championship this year the new sails we have scored the whole top-nine positions besides the 5<sup>th</sup> place!



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## 2003 Dues Paid as of December 1, 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.

## 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.

## Diaz Nominated for ISAF Sailor of the Year

Augie Diaz was nominated for ISAF Sailor of the year for 2003 based upon his amazing performance in the Snipe, Star and Laser classes. While Augie was not chosen as the final recipient, ISAF took notice with our World Champion making the final list!



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
<b>Total</b>	<b>1468</b>	<b>1734</b>	<b>536</b>

Junior teams gather for Opening Ceremonies -  
2003 Junior Worlds, Moscow, Russia



sailor. We would like to host the 2007 Sr. and Jr. Worlds in Cascais and Tavira. We need to increase our presence in international events, as we are strong at national events.

**Russia:** Thanks to Japan for donating the boats that began the Snipe Class in Russia. Currently we have 1 fleet with 49 active boats, 24 which were built by a Russian builder. We are holding the Jr. Worlds and the European Ladies. East Europe has increased with Belarus and the Ukraine. In Russia there are 35 members and many juniors. The senior competition is organized. We are inviting other juniors from other countries. There were 21 in St. Petersburg for our Nationals. In 2002 the website was created. Rulebook has been translated into Russian and is free off our website to help attract more sailors. The Snipe is the most developing fleet in the post-Soviet era and we are also the youngest fleet. We are pleased to invite anyone to attend our regattas. Our regattas are supported by sponsors and our government.

**Spain:** After 1 year at the Secretariat, friendship within the Class shows to have been improving. Legendary skippers are leaving the Snipe or they do not sail Snipes often while new young people join us. These legends appear distant (and even selfish in some cases) to newer people, but now, the most experienced skippers keep close to the young. New skippers and crews are in the range of 10-20 years of age. We have a problem with juniors. We have only a few, we are trying to promote them by organizing a separate Jr. national championship so as Jr. crews can gather and take the helm of their usual skippers' Snipes. At Mallorca Island, in the Balearics District, junior teams are looked after especially, they are doing a good job with them. There is a lack of women in the class. We think it is good to have girls and women sailing. They make a lot for a comfortable atmosphere. We have a little number of feminine teams, while number of mixed teams (one boy, one girl) raises. We are promoting them by giving a prize for the first mixed team qualified in important regattas. We have 188 skippers, 77 crews and 213 boats registered for this year and more people are requesting to pay their dues. I still have to prepare a list of the last members to send to SCIRA and make the proper bank transfer. I wish to emphasize the improvement in friendship in the class, especially in the Northern districts (Galicia, Asturias and Cantabria) and at the Cadiz fleet, which is at the southwestern corner of Spain. We try to take care of an atmosphere of good friendship among Snipe sailors in preference to selfish champions. We have been 75 boats at Nationals and 59 at the Spanish Cup. People from the South find hard to go to the north, while teams from the North are never lazy to go to the Mediterranean. Work together with Portugal increases. We have recovered Iberic Championship this year, but with little number of boats (around 40). The relative little success is supposed to be in relation with exams of student. Next year, Porto will repeat in organizing this event, but we will choose a coincident holiday in both countries. Iberic Championship has no entry fee and lodging has to be provided by the organizer. In October, there is a mixed teams regatta at Cascais, near Lisbon. Number of Spanish entries will rise from the past years. Also, two Portuguese teams came to the Spanish Cup on Gijon.

**Sweden:** We have 4 active places; south, west coast, middle, Stockholm. We have 60-70 registered boats but we need more activity. There are 4 teams actively competing, but Stockholm is stronger. Most of our great local activity is through 2 active people at the fleet level. We had 21 at our nationals.

**United Kingdom:** in the UK we are struggling to keep our numbers. This year has been more difficult than normal. The number of people traveling are quite low but racing is still very close and competitive. However, we did have a boat in the Wiibroe Cup and some in Le Havre. We also expect some people to travel to the Belgian Nationals and the third leg of the Yves LeBour trophy. We have very few junior Snipe sailors in the UK. They are more interested in sailing faster, lighter boats, that progress them through to the Olympic classes. However, the people sailing Snipes are still an enthusiastic group of people promoting the class well. We are hoping for a good Nationals later in August. But due

to how close it is to the Worlds we are expecting very few people to make the journey from Europe, but it will still be classes as the European Cup.

