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The Count: 44 numbers have been issued; Portugal 1; Chile 1; Denmark 1; Finland 2; Japan 4; USA 10; Spain 9; Brazil 6 and 10 issued to builders.

Numbered Snipes: 30319

Chartered Fleets: 874

New Fleet: 874 Velica Trentina, Italy

2005-2008 Snipe Rulebook

The Snipe Rulebook should be available the first of the year! Once again, please request your copy through your National Secretary. Bulk mailings will be sent to each National Secretary for distribution. Rulebooks are free with membership! ****IF the Snipe is chosen as Olympic equipment, the Rulebook may be delayed to comply with ISAF requirements for Olympic classes.**

Snipe in Olympics Update

Keep your eyes open to the Snipe website and the ISAF website (www.sailing.org) as the vote on the Olympic equipment will take place November 13 in Copenhagen.

National Secretary Meeting

Minutes from WH & O and Europeans can be accessed off the Snipe web page: www.snipe.org

Cover photo: Mathieu Therouanne/ Morgan Guillon fly in after racing at the Europeans. Photo: F. Gicquiaud

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From the Commodore

How Will Our Class be in the Future?

What will be the situation of the Snipe Class in the future, for example, in 10 years? Perhaps there may not be many changes. However if we don't do any thing for the promotion of the Class, our Class may be in danger of declining. Appropriately, our Class administration is always looking for ways to increase our activity. Within SCIRA, we have created the following Committees for 2004; **Finance, Promotion, Junior, Long Range Planning, Membership, 2005 - 2008 Rule Book, Snipe in Olympics, Pan Am and Nominating Committee.**

Among these committees, Long Range Planning Committee is a committee to directed study and make plans for the future of the Class. This committee is one of most important committees and at the same time it is tasked with difficult work. Frankly speaking, from the recent activity of this committee, I would expect much more active work from this committee for the future of the Class. When new proposals are submitted and approved by the Board, sub-committees will be formed. However, my thoughts are that such committee as "Long Range Planning Committee" and/or "Promotion Committee" should really be constructed at the National level because the future of SCIRA is made by the future of each nation's SCIRA and each Fleet. Another opinion I hold is that these local committees should be constructed of younger members (in their 30's or 40's) because the future is for younger members and the future should be shaped by the participation of our younger generation's power.

My second topic; the condition of the Class;

1. Good balance and activity of each category of member: Junior, Women, Senior and Master.
2. Active and attractive events at each level of fleet, national and International.
3. Based on the spirit of "Serious Sailing & Serious Fun", friendly, joyful, voluntary and competitive atmospheres are seen at all events.
4. Recognition by all members on "Enjoyment received from the Class is equal to the contribution to the Class"

My views on the above points, Junior and Woman could be more active while the Masters are very active. The Western Hemisphere & Orient seems to be active, but Europe is on an up swing. At the recent World Masters Championships, 83 competitors participated with strong participation in the evening events. The power of our master sailors is very strong because they will have more time & money and we should view our Masters as an important aspect of our Class. If we can channel their enthusiasm and contribute toward the promotion of the Class, it could result in great strides for our

Class. An example of this enthusiasm is the "Boat Boys" constituted mainly by aged Snipe sailors at the Women's World Championships in Norway. These volunteers fully supported the championship



2-time Snipe World Champion Felix Gancedo gives the Commodore a lift.

by backing up the women's race committee members. I would like to encourage our master members to contribute toward the Class, Nationally and through their Fleet for their own further enjoyment and as their thanks to the Class. Off course, it is not only for master members but also all members that we encourage giving back to our Class.

In summary, I would like to make the following suggestions for the future of our Class;

1. Establish the Long Range Planning Committee or Promotion Committee at National and Fleet level and invite young senior members to serve on these committees.
2. Expect positive proposals from SCIRA Long Range Planning Committee in the next 2005 board meeting.
3. Expect more volunteering from our master members for the Class for their own further enjoyment and for younger members' future.
4. All members shall recognize that all members shall think about what they can contribute for the Class, not only by enjoying the events, as the future of the Class will be made by all members contribution and volunteer.
5. Have a short meeting between competitors and SCIRA officials for the purpose of exchanging views and communication before or after the competitors meeting of major regattas in International and National levels. (This kind of meeting was held at 2000 WH & O.)

We shall "Think globally and Act locally" (by Kai Saarlo) and let all members "Serious Sailing, Serious Fun" and "Serious Support of the Class for the Future of the Class".

Jiro Yamamoto



2004 Western Hemisphere & Orient Championships

Cabo Frio, Brazil

Alexandre & Eduardo Paradedas Rule!

22 boats from 5 countries gathered at the satellite club of late Club Rio de Janeiro in Cabo Frio, Brazil. Competitors include the past 2 Snipe World Champions and top racers from the 5 countries—Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay, United States and Japan.

Even though it's winter in Brazil, the temperatures are warm and the racing is perfect. Even a little rain didn't dampen the spirits of the top sailors at the end of the opening ceremonies and after arriving back at the club at the end of the day's racing!

This is the first SCIRA championship to be run under the latest rules passed by the SCIRA Board of Governors, which calls for more races in the schedule (7-11) and courses based on time rather than length.

After the cold front hit last night bringing cooler temperatures and some rain, the sailing venue held 8-10 knots out of the south. Normal direction is NE. The racecourse has big rolling waves from the Atlantic with chop and is enclosed in an enormous bay surrounded by beautiful white sand beaches.

The Race Committee began race one at noon, but the anxious sailors generated a general recall and then the Z flag, but after a clean 2nd start, the sailors were off on a W-L course in 10 knots. Pablo Defazio and Eduardo Medici of Uruguay banged 2 races off leading at the weather mark and never looking back until they crossed the finish line first in both races. Xandi Paradedas and cousin Eduardo Paradedas were close behind, but they were caught asleep in the 2nd final leg of race 2 where Carlos Wanderley/Richard Zietemann passed them for 2nd. Shinichi and Michiko Uchida of Japan sailed 2 very good races with a 5-9 with speed pulling them through the course.

Race 3 was another general recall and then a Z flag. Defazio/Medici took the fleets stern to go to the right while the Paradedas went left. At the weather mark Federico Calabrese/Jorge Englehard of Argentina led followed by Paulo Santos/Gustavo Queiroz of Brazil with Defazio/Medici in 4th and Paradedas in 5th. By the leeward mark, Defazio led with Paradedas close behind and Calabrese slipping to 3rd. World Champions Augie Diaz/Jon Rogers found their groove and slowly moved into 4th where the top 4 were close the next few legs to the finish.

The end of day 1 finds the Uruguayans in the lead followed by Paradedas and junior sailors Eduardo Chapchap and Pedro Tinoco of Brazil. Diaz/Rogers pulled to a tie for 4th with Federico Norman/Diego Rudoy of Argentina who now rounds out the top 5. During the night, the cold front passed and the wind was back to normal direction, and strong! As the fleet prepared for the day, once on the race course they found the breeze to have died a bit down to 12 knots. The seas weren't as large as the previous day, but the chop was persistent. Today the current seemed to be running north-south, but at a minimal clip.

The first race found the fleet anxious and a recall with a Z flag ensued. After a clean start the fleet was off on an Olympic course and tended toward the usually left favored side. At the first mark



the Paradedas rounded first followed by Diaz/Rogers and Chapchap/Tinoco, Master Paulo Santos and Calabrese/Englehard. By the reach Chapchap almost overtook Paradedas with a few other place changes. By the 2nd weather mark, the fleet had settled into a Brazilian speed match race with Paradedas, Chapchap, Paulo Santos and Ricky Wanderley who occasionally let Diaz/Rogers and Calabrese play in the game. At the finish it was all Brazil in the top 4 as listed above.

Race 5 the breeze increased to 12-15 and shifted to the left. Another recall with Z flag and Olympic course was given. 5 minutes after the start, Wanderley/Zietemann and Chapchap/Tinoco had pulled out from the fleet. They rounded the weather mark 1-2 and the 2 slowly pulled away from the fleet for an unchallenged lead all the way to the finish. Behind them Paradedas, Diaz and Longarella

fought for top 5. On the 3rd leg the sailors found a tight pole reach which inverted a few masts. At least 3-4 masts were pulled after the fleet returned for a little straightening.

At the end of the day, there were 3 teams who tied for best racing for the day: Paradedas with 1-3; Wanderley/Zietemann with 3-1 and Chapchap/Tinoco with 2-2.

On the social side, the competitors took a water taxi over to the hotel where a party with dinner and Brazilian music played. After sailing each day, the sailors are greeted with fruit and drinks while they clean up the boats and rinse things off. Tomorrow's prediction is for more of the same of today - sun and wind!

One of the great things about the Snipe Class is the ability for everyone to sail. Of the 22 competitors, there are 6 boats with families on board:
Shinich & Michiko Uchida—husband/wife
Lee and Andrea Griffith – father/daughter
Peter & Morgan Commette – father/daughter

Eduardo & Julian Fumagallo – father/son
Dante & Breno Bianchi – brothers

Alexandre & Eduardo Paradedas – cousins

What other class can boast this kind of sailing???

Today was an exciting day for race fans. The wind was light in the morning, not boding for an exciting day, but the competitors hit the water and created excitement of their own. The temperatures were a little cooler with slightly overcast skies, but with the light breeze, it looked like a great day for a sail!

Conditions for the first race were a repeat of the first day, but out of the normal NE.