**United States:** We had a committee to study the revamping of our Nationals and we had our first implementation at our recent nationals. We have done some progressive things: US Snipe page ([www.snipeus.org](http://www.snipeus.org)) is a dedicated page to the US Snipe sailors separate from the SCIRA Int. page. We have created a on-line newsletter, Snipe Droppings, which is electronically mailed to those who request it, and have advertising to help support our efforts and additional exposure. 57,000 hits in one day were recorded during the Winter Circuit. We held a winter US Board meeting where we reviewed marketing and financial plans. Scuttlebutt, the on-line sailing newsletter, carries ads for the Snipe Class and Sailing World magazine carried an article on Augie Diaz with many photos from our website. We have made membership the largest issue for this decade, since our efforts will determine the future of our organization. Our membership continues to decline despite all our efforts. The greatest loss has been the Midwest where traditionally we were the strongest. The Sepanski family has continued to be a candle of hope in the heartland; we should all look to them for insight in fleet building and thank them for their hard work. We may be looking at a US dues increase in the 2004 budget. We have few juniors, but those we have are strong. My term is up Dec. 2003.

**Western Hemisphere & Orient:** no report

**East European Secretary:** SCIRA Eastern Europe is comprised of Russia, Poland, Belarus and Ukraine. Belarusian and Ukrainian associations were attended to SCIRA of Eastern Europe in 2001. The other Eastern European countries – Moldova, Estonia and Latvia are also very interested in developing this class in their countries. Moldavian yachtsmen have taken parting the East European Championship and have been applied for Jr. Worlds. The East Europeans are held in Moscow every year since 2001, which is organized as the part of Moscow Traditional Regatta. The latter has become a truly traditional one. This year sportsmen from Estonia and Latvia are going to apply. We are very pleased to invite European sailors to this Open Championship next year. We will have a joint training with Polish sailors and we would like to provide exchange programs between Poland and Moscow. We would be very happy to closely collaborate with East European countries and will do our best in order to increase SCIRA expansion over the region of Easter Europe and Baltic.

**New Business:** Board member Cliff Browning passed out a survey and results regarding the membership cards and discussed his presentation to the Board of Governors.

Rules Proposals: Giorgio Brezich summarized the proposals being brought to the Board of Governors meeting:

- 1) allow borrowing of sails for Masters and women's events
- 2) discussion of mainsail headboard measurement
- 3) proposal of gates at windward mark
- 4) advertising
- 5) mainsail stop at band at top of mast
- 6) centerboard: add +/- to max width
- 7) max. charter boat fee

**Proposals:**

**Advertising:** the majority of NS would support Category C.

**Event Schedules:** Kai Saarhelo proposed to look at the scheduling of big events to possibly make them shorter to assist with travel time. Giorgio Brezich responded that the Rules Committee is proposing shorter courses which may eventually change the Deeds of Gift to allow shorter regattas.

**Worlds quota system:** a committee will most likely be formed to evaluate the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the new quota system.

**Website:** requests to make it more colorful and alive with more graphics and animation.

Bill Welch motioned to adjourn, seconded by Giorgio Brezich at 10:10pm.



# Junior Committee

## Objectives

The Committee was asked to gather information and make recommendation 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 National Secretaries was very low. This indicates 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 case 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 tough but friendly fleet in which to learn and improve, 2) 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 National Secretaries 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 Junior 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 Championship 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 Snipes and try to go to the Worlds (One of the most formative experiences in my sailing life were the Canadian Youth Championships were Evert Bastett, Terry McLaughlin, Hans Fogh and Peter Hall came to teach for three days).
- 4) A limited number (5) of good junior sailors from other classes should be invited to the Junior Worlds to raise the level and interest in the event.
- 5) To lower costs of running the Junior 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 Junior 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 junior sailing on an ongoing basis is put in place.

**Giovanni Galeotti (BEL) Chairman**  
**Don Bedford (USA)**  
**Felix Gancedo (ESP)**  
**Cristian Noe (ARG)**

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*Photos: above left: Canadian Jr. World sailors Derek Taylor and Anna Wiesen sailed proudly with the Canadian flag on their shroud. Above: Brazilian Junior team smiles for a photo.*

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## Annapolis Fleet 532 Reunion Night on the Water

Over 400 combined years of Snipe History gathered in Annapolis on June 3, 2003 for Snipe Reunion Night on the Water. Through e-vite invitations and word of mouth, Annapolis Snipe Fleet 532 invited anyone who had ever sailed Snipes to come down to SSA and sail in the weekly Tuesday night races. Although the unseasonably nasty weather we've been having here in the Northeast did all it could to dampen the enthusiasm (60 degrees, raining, blowing about 12 knots with big chop), about 40 Snipers showed up for the occasion. Only 6 boats braved the elements, but many more came out on the water to drink, catch up on old times and hurl insults at those crazy enough to be sailing. In his Wednesday morning post to the club, SSA's Tuesday Night Racing Chief Cook and Bottleswasher John Potter noted: "Brian Fishback and Henry Filter really had at it in the Snipes. It was wonderful sailing; they were grinning all the way. Phil Richmond has his lovely power-boat "Lyra"—full of ex-

snipers too chicken to come out and race—accompanying the Snipe fleet around the course; they were grinning all the way too. Afterwards, there must have been forty of them, upstairs at the SSA clubhouse."