WH & O Equipment

Skipper/Crew	Country/#	Hull	Sails	Mast
Calabrese/Englehard	ARG29893	Persson	North	SW gold
Despotin/Arrambide	ARG29012	Persson	North	SW Sr
Norman/Rudoy	ARG28646	Lange	North	SW Sr
Fumagallos	ARG28699	Lange	North	SW Sr
Longarella/Lopez	ARG29797	Persson	North	SW Sr
Paradedas	BRA29821	Persson	Olimpic	SW gold
Wanderley/Zietemann	BRA29822	Persson	Olimpic	SW gold
ChapChap/Tinoco	BRA28632	Persson	North	SW gold
Santos/Queiroz	BRA29818	Diemer	North	SW Sr
Bianchis	BRA30022	Diemer	Quantum	SW Jr
Demaison/Claro	BRA29521	Diemer	Quantum	SW Sr
Ida/Yamasaki	JPN30185	Diemer	North	SW Sr
Morita/Fujita	JPN30084	Diemer	Quantum	Diemer
Matsuzaki/Ishizaki	JPN30216	Persson	Quantum	SW black
Uchidas	JPN29003	Diemer	North	SW Jr
Defazio/Medici	URU29251	Persson	North	SW Sr
Diaz/Rogers	USA30288	Persson	Quantum	SW Sr
Commettes	USA30089	Diemer	Quantum	SW gold
Szabo/Janney	USA29571	Persson	Quantum	SW Sr
Tillson/Fretwell	USA29112	Diemer	North	SW Sr



The breeze was about 8-10 with a flatter sea but still the ever-prevalent chop. The RC signaled a W-L course and the sailors were off. The Commette's were flagged for a violation at the start and immediately had to do a 720. The rest of the fleet banged left and at the top mark Wanderley/Zietemann and Chapchap/Tinoco lead. Shortly behind them were Paradedas, Calabrese/Engelhard and Defazio/Medici. At the bottom, Chapchap rounded first and a battle was on for the lead. At the finish it was Chapchap, Wanderley, Paradedas and Calabrese, protesting Chapchap for a weather mark confrontation. The jury will decide their fate. Unfortunately for the Fumagallos, the luff seam on their jib ripped and they were out for the race.

The 2nd race of the day looked like an increase in breeze as the sun poked out and temperatures warmed a bit. The RC signaled an Olympic course. After a clean start, the Japanese teams of Koji Ida/Hiromu Yamasaki and Keiichi Sarasawa/Kazuhiro Ito pulled out in front of the fleet to lead the sailors at each mark. The fight for the other top 5 spots proved a constant switching of positions between Paradedas, Despontin/Arrambide, Wanderley/Zietemann and Defazio/Medici. Chapchap/Tinoco found themselves at the back of the fleet and had a hard time moving up giving them 2 bad races in the overall scores.

The fleet now has 1 throw-out and if they complete 9 races total, can figure 2 throw-outs.

Tomorrow is the lay day with plans to visit Rio, Buzios and the beautiful beaches here in Brazil!

The lay day found teams relaxing and being tourists in Rio de Janeiro (for the Japanese) and Buzios (for most everyone else). Fortunately for the sailing and unfortunately for the sightseeing, it was a rainy day. Although it's winter in Brazil, the normally crowded cities were virtually empty, so the various teams were able to wander about without the normal crowds.

Saturday, everyone arrived early at the club to a beautiful day; warm, sunny but with no wind. After a postponement, the RC signaled at 1:30 to head out to the course. Once on the course a sequence began,

but the wind dropped below knots and the AP went up. While everyone floated around, the wind died even more and at 3:30, the regatta was abandoned and the final standings are our results for the 2004 Western Hemisphere & Orient Championships.

Observations:

The seas and chop gave the North American and Japanese teams trouble. Once the wind picked up, they seemed to be in the groove more, but the South American teams were still an edge up. Being able to shift gears made the South American teams more adaptable to the changing conditions. Pablo Defazio and Eduardo Medici had blazing speed in the light & lumpy conditions of the first day. The Uchidas of Japan, with a new Diemer, were able to move through the fleet the first day. Eduardo Chapchap (21) and super crew Pedro Tinoco (19) sailed "with the big boys" despite a DSQ. They have been moving up the ranks in many regattas and are a current and future force to watch out for! Ricky Wanderley/Richard Zietemann are dangerous in any condition and gave Xandi and Eduardo Paradedas a run for their money. It will be their regatta very soon... Xandi and Eduardo are perfectionists and sailed a great regatta – even excelling in the light air the first day.

The Diemer boats are now overtaking the Brazilian coasts! They are well built and nicely rigged. A new Diemer is approximately \$5,000USD fully rigged. Sidewinder masts were the weapon of choice and few mylar sails were seen. The equipment list is published here.

The late Clube do Rio de Janeiro ran an excellent regatta. Cabo Frio is a beautiful site for any regatta and the satellite club is very welcoming to sailors! The RC ran excellent races and the jury had a little work, but not too much!

Congratulations to the Western Hemisphere & Orient Champs Alexandre & Eduardo Paradedas!



Photo: Eduardo ChapChap/Pedro Tinoco. Photo: J. Biehl

Skipper/Crew	Country/Sail	Finishes	Total
1. Alexandre/Eduardo Paradedas	BRA29821	2-3-1-1-3-3-(5)	12.5
2. Carlos Wanderley/Richard Zietemann	BRA29822	(15)-2-5-3-1-2-3	15.75
3. Pablo Defazio/Eduardo Medici	URU29251	1-1-2-(14)-14-5-6	28.5
4. Eduardo ChapChap/Pedro Tinoco	BRA28632	9-5-(dsq)-2-2-1-15	33.75
5. Ezequiel Despontin/Matias Arrambide	ARG29012	4-(18)-4-5-7-10-4	34
6. Augie Diaz/Jon Rogers	USA30288	8-6-3-7-4-(13)-7	35
7. Koji Ida/Hiromu Yamasaki	JPN30185	13-10-10-9-5-(18)-1	47.75
8. Federico Norman/Diego Rudoy	ARG28646	7-4-6-8-12-(14)-11	48
9. Dante/Breno Bianchi	BRA30022	6-(16)-9-13-8-7-8	51
10. Federico Calabrese/Jorge Engelhard	ARG29893	(17)-8-13-6-6-4-14	51
11. Paulo Santos/Gustavo Queiroz	BRA29818	10-(17)-14-4-13-12-10	63
12. Keiichi Sarasawa/Kazuhiro Ito	JPN30085	11-13-7-(18)-dne-9-2	67
13. Hector Longarella/Javier Lopez	ARG29797	16-14-(17)-11-10-8-9	68
14. Eduardo/Julian Fumagallo	ARG28699	3-7-19-10-17-(dnf)-13	69
15. George Szabo/Brian Janney	USA29957	14-11-11-15-11-(16)-12	74
16. Yuzo Morita/Teruhiro Fujita	JPN30084	18-(21)-15-12-9-6-16	76
17. Shigeru Matsuzaki/Toru Ishizaki	JPN30216	12-15-16-16-15-(20)-19	93
18. Shinichi/Michiko Uchida	JPN29003	5-9-20-(21)-20-21-21	96
19. Victor Demaison/Daniel Claro	BRA29521	(22)-19-8-22-16-11-20	96
20. Peter/Morgan Commette	USA30089	(19)-12-18-19-18-15-18	100
21. Dave Tillson/John Fretwell	USA29112	(20)-20-12-17-19-17-17	102
22. Lee/Andrea Griffith	USA29204	21-(22)-21-20-21-19-22	124



Women's Worlds Championship 2004

Uruguay's Foglia Sisters Prevail in Tough Competition



Oslo, Norway - July 22-27

The sixth Women's Worlds were held in Oslo, Norway

22nd to 27th of July 2004, by Vestfjordens Seilforening and SCIRA Norway - with good help from SnipA; the Snipe Women's organization of SCIRA Norway. SnipA was founded 4 years ago, to promote female sailors to race snipe. Last year, little Norway managed to get 32 boats to start at the Woman's Nationals. So, the expectations both to participants and arranging girls, was high.

35 boats competed; 21 from Norway, 14 from 7 other countries. 5 teams came all the way from Japan; Uruguay was there, USA, Russia, Finland, Italy and Denmark.

To start with the finish, the gold medal was won by Andrea and Mariana Foglia from Uruguay - after intensive practicing in Norway for 1 week ahead of the races. Silver went to Kryshia Pohl and Morgan Commette from USA - Kryshia just became second in the US trials for the Olympic in the Europe dinghy. Pauline Book-Bratbak and Lise Gehrken won the bronze medal - Pauline Book-Bratbak has won the Women's Worlds twice before.

On the first day there was no wind and no sailing! □ Theed and white striped flag AP hung lazily down from the pole the whole day. No wind came and the fully rigged snipes lay waiting all day. The sailors slumbered in the humid heat during the day waiting for the judges call to go out, this on the other hand didn't happen and the sailing was called off at 5 pm. The social program on the other hand, was on. In the evening it was free barbeque for all the sailors, the race committee and of course the famous Viking Boat Boys.

The second day started with yet another couple of hours waiting. The wind finally came and the first start of the Women's Worlds Championship went off at 2:30 pm.

In good wind the Japanese Ayako Yamaguchi/Akiko Koizumi, the US Kryshia Pohl/ Morgan Commette and Norway Karianne Eikeland /Janett Krefting got the best start and headed up the first leg. At the first buoy another Norwegian boat Pauline Book-Bratbak/ Lise Gehrken had taken the lead. With the Japanese and the Uruguayans Andrea/Mariana Foglia following closely. In the end the Norwegian team held their position with the Uruguay in second and the Americans on third.

The wind had increased for the second race and there were a few boats that capsized not long into the race. This was perfect conditions for the Americans and the Uruguayans who fought over the top two places from start to finish. In the end the team from Uruguay crossed the finish line only a meter ahead.