The real objective of the event was to entice those Snipers who had left the fold to get back in the boat and remember the joy of Sniping. Unfortunately, the weather put off all but the hardiest and most of those were current members. Those who remembered the joy of drinking with Snipers, however, thoroughly enjoyed the evening. The fleet provided a BBQ dinner and Lisa Pline's now-famous Yellow Birds. We had a great crowd that included such venerable names as Keith Donald (the alumni with the longest Snipe sailing under his belt at 30 years), Bob and Glenda Blomquist, Dixie Bartlett, Susan Dierdorff Taylor, and Eric Purdon who told a great story about the former Queen Noor Snipe sailing when she was known as Lisa Hallaby. Hal Whitacre, who organized the

event commented, "Personally, I loved the Fred Thurston stories and the memories some of the "more experienced" fleet members shared. It reminded me just how deep Fleet 532's history is..!" The best Snipe Romance story went to Bob and Glenda Blomquist who told the story of getting married at a Snipe regatta between races! Now that takes the cake. Thanks to all the fleet members who helped with this event and all the friends who came to be with us. We took some great photos that we'll try to get posted to some website

We are already planning the next one!

—Lisa Pline

Annapolis Snipe Fleet 532



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	Junior Championship	Woman Championship	Senior Championship	Masters Championship
Junior (man)	OK		OK	OK as crew for >= 61 year skipper
Junior (woman)	OK	OK	OK	OK as crew for >= 61 year skipper
Senior (man)			OK	OK as crew
Senior (woman)		OK	OK	OK as crew
Masters (man)			OK	OK
Masters (Woman)		OK	OK	OK

(2) Plan fleet point races in periodically.

In case of big fleet, as an idea, according to the obtained points at fleet point races, some numbers of representative to National Championship given to the fleet will be selected. And balance of representative will be selected by the fleet championships. By this system, eager members will be given more chance to be entitled to National Championship.

Increase of woman and junior snipe sailors, because woman sailor will attract senior man sailors and junior sailor will be the future of the class.

Appoint young members and women members to the fleet officers and reflect their opinion on fleet management and planning of fleet events.



## Promotional Tools

SCIRA's has done various different promotion events over the years.

- In 1996, a color poster was inserted into the Bulletin. Today, copies are still mailed to all who request, which is suitable for posting on Yacht Club walls or notice boards. The backside includes reasons to sail a Snipe in 6 different languages: French, Italian, Portuguese, English, Spanish and Japanese.
- Promotional material including past issues of Bulletins, posters and other literature can be mailed for display at Boat Shows.
- Official SCIRA merchandise was purchased and is inventoried at the SCIRA office. Merchandise is taken to as many regattas as possible to promote the Snipe Class.
- In 1997, a raffle of 30,000 was commenced. That same year Snipe #1 was officially loaned for permanent display to the St. Michael's museum in Maryland.
- In 1999, envelope sized information sheets were produced. These can be handed out to prospective members. Information included on the card includes membership benefits and contact information.
- Websites have been created in just about every Snipe country, run by volunteers. SCIRA International also runs the "home" website for centrally located information on regatta schedules, results, measurement and builders & suppliers.
- In 2003, a forum was established on the Internet for members to converse. This is a communication tool to discuss everything Snipe. [www.snipe.org/board](http://www.snipe.org/board) is the link to post questions or comments.

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Have comments or suggestions to help promote the Snipe Class? Send them to [scira@snipe.org](mailto:scira@snipe.org) and they will be forwarded to the promotion committee!



Photo right: raffle in the 1950s of a Snipe at the New York boat show.