The wind was calmer for the third race and the Norwegians were back conquering the second and the fifth place, but again the team from Uruguay beat them all. At the end of the day Uruguay was in the lead, USA second and Norway (Book-Bratbak/ Gehrken) third. This evening, "shrimps the Norwegian way" was served - and deserved!

Excellent conditions met the sailors on day three, with a southern wind measuring 6-8 m/s. In a tight fight between two Norwegian



boats Eikeland/Krefting and Book-Bratbak/ Gehrken, following each other around the course fighting through every tack, this was the closest race so far in the championship. Eikeland/Krefting came out ahead in the end and won the first race with Book-Bratbak/Gehrken following in second. The girls from Uruguay came in third, with the Japanese team of Yamaguchi/Toda following very closely.

The second race was a fight between USA and Uruguay. Pohl/Commette won the race by only a few inches. Followed by Book-Bratbak/ Gehrken and Hayakawa/Ishikawa from Japan on fourth.

The last race of the day was a power demonstration by the Norwegian girls, hiking their boat to the limit; Book-Bratbak/Gehrken had control of the fleet and could add another victory to their list. Quite impressive, with the crew Lise being 4 months pregnant. Splitting the two Norwegian boats, was the boat from Uruguay who did an excellent job of coming back after a slow start. At the finishing line the standing was Book-Bratbak/ Gehrken first, Foglia/Foglia second and Eikeland/Krefting third.

Then another day of no wind!! After waiting on shore for most of the day, the boats were ordered out at around 3 pm; to wait for the wind to settle after a rainstorm. Boy, it was wet & windy. After an hour the judges decided to start, at this point the wind was calming down after fifty minutes, and still not completing one full lap, the judges decided to end the race as the wind died completely. At this point, the Japanese were in the lead, followed by the US, and then Uruguay.

The social program of the day was sightseeing Oslo. This had to be seriously shortened, but we all got to see the famous ski jump Holmenkollen (in our logo), and the view of Oslo and the Oslo fjord from the hillside. Then heading off for pizza at down town Oslo.

On the last day, the race committee managed to arrange three races, Pohl/Commette, followed by Yamaguchi/Toda and the Finnish team in third. Yamaguchi/Toda won both the last two races. In the light wind, Yamaguchi /Toda with their total of 90 kg (199 lb) eventually got the benefit of their light weight -and skills. Foglia/Foglia, Pohl/Commette, and Book-Bratbak/Gehrken followed them.

The Women's Worlds finished with a prize giving dinner with prizes for ALL teams, as serious sailing had been presented by everyone. A picture of the Roy Yamaguchi Memorial Trophy, that are two huge, heavy crystal vases (far too expensive to bring around), were awarded to the winners. And, of course, the party ended with an after party in good Norwegian tradition; SERIOUS SAILING - SERIOUS FUN!

Great thanks for huge efforts goes to the one keeping it all together Ellen Høegh, the rest of the arranging committee of Janett Krefting, Gunnar Corneliusen, Cecilie Hurlen, Alette Lødrup, Sissel-Tove Åsberg, Cissi de Fair and Hege Berthelsen, the Norwegian National Secretary "Mr Snipe" Birger Jansen, SnipA, the Principal Race Officer Marit Grundseth, the Chariman of the jury Marianne Middleton - and of course all other helpers and wonderful Boat Boys how made this great regatta possible!



Women's World Results

	Skipper/Crew	Country/Sail #	Finishes	Total
1.	Andrea/Mariana Foglia	URU29829	2-1-1-3-2-2-(14)-(9)-7	18
2.	Kryshia Pohl/Morgan Commette	USA30089	3-2-3-5-1-(7)-1-(10)-5	20
3.	Pauline Book-Bratbak/Lise Gehrken	NOR30217	1-3-5-2-3-1-(11)-7-(8)	22
4.	Karianne Elkland/Janett Krefting	NOR30186	(6)-(14)-2-1-6-3-4-2-4	22
5.	Ayako Yamaguchi/Miyuki Toda	JPN29073	4-6-(13)-4-(dsq)-11-2-1-1	29
6.	Andrea Borenus/Charlotta Renvall	FIN29859	7-4-8-(11)-9-5-3-4-(14)	40
7.	Yukiko Hayakawa/Chika Ishikawa	JPN30083	(10)-8-9-7-4-4-(36)-8-3	43
8.	Kimie Isobe/Emiko Walder	JPN30002	12-5-(19)-(18)-12-15-5-6-2	57
9.	Anna Kovrigina/Natalia Rehetova	RUS30120	9-(dsq)-(15)-13-5-8-12-3-10	60
10.	Jouliia Guerasseva/Victoria Ryabinkina	RUS29490	5-7-10-12-7-9-(18)-(23)-11	61
11.	Laura Jeffers/Sherri Welch	USA28702	8-12-12-6-(14)-10-(16)-11-6	65
12.	Maike von der Linden/Kristine Fisher	NOR29720	(15)-13-4-8-10-13-10-12-(15)	70
13.	Sille Christensen/Hege Berthelsen	DEN29083	10-9-6-(21)-8-6-6-19-(21)	74
14.	Kristine Schussler/Marita Christensen	NOR29725	11-10-11-(20)-11-12-8-14-(17)	77
15.	Cecilia de Faire/Jeanette Schouten	NOR29940	14-11-(16)-15-13-14-9-5-(18)	81
16.	Siri Somme/Anniken Murstad	NOR28217	(22)-15-(22)-17-16-17-7-16-16	104
17.	Laura Gilbiati/Silvia Filippini	ITA28773	19-19-(21)-9-20-(22)-15-18-9	109
18.	Camilla Christensen/Marianne Stigar	NOR27744	13-17-20-16-21-16-(23)-(22)-13	116
19.	Ekaterina Bessonova/Alexandra Sokolova	RUS29480	18-20-18-(30)-15-18-(22)-17-12	118
20.	Ellen Hoegh/Maren Dieckmann	NOR28756	(25)-16-14-19-(24)-23-20-15-20	127
21.	Ida Saetersdal/Heidi Heng	NOR30255	16-(30)-23-10-18-(36)-21-24-19	131
22.	Kuniko Yamada/Kyoko Hojo	JPN29603	17-23-(24)-22-23-20-13-(24)	131
23.	Jessica Sylwan/Carine Bauer	NOR29088	(23)-22-7-23-19-(36)-19-20-23	133
24.	Heidi Sandvig/Cecilie Irgens	NOR27971	(24)-21-17-14-17-19-24-(36)-22	134
25.	Noriko Ohoka/AKiko Koizumi	JPN27994	21-18-(26)-226-17-25-(29)	158
26.	Hanne Winther-Larsen/Cecilie Hurlen	NOR29456	(34)-24-(29)-26-25-21-26-21-25	168
27.	Nina Braathen/Hilde Hovik	NOR27588	27-(dnf)-(dnf)-24-27-24-28-28-34	192
28.	Elisa Molvik/Ingeborg Flornes	NOR28455	26-(dnf)-30-27-29-25-(33)-31-28	196
29.	Tine Skjonberg/Vibeke/Blytt	NOR29414	(31)-27-25-29-28-27-30-30-(33)	196
30.	Aasne Berner/Jannicke Knudsen	NOR27549	35-(dnf)-(dnf)-28-22-30-25-27-31	198
31.	Ellen Wiik-Hansen/Grete Lillebye Eskas	NOR25705	29-26-27-(34)-30-31-31-29-(32)	203
32.	Monica Stubergh/Nina Pedersen	NOR29861	(32)-29-31-(35)-32-32-27-26-27	204
33.	Marianne Kaperdal/Katarina Garnolf	NOR28357	28-25-(36)-32-(34)-28-34-34-26	207
34.	Lissa Anna Olsen/Siri Helland Hansen	NOR28775	33-(dnf)-28-33-31-29-29-32-(35)	215
35.	Ruth Louise Hiorth/Johanna Bruugge	NOR24968	30-28-(36)-31-(33)-33-32-33-30	217

Photos: Andrea and Mariana Foglia hike hard for the win! Below left: The winners podium: Foglias, Pohl/Commette; Book-Bratbak/Gehrken.

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Around the Snipe World

Brazil

Snipe sailors are giving a talk at the late Clube do Rio de Janeiro, open to all fleets as well as young people sailing in Optimist and 420. Henrique Motta will speak about the Class in general and Ivan Pimentel will talk about boat adjustments for fast sailing while Ricardo Lobato (Blu) will discuss sail adjustment. This may be a new idea for promotion in your fleet?

Denmark

We had the Open Scandinavian Championship and the Open Danish Nationals as well as the traditional Snipe Gold Cup held in one event this year at Faaborg Yacht Club from July 8-11. On the first day we had very light and shifty winds with a lot of nice sun! Day 2 and 3 were very windy and much colder.

Henrik Andersen & Kim Hyttel from Denmark won all 3 prizes (Scandinavian/Danish/Gold Cup) with 2 points in front of Bo Petersen and Jakob Sorensen also from Denmark. Third in the Scandinavian Open was Ulrik Sandvig and Janett Krefting and 3rd in the Danish Championship were Jan and Jane Persson who also won the trophy as top Masters. Top juniors were Michael Rohde and Rasmus Bundgaard from Denmark who finished a very fine number 13.

Canada

There are now six Snipes at Guelph Lake with the prospect of there being eight next year. Harri Palm is doing a really great job at Guelph Lake with the Snipe. No hard sell, just good sailing and letting people find out about the boat themselves by taking his or the club boat out. His crew at the Ontario's last weekend has a 470 but wants to get himself a Snipe. A Tornado (!) owner at his club wants to get a Snipe as well.

News from Spain

In Spain it is very frequent that the Snipe fleets live together in their Clubs with the Europe dinghies and Lasers, with many girls in these fleets.

This situation and the fact that we have very few feminine crews, made us start thinking of the convenience of organizing Snipe regattas in which the skippers are from these other classes, with our Snipe sailors as crews.

The result have been magnificent, because the mixed crews wake up the interest of many of our other young sportsmen, since in these events besides the competition, it is fomented the coexistence and the knowledge of different groups.

We are now trying to promote the class in two ways. On one hand we are able to encourage our youths to navigate as couples that apparently is more amusing and more interesting and for other, we propitiate the creation of feminine crews.

Maybe It can be an example to follow.

News from Finland

Some additional news from Finland in the form of annual planning. Here are some ideas to help set-up the annual Snipe cycle:

January – delivery of eSnipeBulletin

February – Annual meeting & election; Boat fair – Helsinki

March – eSnipeBulletin 2; collection of membership fees; Boat fair – Turku

April – Snipe Magazine SnipeNytt will be published; Midwinters Circuit

May – eSnipeBulletin 3; Grand Prix race

June – eSnipe Bulletin 4; Grand Prix race 2

July – Finnish Championship & Grand Prix race 3; International races

August – Grand Prix race 4; international races

September – eSnipeBulletin 5; Grand Prix Race 5; planning calendar for coming season

October – Snipe Magazine SnipeNytt 2 published

December – waiting for Father Christmas

India

We are getting mired-up slowly ever since 1991 when the whole ecology just changed our lake that went dry after 65 years. There was a break in 1988 when it filled up and lasted 4 years. Then suddenly the city started growing and has not stopped and has become "Sunnyvale" of India. There are no better-organized people than "SCIRA" for this is a reality. Please do help us to get at least one fiberglass Snipe from Japan and we will copy and make better and cheaper for our area and maybe export.

Snipe Sailors in the Olympics

Yngling

- 8th Ekaterina Skudina/Tatiana Lartseva - Russia
- 9th Karianne Eikeland - Norway
- 10th Carol Cronin/Liz Filter/Nancy Haberland - USA
- 12th Marina Sanchez - Spain

Laser

- 1st Robert Scheidt - Brazil
- 8th Mark Mendelblatt - USA
- 26th Maxim Semerhanov - Russia
- 24th Alejandro Foglia - Uruguay

Star

- 1st Torben Grael - Brazil
- 5th Paul Cayard/Phil Trinter - USA

Tornado

- 3rd Santiago Lange - Argentina
- 9th Andre Kirilyuk/Valey Ushkov - Russia
- 16th Diogo Cayolla - Portugal
- 17th Mauricio Santa Cruz - Brazil
- 49er**
- 6th Andre Fonseca/Rodrigo Duarte - Brazil

470 men

- 2nd Kenjiro Todoroki - Japan
- 8th Alexandre Paradedda - Brazil
- 10th Andrea Trani - Italy
- 17th Dmitry Berezkin - Russia

Sonar

- 3rd Colin Park, coach for Paralympic team - USA



Statement of Financial Condition SCIRA International

Assets	12/31/02	12/31/03
Cash	\$ 5,377	\$20,552
Accounts Receivable	11,557	5,108
Due from SCIRA US	3,280	8,285
Prepaid Membership card/rulebook stock	6,826	3,979
Measurement/computer equip.	3,733	2,360
(net of accum. dep. of \$3,180.97)		
Total Assets	<u>\$30,773</u>	<u>\$40,284</u>
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$ 1,307	\$ 15
Accrued expenses payable	675	1,012
Payroll tax liabilities	1,354	1,262
Total Liabilities	<u>\$3,336</u>	<u>\$2,289</u>
Equity	\$27,437	\$37,995
Total Liabilities & Equity	<u>\$30,773</u>	<u>\$40,284</u>

SCIRA Treasurer's Report

The decrease in revenues stems from a reduction in income generated from decals and general dues memberships. However, fleet and crew did increase thereby offsetting some the general dues decrease. In addition, there was a 1k reduction in merchandise sales.

Members should note that the "salary and related benefit expense number" has not be properly increased, as advised by the Treasurer, by the correct allocation percentage of time that Executive Director spends on SCIRA US versus SCIRA International. In the Treasurer's opinion, the salary paid to the Executive Director by SCIRA US and SCIRA International should have been prorated between the two on a time spent basis instead of on the pre-arranged, Board approved ratio of 45% to US and 55% to International. If this was done on a time spent basis, these financials statements would show \$6300 increase in salary expense that would have resulted in an excess of "revenues over expenses" of \$4,237 for the year. It should be noted that 2003 would be last year that this distortion will occur within the SCIRA US and SCIRA International financials statements, as the Executive Director resigned from SCIRA US during December.

This year's reduction in telephone expense results from the Quick Books software program now allowing the e-mailing of invoices, previously these invoices were faxed. In addition, 2003 was a year that the World Championship was held, as such this allowed the Executive Director to actually speak with International Snipe Class members in person, instead of through telephone use.

Postage & Delivery charges increased this year, as there was more of need to use Federal Express to ship, as this assured safe shipment of all items to certain countries where postal service is difficult.

Bulletin expenses decreased in 2003 as there were only two "Snipe Bulletins" published in 2003, whereas in 2002 there were four.

Last year there was a catch up adjustment made to bring the accumulated amortization on the prepaid rulebooks costs to the correct balance. This prepaid balance will fully amortized by December 31, 2004.

Respectively submitted, Pedro Lorson, CPA -USA 30304

Statement of Activities For the years ended December 31

Revenues	2002	2003
Dues		
Dues/decals	\$43,690	\$41,245
Fleet/crew dues	7,300	8,745
Total Dues	50,990	49,990
Other Income		
Royalties	7,365	6,730
Numbers	5,600	6,200
Miscellaneous	110	-
Bulletin Income (see footnote 1)	1,525	1,035
Merchandise Revenue (see footnote 2)	2,878	1,180
Regatta Sponsorship	-	700
Rulebooks	782	10
Shipping	505	546
Interest	11	12
Total Other Income	18,776	16,413
Total Revenues	<u>69,766</u>	<u>66,403</u>

Expenses	2002	2003
Payroll & related benefits	21,502	21,555
Travel & Meals	1,904	2,503
Membership card stock	1,291	1,291
Telephone	5,001	1,413
Printing & Reproduction	820	1,237
Rent	2,400	2,400
Postage & Delivery	2,227	4,067
Office Supplies	1,305	1,135
Bank Service Charges	1,249	1,354
Trophies	193	388
ISAF Builder Fees	2,276	1,655
Equipment Rental	1,477	1,677
Depreciation on equipment	1,152	1,427
Bulletin Expenses (see footnote 1)	13,075	9,124
Merchandise cost (see footnote 2)	267	784
Professional	675	1,324
Amortization of Rulebooks	4,242	2,121
Software	397	282
Miscellaneous	275	108
Total Expenses	<u>61,728</u>	<u>55,845</u>
Revenues over Expenses	<u>\$8,038</u>	<u>\$10,558</u>

Footnotes:

Note 1: Net Bulletin Loss

Bulletin Revenues	\$ 1,525	\$ 1,035
Bulletin Expenses	13,075	9,124
Excess Bulletin Exp. over Revenues	<u>\$(11,550)</u>	<u>\$(8,089)</u>

Note 2: Net Merchandise Gain

Merchandise Revenues	\$2,878	\$1,180
Merchandise Expenses	267	784
Gross Profit (loss) on Merch. sales	<u>\$2,611</u>	<u>\$396</u>



2004 World Masters

Diaz Repeats Title

Lake Bracciano, Italy -August 2-7

Serious Sailing, Serious Fun was definitely the mantra for the World Masters hosted by AS Nautica Sabazia August 2-8. Claudio and Gabriella Ciufo and the many volunteers hosted an outstanding regatta on land with typical Italian flair.

83 boats from 16 countries flocked to Italy to what could be termed the "perfect site for a Masters Championship." The Ciufos negotiated with the Aeronautica Militare Sports to enable the regatta to be hosted out of the base, which had the facilities to handle all the boats, people and cars. Because the wind usually doesn't appear until 2:00 pm, the competitors were able to have leisurely mornings either enjoying a cappuccino at the local café, exploring one of the 3 cities that ring Lake Bracciano or sleeping

the Winter Circuit in Nassau, but Carlos was able to pull a few strings and introduce a typical Bacardi Rum party the likes that many of us have never seen! Even the club members were amazed at the transformation of their club to a catered party with one of the largest and impressive bars complete with dedicated bartenders creating fresh blender drinks and other concoctions to cool the evening. Also back on



in after one of the memorable parties the night before! Quaint hotels ring the lake and all were full of competitors and their families who seemed to explore Rome and the various cities within train distance.

Opening ceremonies were held on the grass complete with a local baton & dance troupe and the flag raising. A quick competitors meeting briefed everyone for the next days racing. After the extremely efficient volunteers at registration checked in all competitors, everyone hit the warm beautiful blue/green waters of the Lake. For those who have not had the fortune to visit Lake Bracciano, you must put it on your "must-do" list of Snipe regattas. AS Nautica Sabazia scheduled the Vacanze Romane (Roman Holiday) regatta just prior and with 53 boats competing, many sailors had a chance to test the waters prior to the Worlds first start.

The social schedule included a party hosted by Bacardi, a dream of Honorary Commodore Carlos Bosch who graced the regatta with his presence. Bacardi has long been a supporter of

land, the mornings were filled with story swapping, photos with old friends, making new friends and kicking tires (shrouds?) in the boat yard.