# 2003 Spanish National Championship

Top 50 of 75

<i>Skipper/Crew</i>	<i>Sail #</i>	<i>Finishes</i>	<i>Total</i>
1. Francisco Sanchez Ferrer/Marina Sanchez Ferrer	29724	1-3-2-2-8-(19)	16.00
2. Rayco Tabares/Francisco de Leon	29854*	8-(11)-11-1-1-1	22.00
3. Antonio Pons/Antoni Cavaller	29870	2-1-4-14-3-(21)	24.00
4. Pablo Fresneda/Alejandro Martin Vizcaino	29930	4-2-6-12-(39)-4	28.00
5. Oliver Gongora/Alejandro Fresneda	29716	3-5-5-5-(20)-11	29.00
6. Aureliano Negrin/Marinao de Leon	29993	5-8-1-15-(25)-2	31.00
7. David Saura/Ramon Saura	29512	16-(dnc)-12-3-2-12	45.00
8. Francisco Palacio/Alfonso Rodriguez	30060	6-9-14-11-(26)-10	50.00
9. Sergio Gutierrez/Alvaro Perez	29380	14-17-3-9-16-(18)	59.00
10. Alberto Parron/David Garcia	29504*	18-14-15-6-(20)-8	61.00
11. Matias Ros/Fulgencio Ortega	29520	9-19-9-10-(49)-15	62.00
12. Francisco Ibanez/Clara Torres	29608	11-6-8-(29)-28-14	67.00
13. Agustin Penalver/Juan Abellan	29983	24-12-(25)-18-10-5	69.00
14. Martin Bermudez/Carmen Vergara	29984	21-16-17-(22)-17-3	74.00
15. Joan Marc Rigo/Enrique Rubio	29871*	(43)-29-13-16-4-17	79.00
16. Juan Merediz/Carmen Perez	29924	29-30-(32)-8-7-6	80.00
17. David Martin/Christian Sanchez	29787	7-18-16-20-19-(31)	80.00
18. Jordi Company/Juan Merayo	28919	19-(40)-28-21-6-13	87.00
19. Alberto Prado/Alberto Guzman	29925	(23)-13-19-17-11-27	87.00
20. Jaime Miranda/Cristian Osset	28804	20-(25)-20-4-18-23	90.00
21. Francisco Gonzalez/Francisco Perdomo Coll	29397*	10-7-24-25-(30)-29	85.00
22. Peter Saura/Cristina Triay	29435	22-4-7-(44)-36-32	101.00
23. Jordi Triay/Carlos Trujillano	29698*	34-21-18-(54)-9-20	102.00
24. Felix Gancedo/Alejandro Fernandez Ateno	19981	15-27-10-42-13-(dnc)	107.00
25. Miguel Sanchez/Pablo Dlaz Dominguez	29793	25-22-21-30-21-(dnc)	119.00
26. Juan Jose Gomez/Jorge Martin	29715	38-20-(37)-26-27-16	126.00
27. Juan Castaneda/Rafael Benitez	29161	28-(41)-31-33-31-9	132.00
28. Rafael Lasso/Sergio Cuellar	29853	12-15-23-39-(44)-43	132.00
29. Pep Rigo/Andres Munar	30140*	50-(60)-38-7-14-24	133.00
30. Jesus Vllar/Felipe Cantero	29580	40-37-36-(56)-12-25	150.00
31. Carlos Elosegui/Bruno Gonzalez	29335	31-23-56-19-33-(dnc)	151.00
32. Marisa Sanchez Ferrer/Santiago Pujante	29764	(dnf)-26-40-34-15-40	155.00
33. Miguel Riveiro/Antonio Solino	28992	17-35-34-31-38-(dnc)	155.00
34. Matias Garcias/Alexis Hernandez	29185	27-31-27-23-48 (dnc)	156.00
35. Diego Perez/Carlos Marin	29506	30-34-(39)-32-24-38	158.00
36. Alfonso Cabezudo/Angela Pumariego	29585	(49)-53-48-37-22-7	163.00
37. Manuel de Tomas/Vicente Iranzo	28806	(dsq)-10-33-13-59-49	164.00
38. Ricardo Rubio/Victoria Rubio	19223	26-32-(dnc)-27-5-dnc	166.00
39. Carlos Batz/Manuel Carrion	27697	13-43-22-46-46-(dnc)	170.00
40. Rafael de Tomas/Elena Pereda	28269	(57)-46-42-24-23-36	171.00
41. Javier Contreras/Salvador Morales	29923*	33-39-30-(40)-37-47	179.00
42. Patricio de Haz/Cesar Fernandez-Cervera	29586	32-24-46-(57)-42-39	183.00
43. Guillermo Sanchez/Luis Fernandez	30057	42-38-26-(45)-43-34	183.00
44. Alberto Alvarez/Ramon Lago	29183	35-50-29-28-35-(dnc)	192.00
45. Margarita Cameselle/Janet Schulz	29848	44-(48)-35-38-32-44	193.00
46. Marcos Rodriguez/Carlos Hernandez	29517	36-28-52-(53)-52-33	201.00
47. Victor Perez/Alvaro Munaiz	28818*	29-44-43-*60)-53-26	205.00
48. Jose Pascual Candela/Jeronimo Samper	29837	37-36-(57)-49-41-45	208.00
49. Jaime Higuera/Elias Higuera	28897*	53-42-(55)-36-45-35	211.00
50. Fernando Tajuelo/Aitana Forcen	28205	(51)-51-47-43-51-22	214.00

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