The racing.....as usual it was very competitive. You can imagine 83 boats on one starting line and the mark roundings were a site to behold. Jan and Jane Persson, regulars at the Lake, won the first 2 races right off the bat, although the 2nd race was not a wire-to-wire win as they hit a left puff propelling them past Giorgio Brezich and Lucio Penso who had led the entire race until the last 500 yards when Felix Gancedo and crew Angela Pumaregina began putting the pressure on Brezich with a tacking duel.

The 3rd day of racing began the controversy, which propelled probably the most protests (32 was last count) ever filed at a Snipe regatta, let alone a Masters. Just

prior to the final boat finishing race 3 and before the lead boats hit the beach, a quick moving thunderstorm hit the fleet that immediately caused everyone to drop all sails and wait the wind and rain out bare-pole. After about 20 minutes of hard rain, lighting and thunder, the capable rescue boats who had surrounded by the fleet like a bunch of mother ducks, quickly gathered up the flock including 4 boats that had beached and found shelter in a beach bar that graciously served free beer! Once everyone was accounted for and back on land (about 8 pm) many competitors filed protests against the RC for running the race in excessive wind speed. Days of protests and appeals resulted in long nights and early mornings for the jury, RC and competitors. The following day, the RC let a start go with too many unaccounted OCS boats (the SCIRA rep counted at least 25 while only 6 were posted...), which encouraged another round of protests being filed. In addition, finishing positions were being debated, protests filed against the RC and witnessed by the competitors, which resulted in a result form that was a constantly moving target. The SCIRA Board will be filing a letter with the Italian Federation and ISAF to ensure that our future



regattas receive competent Race Committees and our SCIRA rules are respected and observed.

Maybe a positive from all of this was that new friendships were forged as competitors witnessed for each other and all the Snipe sailors enjoyed camaraderie through an appreciation of the SCIRA rules. Unfortunately the fleet realized that both the Jury and RC were in cahoots and no amount of protests, appeals or discussions would persuade any changes.

The final day only one race was held although a second race was in sequence, but missed the time limit. Reigning World and World Masters Champion Augie Diaz with Lisa Griffith as crew won the other 3 races that secured their place at the top of the podium.

The division winners were all close with Bibi Juetz/Dante Bianchi topping out the Grand Masters division followed by Jerry Thompson/Janett Krefting and Sergio & Enrico Michel. The Masters division found Italians Mauro Maurizi and Fabio Nocera in 1st with Felix Gancedo/Angela Pumaregina 2nd and Jan/Jane Persson in 3rd. Apprentice division winners were Augie Diaz/Lisa Griffith, Ben VanCauwenberg/Nadia Deferm in 2nd and Sherri Welch/George Szabo in 3rd.

Walking the boat yard after the last race, everyone was in high spirits because the Ciufo and fellow club members had put on an excellent regatta that could not be dampened by the antics on the water. The Prize giving was celebrated with lots of good food and wine, laughter and dancing, trophies, speeches and the lowering of the flags.

Photos: Upper left: Claudio & Gabriella; What the Masters are all about! Past Commodores, World Champions, royalty and Snipe officers. Below: Enrico crews for his Dad, Sergio Michel. Photos by J. Biehl.

Apprentice Masters (45-54)

1	USA 30288	Diaz, Augie/ Griffith, Lisa	15,25
2	BEL 30008	Van Cauwenbergh, Benjamin/ Deferm, Nadia	74,00
3	USA 30027	Welch, Sherry/ Szabo, George	76,666
4	ITA 29722	Pantano, Marco/ Montanari, Alfredo	97,00
5	ITA 29555	Braga, Ezio/ Parodi, Stefano	107,00
6	ITA 29900	Penso, Marco/ Perini, Annarosa	113,00
7	USA 29941	Grubbs, James/ Ahmanson, Abby	120,00
8	ITA 29774	Tarabocchia, Giulio/ Longhi, Stefano	125,00
9	GBR 30227	Martin, Neil/ Stray, Randi	129,00
10	ITA 29935	Irredento, Sergio/ Pozar, Barbara	157,00
11	DEN 29939	Andersen, Svend/ Skjoldvang, Pia	161,00
12	ESP 30058	Nogueira Soriano, Enrique/ Vilar, Jesus	177,20
13	FIN 28704	Valjus, Sampo/ Valjus, Reetta	181,00
14	ITA 6313	Bari, Antonio/ Lambertenghi, Paolo	182,00
15	ITA 28864	Morani, Giuseppe/ Romani, Marco	183,00
16	USA 29044	Walker, Robb/ Carlson, Rowena	187,00
17	ITA 29975	De Paoli, Alberto/ Mosca De Paoli, Annamaria	205,00
18	ITA 30001	Ciufo, Claudio/ Mazzacava, Gabriella	207,00
19	ITA 29554	Meriggi, P.Massimo/ Patricolo, Eleonora	211,00
20	JPN 28875	Nobuo, Okumura/ Olivieri, Roger	215,00
21	ITA 28867	Steffè, Fabio/ Bosutti, Stefano	216,00
22	ITA 30222	Perdisa, Alberto/ Minardi, Andrea	224,00

Overall Results - top 5 of 83

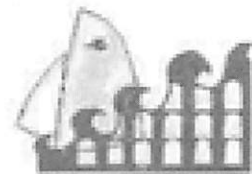
Country/sail#	Skipper/Crew	Finishes					Total	
1	USA 30288	Diaz, Augie/ Griffith, Lisa	2	11	0,75	0,75	0,75	15,25
2	BRA 29143	Juetz, Bibi/ Bianchi, Dante	4	4	16	10	3	37,00
3	ITA 29868	Maurizi, Mauro/ Nocera, Fabio	27	5	6	8	8	54,00
4	ESP 19981	Gancedo, Felix/ Pumariëga, Angela	3	3	19	7	23	55,00
5	DEN 30303	Persson, Jan/ Persson, Jane	0,75	0,75	10	37	13	61,50

Grand Masters (65 +)

1	BRA 29143	Juetz, Bibi/ Bianchi, Dante	37,00
2	USA 24702	Thompson, Jerry/ Krefting, Janett	69,00
3	ITA 29812	Michel, Sergio/ Michel, Enrico	75,00
4	FRA 29440	Etcheber, Jean Pierre/ Marthiens, Jean	199,00
5	ARG 29341	González Urquía, Oscar/ Iglesias, Ramiro	210,00
6	JPN 21349	Yamamoto, Jiro/ Gattulli, Ivo	221,00
7	NOR 29438	Romslo, Brynjulf/ Romslo, Anne	280,00
8	NOR 29447	Sundby, Bjørn/ Bonini, Barbara	319,00
9	ESP 28392	Perez Lopez, Francisco Gines/ Perez Morales, José	347,00
10	NOR 15569	Johnsen, Kristen/ Johnsen, Mathilde	352,00
11	FRA 28853	Mariage, Bernard/ Mariage, Claude	353,00
12	ITA 29531	Rinaudo, Luigi/ Gualtiero, Fozzar	366,00
13	ESP 17424	Gonzales Marquis Valle del Turia, José Belda/ Cervigon, Pablo	371,00

Masters (55-64)

1	ITA 29868	Maurizi, Mauro/ Nocera, Fabio	54,00
2	ESP 19981	Gancedo, Felix/ Pumariëga, Angela	55,00
3	DEN 30303	Persson, Jan/ Persson, Jane	61,50
4	FIN 29965	Carpelan, Claus/ Wegelius, Fredy	73,00
5	NOR 30013	Mejelaender, Johan/ Kaperdal, Marianne	75,00
6	BAH 29899	Dunkley, Robert/ Berthelsen, Hege	79,00
7	BAH 28111	Lowe, Jimmie/ Lowe, Lori	82,00
8	NOR 29940	Jansen, Birger/ de Faire, Cecilia	89,00
9	DEN 28769	Lorentzen, Ove/ Petersen, Bo	91,00
10	ITA 30099	Brezich, Giorgio/ Penso, Lucio	119,20
11	NOR 30255	Haga, Jorn/ Saetersdal, Ida	120,00
12	ITA 29976	Solerio, Alessandro/ Solerio, Enrico	148,00
13	BEL 30199	Callot, André/ Callot, Eric	169,00
14	USA 30262	Irgens, Stephan/ Irgens, Michael	178,00
15	ITA 30212	Tozzi, Roberto/ Vieytes, Edoardo jr.	182,00
16	USA 30231	Timm, Terry/ Timm, Aubrey	183,00
17	ESP 28218	Garcia de Soto, Jose/ Bats, Caros	212,00
18	USA 29200	Norwood, Woody/ Pederiva, Silvia	222,00
19	SWE 29862	Akerblad, Mats/ Friis, Peder	223,00
20	DEN 26639	Rasmussen, Flemming/ Holstein, Harald	232,00
21	ITA 28958	Tirabassi, Romano/ Rodati, Alessandro	243,00
22	NOR 30229	Langfeldt, Jan/ Langfeldt, Marit	265,00
23	NOR 29942	Kaiser, Fredrik/ Kaiser, Britt B.	268,00
24	GER 27024	Horterich, Herbert/ Hautmann, Margit	304,00
25	ITA 30066	Costantini, Gino/ Rondi, Silvia	325,00
26	JPN 28877	Ohara, Naoki/ Watanabe, Toshihiro	326,00
27	ITA 28860	Pizzarello, Giorgio/ Scrimieri, Sara	355,00



23	ITA 30196	Napoleone, Raffaello/ Napoleone, Paolo	229,00
24	ITA 28191	Bensa, Bruno/ Roccarì, Ruggero	237,80
25	ITA 28192	Moronato, Andrea Maria/ Irgens, Monica	242,00
26	ITA 29779	Zuanelli, Silvano/ Bellotti, Alessandro	252,00
27	USA 30218	Browning, Cliff/ Lim, Rosalind	252,00
28	ITA 27124	Moro, Paolo/ Venanzi, Antonella	252,00
29	CAN 25843	Crook, Gweneth/ Heywood, Kate	254,00
30	ITA 29194	Cinque, Anna/ Fusco, Stefano	276,00
31	JPN 29953	Masuda, Kiyoshi/ Hiroyuki, Taniguchi	279,00
32	ITA 27108	Cardoni, Paolo/ Joime, Giampiero	291,00
33	ITA 28953	Scrimieri, Pietro/ Dunatov, Silvio	293,00
34	ITA 30224	Costantini, Roberto/ Proveni, Riccardo	297,00
35	GER 30040	Hautmann, Günter/ Hautmann, Gerard	304,20
36	ITA 30204	Pratellesi, Marco/ Anichini, Simone	331,00
37	ITA 26823	De Toro, Domenico/ Bartoletti, Silvia	340,00
38	ITA 26349	Vergari, Ludovico/ Vivian, Maurizio	341,00
39	USA 25714	Panza, Robert/ Panza, Jane	358,00
40	ITA 28907	Amore, Franco/ Montali, Luciano	380,00
41	ESP 27367	Cervigon, Pablo/ Ferrando, José Andres	384,20
42	ITA 28819	Mezzetti, Riccardo/ Baldi, Dante	400,30
43	ESP 29923	Contreras, Javier/ Travado, Cesar	416,00



2004 European Championship

August 22-28

Larmor Plage, France

54 competitors representing 12 countries across Europe descended on Larmor Plage to contest the European Championship and an automatic entry to the 2005 Worlds.

Pepe Perez and daughter Elena Lopez conducted a thorough measurement on the boats and sails and approved all boats to sail.

However, the French Open, held just prior missed a few days due to inclement weather that continued on to the 1st day of the Europeans, causing measurement to be conducted in between intermittent rain showers and blustery conditions. Remnants of the system from Hurricane Charlie that devastated Florida the week prior reformed to bring heavy winds, rain and big seas to cancel the 1st day of the Europeans. Day 2 found the wind subsiding, and with the competitors sent out, 2 races were held in the maximum of Snipe conditions. Big seas and consistent winds of 20-23 knots challenged the fleet with only a few casualties of a broken rudder, jib wire and tired sailors showing in the results column. The Spaniards were thriving in the heavy air with Rayco Tabares/Gonzalo Morales and Jordi Triay/Jose Escudero winning races 1 & 2. Leading the day was Francisco (Paco) Sanchez/Javier Jimenez with a consistent 2-2.

The 2nd day of racing found lighter breezes and generally better conditions for 2 races. Each race had a different wind velocity with the range for the day from 5-15 knots. Sanchez/Jimenez sailed consistently again in all conditions posting a 1-3 for the day. Brothers Enrico & Franco Solerio had a slow start in the days first race, but rallied to win the last race of the day.

The last day of racing brought more wind and 2 races were squeezed in while the rain and wind rallied. Paolo Tomsic/Andrej Mocilnik of Italy port tacked the fleet the 1st race and went on to finish 3rd, while Paco/Javier sailed another consistent race securing their title before the last race was held. But the competition was still tough at the top and the last race found Sanchez/Jimenez winning with Tomsic/Mocilnik close behind and Tabares/Morales in 3rd.

Congratulations must be given not only to all competitors but to the Race Committee and Jury as well. The RC, chaired by Jose LeFouler ran excellent races, adjusting the courses as necessary and calling for the correct courses as the wind dictated. More races would have been run if a day hadn't been lost to extreme weather.



The Jury must also be congratulated. Cesar Sans, a former Snipe sailor from Spain drove up to France to help judge and found himself assisting the righting of one of the women's boats the first day, pulling one of the crew into the inflatable due to exhaustion. Cesar (or Fidel as he's known) was happy to sail the boat back and was happy reminiscing at the bar about how much fun Snipes still are to sail, especially with a pretty girl as your crew!

Social

Members of the Societe Nautique de Larmor Plage greeted all competitors and guests like they were family. Club members tended bar, cooked and served the dinner with plenty of French break and wine. The prizegiving had everyone under the tent as rain was falling, but it didn't dampen the spirits or camaraderie of Snipe sailors.

Every country has key people who are their Snipe families or stalwarts. France has Michel and Marion Beaudouin and Sylvie LeBour and Gilles Boisaubert. These two couples must be credited with the growth and enthusiasm for the Snipe Class in France. Their collaboration to make this a successful event showed in every detail and in the friendship and hospitality to everyone present.

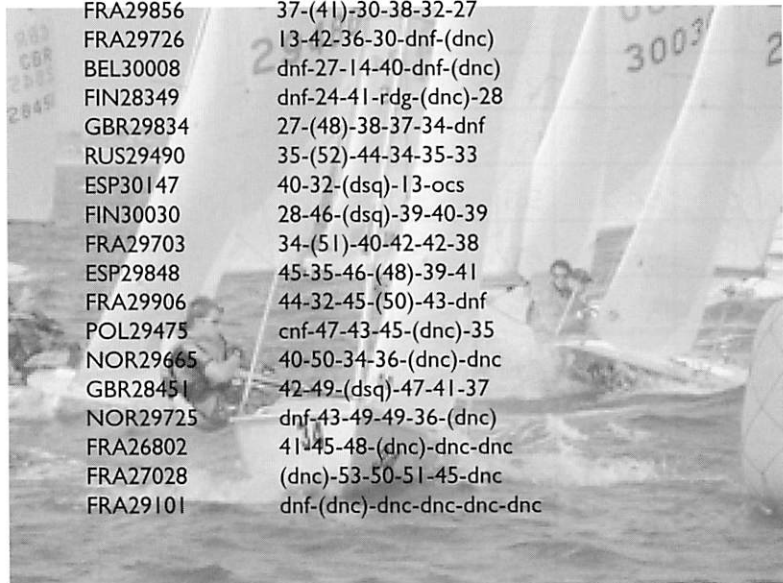
Observations

European Snipe sailors are ready for any weather and conditions that are thrown at them. It was impressive to watch the boat handling and seamanship and lack of equipment failure after the first days racing in gear-busting conditions. It's a test to the quality of Snipe sailors, their equipment and quality of boats being built. The only other observation was that in virtually every race, there were only ever about 5-8 boats on the line with huge line sag. Possibly this was due to the large seas and at times heavy air.



Results

Skipper/Crew	Country/Sail	Finishes	Total
1. Francisco Sanchez/Javier Jimenez	ESP29724	2-2-1-(3)-1-1	6.25
2. Rayco Tabares/Gonzalo Morales	ESP29854	1-(11)-7-2-6-3	18.75
3. Paolo Tomsic/Andrej Mocilnik	ITA30009	5-(12)-12-4-3-2	26
4. Ulrik Sandvig/Steffen Skoonberg	NOR27971	8-5-(31)-8-7-5	33
5. Diogo Talone/Pedro Pintao	POR29958	(17)-4-6-7-12-8	37
6. Francisco Palacio/Alfonso Rodriguez	ESP30060	3-(21)-5-9-19-4	40
7. Enrico/Franco Solerio	ITA29976	7-(29)-17-1-2-17	43.75
8. Antonin NOuette/Guillaume Capit	FRA29839	4-9-15-(24)-16-7	51
9. Joan Marc Rigo/Aldo Diaz	ESP29871	15-10-9-(23)-8-10	52
10. Karl Otto Book/Alexandra Wang	NOR29088	11-7-22-10-5-(31)	55
11. Francisco Ibanez/Juan Merayo	ESP29870	6-18-11-15-9-(ocs)	56
12. Felix Gancedo/Angela Pumagiega	ESP19981	(23)-3-2-22-15-18	60
13. Birger Jansen/Janett Krefting	NOR29940	9-20-8-13-(21)-13	60
14. Pietro Fantoni/Jacopo Ferrari Bravo	ITA30073	(33)-14-20-5-24-6	69
15. Pedro Saura/Cristina Triay	ESP30243	(dnf)-8-27-6-14-19	74
16. Giovanni/Dina Galeotti	BEL29794	18-6-(ocd/dsq)-14-11-29	78
17. Christian Andersen/Rasmus Rozentals	DEN29916	20-26-(39)-17-10-11	84
18. Ola Nygard/Jeanette Schouten	NOR15569	(39)-30-21-11-4-21	87
19. Robert Winther/Martin Persson	SWE29860	12-(31)-29-18-18-15	92
20. Jordi Triay/Jose Escudero	ESP29698	(dnf)-1-33-26-25-9	93.75
21. Alexandro Rodati/Tom Stahl	ITA29869	26-(37)-10-12-23-24	95
22. Martin Bermudez/Carmen Vergara	ESP29984	29-15-3-35-(dnc)-14	96
23. Henrik Jorhov/Ebba Friis	SWE30197	14-22-(28)-25-17-23	101
24. Alain Ferec/Eric Gillot	FRA29437	10-(38)-37-21-22-12	102
25. Eiving Tytlandsvik/Steffen Nysether	NOR29877	19-(44)-16-20-31-16	102
26. Luis Pessanha/Miguel Talone	POR29333	25-(28)-24-27-20-25	121
27. Maxim Kuzmin/Alexander Shirokov	RUS29480	21-17-19-32-38-(40)	127
28. Stefano Longhi/Laura Lautier	ITA29774	43-16-4-(44)-30-34	127
29. Jostein Grodem/Asbjorn Grodem	NOR29421	16-23-18-28-44-(dnc)	129
30. Ola Sjostrand/Mats Gustafsson	SWE27696	30-39-(42)-16-27-22	134
31. Torgeir Titland/Frode Midttun	NOR29981	24-36-(47)-19-29-26	134
32. Dirk DeBock/Frederic DeMesel	BEL29606	22-19-(35)-31-33-30	135
33. Nicolo Paolillo/Simona Cristofori	ITA29195	38-13-26-(41)-26-32	135
34. Fabio Rochelli/Daniele Semec Rochelli	ITA29934	31-33-23-33-(dsq)-20	140
35. Mathieu Therouanne/Morgan Guillou	FRA28540	dnf-25-13-29-37-(dnc)	150
36. Jan Peeters/Ann VanDaele	BEL29177	36-34-25-(46)-28-36	159
37. Jerome Thomas/Guillaume Louveau	FRA29856	37-(41)-30-38-32-27	164
38. David Dufour/Damien Cazala	FRA29726	13-42-36-30-dnf-(dnc)	167
39. Ben/Nadia Van Cauwenbergh	BEL30008	dnf-27-14-40-dnf-(dnc)	173
40. Jussi Savela/Kari Tuomala	FIN28349	dnf-24-41-rdg-(dnc)-28	176
41. Alan Williams/Liz Crouch	GBR29834	27-(48)-38-37-34-dnf	178
42. Alexey Krylov/Eugeny Ryzhikov	RUS29490	35-(52)-44-34-35-33	181
43. Francisco Gonzalez/Francisco Perdomo	ESP30147	40-32-(dsq)-13-ocs	181
44. Kai Saarelho/Markus Wilkar	FIN30030	28-46-(dsq)-39-40-39	192
45. Rene/Romain LeBour	FRA29703	34-(51)-40-42-42-38	196
46. Margarita Cameselle/Ana Barbeita	ESP29848	45-35-46-(48)-39-41	206
47. Jean-Benoit Coquelle/Pierre-Xavier Boubee	FRA29906	44-32-45-(50)-43-dnf	206
48. Tomek Slodecki/Zbigniew Rakocy	POL29475	cnf-47-43-45-(dnc)-35	208
49. Fabian Bruvik/Fredrik Rosenberg	NOR29665	40-50-34-36-(dnc)-dnc	214
50. Brian/Ian Gregory	GBR28451	42-49-(dsq)-47-41-37	216
51. Kristine Schussler/Cecilie Hurlen	NOR29725	dnf-43-49-49-36-(dnc)	223
52. Tanguy Leglatin/Guillaume Damblans	FRA26802	41-45-48-(dnc)-dnc-dnc	242
53. Gaetan Berthou/Pauline Metzger	FRA27028	(dnc)-53-50-51-45-dnc	253
54. Stephane Bariou/William Wiand	FRA29101	dnf-(dnc)-dnc-dnc-dnc	262




Photos: upper left: beach launching. Lower left: Paco Sanchez checks the line. Upper right: Paolillo/Cristofori hike off the line. Above: Thomas/Louveau lead a crowd around the mark. All photos by Biehl.




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Country	Boats Paid	Members
Argentina	29	48
Bahamas	14	13
Belarus	3	5
Belgium	18	27
Bermuda	3	2
Brazil	72	114
Canada	13	26
Chile	9	15
Colombia	25	29
Cuba	2	16
Denmark	19	27
Finland	25	59
France	40	76
Germany	7	13
India	5	1
Italy	120	267
Japan	299	390
Moldovia	0	3
Norway	146	217
Poland	7	13
Portugal	64	96
Russia	49	60
Spain	213	247
Sweden	46	68
Ukraine	3	3
United Kingdom	20	31
United States	546	735
Uruguay	15	31
total	1807	2627

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Ontario Open and Canadian Nationals

August 7-8

Oakville Yacht Squadron

A sea breeze of 5 to 8 knots on the first day and 8-10 shifting to offshore and increasing to 15 on the second made for interesting conditions. The wealth was spread around with four different winners of the nine races. John McAllister and son Brian were the overall winners. Brad Anderson and sister Maggie were second overall and top Canadian boat. Third overall and second Canadian boat was Caspar Young and Jennifer Ayers. Although last, new Snipers Adrian Dangerfield and daughter Emily improved every race. They were awarded the "Closer every race" prize. The regatta was once again part of the Oakville Yacht Squadron's Regatta Weekend. Irene McNeil and her Bravo course team ran the races superbly. The format of nine races lasting about 30 minutes each was very well received by the fleet. Special mention was made of the fine work of Erin McNeil, age 13, who stepped in and ran the last two races on the first day after her mother, Irene, was injured and taken ashore. On shore the weekend was just as great as on the water. The plan for 2005 is to run the North American Championships, August 5-7.

Chris Hains
National Secretary

Skipper/Crew	Finishes	Total
1. John/Brian McAllister	2-1-1-1-3-3-5-5-4	19.25
2. Brad/Maggie Anderson	3-6-2-5-4-2-1-4-2	20.75
3. Caspar Young/Jennifer Ayers	4-2-5-3-6-5-2-1-1	22.50
4. Chris/Don Hains	1-6-4-7-1-1-4-2-dnf	25.25
5. Harri Palm/Andrew Reed	7-4-3-2-5-6-3-3-3	29
6. Derek Taylor/Jenny Murray	5-7-6-4-2-4-6-6-7	40
7. John Taylor/Warren Haydock	6-5-7-6-7-7-7-7-5	50
8. Adrian/Emily Dangerfield	8-8-8-8-8-8-8-8-6	62

Colombia Snipe Series

1. Philippe Jacob/Antonella de Jacob
2. Danny Delgado/Jose di Ruggieiro
3. Santiago Uzcategui/Diego
4. Sebastian Higuera/Hernando Ramirez
5. William Kemenes/Diego Gonzalez
6. Mauricio Valenzuela/Camila Valenzuela
7. Felipe Castillo/Alejandro Abisambra
8. Jorge Uzcategui/Andres Delgado
9. Andrei Quintero/Ma. Claudia Ramirez
10. Alvaro Ramirez/Simon Cardenas
11. Manuel Isaza/Mariana de Isaza
12. Gustavo Tamayo/Nevarado Guerrero
13. Joaquin Tamayo/Alejandro Bacot
14. Juan Jose Carulla/Luis Banavides
15. Camilo Yamin/Diana Turbay
16. Jaime Castillo/Pierre Jacob
17. Roberto Londono/Roberto Jose Londono
18. Juan Camilo Castillo/Juan Pablo Castillo
19. Alejandro Cardenas/Nicolas Rodriguez
20. Carlos Alvarado/Luis Preciado
21. Armando de Mulder/Diego de Mulder
22. Jorge Gaitan/Santiago Nebel
23. Jorge Luis Rangel/Eduardo

Bahamas 2004 Nationals

June 26-27

Nassau, Bahamas

1. Robert Dunkley/Kai Chaplin	1-2-1-2-(4)-1	6.25
2. Jimmie/Lowe/Ted O'Brien	2-1-2-1-2-(3)	7.5
3. Dwayne Wallas/Jason Robertson	(4)-3-3-3-1-2	11.75
4. John Galloway/Alyson Myers	3-4-4-4-3-(6)	18
5. Fernando de Cardenas/Ben Myers	(7)-5-5-5-7-7	29
6. Peter/Pedro Wassitsch	5-7-(dnc)-dnc-6-4	30
7. Lori Lowe/Thomas Phillips	(8)-8-7-6-5-5	31
8. Johnnie Christie/D Myers/D Christie	6-6-6-7-(dnc)-dnc	33

Chile - 2004 Regattas

April 27-18

Algarrobo, Chile

1. Poncell/Barrios	1-1-(2)-2-1-1	6
2. Maurin/Gonzalez	3-2-3-1-4-(dnf)	13
3. Cisternas/Pullen	(8)-4-1-5-2-3	15
4. Gonzalez/Ahrens	4-(5)-5-4-3-2	18
5. Malsch/Fuentes	2-3-4-3-(dnf)-dns	23
6. Gumucio/Jara	5-(7)-6-7-5-4	27
7. Kutcher/Kutcher	6-6-(dns)-8-dnf-dns	42
8. Fuentes/Vergara	(dns)-dns-dns-6-6-dnf	45
9. Court/Fuenzalida	7-8-(dnf)-dns-dns-dns	48
10. V.Atton/V. Atton	(dns)-dns-dns-dns-dns	55

September 5

1. Poncell/Robertson	1-(2)-1-1-1-1-(2)	5
2. Maurin/Gonzalez	2-1-2-(4)-3-(4)-1	9
3. Gumucio/Jaras	4-3-3-3-4-(dns)-dns	17
4. Cisternas/Pullen	dns-dns-(dns)-2-2-3-(dnf)	23
5. Gonzalez/Ahrens	3-dns-dns-(dns)-(dns)-2-3	24
6. Selmann/Silva	dns-(dns)-(dns)-5-5-6-5	29
7. Perez/Perez	dns-dns-dns-(dns)-(dns)-5-4	33

October, 2004

Muna	3-1-4-1-2-(dsq)-3	13.5
Muna	(12)-5-3-3-3-2-2	18
Muna	2-3-2-5-(7)-4-4	20
Hansa	1-(ocs)-1-8-4-8-1	22.25
Hansa	4-1-6-4-1-3-(dsq)	28.75
Muna	9-2-5-(10)-10-1-6	32.75
Muna	5-8-(10)-10-1-6	32.75
Muna	(10)-7-8-6-6-6-8	41
Hansa	7-4-(12)-11-9-5-5	41
Hansa	8-6-11-(14)-8-7-13	53
Muna	(11)-10-7-7-11-11-11	57
Portillo	6-(12)-9-12-12-10-10	59
Portillo	15-9-13-13-(18)-12-9	71
Muna	(18)-17-17-9-16-13-14	86
Muna	13-14-(18)-17-13-14-16	87
Muna	14-16-(19)-15-14-16-15	90
Portillo	(10)-13-14-18-19-15-12	91
Muna	16-15-16-(19)-17-17-17	98
Hansa	(19)-18-15-16-15-19-19	102
Hansa	17-19-20-(dns)-20-18-18	112
Muna	21-21-(22)-20-21-20-20	123
Muna	22-20-21-(dns)-dns-dns-dns	132
Muna	(23)-22-dns-dns-dns-dns	137



Portuguese National Championship

The Portuguese National Championship, sponsored by Portugal Telecom, was held this year in Cascais, in a perfect organization of Clube Naval de Cascais, the contest winner for the next 2007 ISAF World Sailing Championship.

Thirty four snipes from all of Portugal proved the great moment that the Snipe class is living, with a many ex – Olympic athletes who are seeing the Snipe, as a class for their future,.

The Championship was strongly disputed, with the champion defined on the last regatta. The entire podium was constituted by crews from Clube Vela Atlântico, with the title being given to Diogo Talone and Pedro Pintão, who were the most consistent and faster crew in all conditions during the championship.

Final Results:

- 1 – Diogo Talone – Pedro Pintão – Clube de Vela Atlântico
- 2 – Miguel Leite – João Allen – Clube de Vela Atlântico
- 3 – Joaquim Moreira – Frederico Barbosa – Clube de Vela Atlântico
- 4 – Tiago Roquette – Tiago Marcelino – Yate Clube do Porto
- 5 – Francisco Neto – Luis Rocha – Clube Naval de Cascais

Iberian Championship – Grande Prémio Milaneza

After a period of absence, the Portuguese and the Spanish Snipe Class Associations worked together, in order to organize again, one of the most important trophies on the Iberian Peninsula. Clube

Vela Atlântico, a club from the north of Portugal, organizer of the 1990 Europeans assumed the challenge and promoted a great event for all the crews present.

A fleet of 46 boats with names such as the Spanard Felix Gancedo and Francisco Palacio, the Italian brothers Enrico and Franco Solerio and the best of the Portuguese Snipe sailors were present in Porto to dispute the Iberian title.

The brothers Guerra, past Portuguese champions, who returned to the Snipe class this year, won the trophy becoming the new Iberian Champions. One of the best Snipe sailors of all the times, Felix Gancedo and his crew Angela Plumierga finished in second place.

Next year, the Iberian Champion will take place in Valencia, Spain. The organization in charge will be the America's Cup organizing club, Real Clube Náutico de Valência.

Final Results

- 1 – Gonçalo Guerra – Tiago Guerra – Clube de Vela Atlântico
- 2 – Felix Gancedo – Angela Plumierga – Real Clube Nautico de Malaga
- 3 – Miguel Leite – João Allen – Clube de Vela Atlântico
- 4 – Luís Pessanha – Paula Araújo – Clube de Vela Atlântico
- 5 – Joaquim Moreira – Frederico Barbosa – Clube de Vela Atlântico

Finnish Championship

July 2-4

Turku

1. Claus Carpelan/Risto Valjus	Open	(11.7)-11.7-3-0-0-0	14.7
2. Sampo Valjus/Reeta Valjus	Open	3-0-(13)-5.7-8-8	24.7
3. Kai Saarhelo/Markus Wikar	Open	(13)-5.7-1-10-10-5.7	31.4
4. Stefan Winqvist/Alf Renvall	Open	5.7-(14)-11.7-13-3-3	36.4
5. Ville Aalto/Setala/Jussi Nevas	Open	8-(16)-15-3-5.7-10	41.7
6. Andrea Borenius/Lotta Renvall	Open	10-3-5.7-11.7-11.7-(14)	42.1
7. Jussi Savela/Kari Tuomala	Open	0-13-(14)-8-13-11.7	45.7
8. Jukka Kotisalo/E Kuusela	Classic II	14-10-8-14-14-(15)	60
9. Petri/Hanna Vihervuori	Classic II	16-8-10-16-(dnf)-dnc	77
10. A. Cederberg/M. Westerholm	Open	(18)-17-16-15-16-16	80
11. Robert Bjstrom/Joonas Bjorkman	Classic II	15-15-18-21-15-(dsq)	84
12. Reino Suonsilta/Jani Leinonen	Open	(dnc)-18-20-18-18-13	87
13. Jussi Vasala/Timo Rasila	Classic II	17-21-17-(23)-17-19	91
14. Timo Nurmi/Tommi Isotalo	Classic II	19-20-(dnf)-17-20-17	93
15. Jani Vuorenmaa/Eija Elonen	Open	20-19-19-20-(21)-18	96
16. Jukka Tainio/Vappu Tainio	Classic II	(dnc)-22-21-19-dnc-dnc	116
17. Mikael Niinivaara/Pasi Kalliala	Open	(dnc)-dnc-dnf-24-19-19-20	126
18. Outi Kivimäki-Tilanto/T. Maaninen	Open	(dnf)-23-dnf-22-dnc-dnc	127
19. Hanna-Leena/Juha Lehtinen	Classic II	21-(dnc)-dnf-25-dnc-dnc	127
20. Mai Jarvinen/Nani Pajunen	Classic II	(dnc)-dnc-dnc-dnc-dnc-dnc	135

2004 Norwegian Nationals

July 1-4

Top 22 of 45. Unfortunately not all crew names were reported, so we could only report the top 22! Make sure to send crew names with your results!

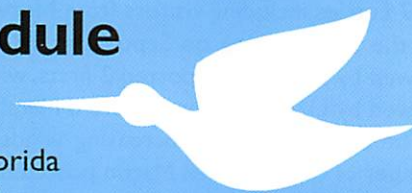
Skipper/Crew	Sail #	Finishes	Total
1. Karl Otto Book/Alexandra Wang	29088	1-4-2-(7)-1	8
2. Birger Jansen/Janett Kreftin	29940	3-2-4-3-(7)	12
3. Pauline Book-Bratbak/Lise Gehrken	30217	6-5-1-4-(20)	16
4. Bjorn Forslund/Hilde Forslund	30186	(9)-1-9-6-2	18
5. Viktor/Eivend Sinding-Larsen	29428	(bfd)-10-6-1-4	21
6. Jostein/Asbjorne Grodem	29421	2-8-(10)-2-9	21
7. Ola Nygard/Jessica Sylwan	15569	7-6-3-(10)-8	24
8. Ulrik Sandvig/Steffen Skjonberg	27971	7-6-3(10)-8	28
9. Erling Nesse/Thomas Bogno	30024	4-7-15-(19)-6	32
10. Viktor Sinding Larsen/Linn Hansen	19428	(17)-15-13-5-3	36
11. Geir Bjarne Myre/Toril Salen	30070	11-14-7-8-(29)	40
12. M. Irgens/Nina Irgens	30225	13-3-20-12-(26)	48
13. Magnus Hedmark/Asne Berner	29720	8-12-14-15-(bfd)	49
14. Johan Majlaender/Camilla Christiansen	30013	(18)-13-12-11-15	51
15. Jorn Haga/Ida Satersdal	30255	14-11-11-16-(32)	52
16. Niclas Fure/Nanna Fure	30067	15-(20)-17-175	54
17. Fabian Bruvik/Birgitte Gran	29665	10-16-19-13-(24)	58
18. Torgeir Titland/Frode Mithun	29981	(30)-22-8-23-11	64
19. Kristine Schussler/Marita Christensen	29725	16-21-16-(31)-13	66
20. Henning Balzer/Heinz Balzer	29855	(23)-17-23-18-10	69
21. Halvor Poulsson/Edel Poulsson	29673	(29)-18-25-14-12	88

Check the Regional Websites!

Ever wondered what it's like to sail in Colombia? Poland? How about Chile or Scotland? Go to www.snipe.org and view the latest updates on sailing Snipes around the World!



2004 Snipe Racing Schedule



International Championships

North Americans	October 15-17	Jacksonville, Florida
Brazilian Northeasterns	Oct. 30-Nov. 2	Salvador, Brazil
Rioplatense Championship	December 4-8	Montevideo, Uruguay

National Championships

Uruguay Jr.	October 2-10	Montevideo, Uruguay
Uruguay Masters	October 30-31	Montevideo, Uruguay
Argentina	November 11-15	Rosario, Argentina

2005 Snipe Racing Schedule

International Championships

Skipper Snipe Open	February 19-21	Lake Tomine, Bogota, Colombia
Midwinters	March 6-8	Clearwater, Florida
Don Q Rum	March 11-13	Miami, Florida
Gamblin & Bacardi	March 16-19	Nassau, Bahamas
South Americans	March 20-27	Algarobbo, Chile
Yves Le Bour – France	May 5-8	Le Havre, France
European Cup	May 20-22	Caldanazzo, Italy
World Championships	July 23-30	Gamagori, Japan
North Americans	August 5-7	Oakville, Ontario, Canada
Junior Worlds**	August 13-20	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Yves Le Bour – UK	August 27-29	Broadstairs, Kent, UK

National Championships

Brazil	January 21-28	Brazil
France	May 5-8	Le Havre, France
Germany	May 20-22	Caldonazzo, Italy
Belgium	June 11-12	Belgium
Brazil Easterns	July 1-3	Brazil
United States-Junior	July 8-9	San Diego, California
United States-Senior	July 10-15	San Diego, California
United Kingdom	August 27-29	Broadstairs, Kent, UK
Colombia	October 1-2, 8-9	Lake Tomine, Bogata



** pending Board approval



UK North West Championship

27 Entries including visitors from Norway and the Orkneys converged at Budworth SC for the 52nd meeting on September 18-19. In shifty conditions of 10 knots Neil Martin crewed by Randi Stray, posted 2 firsts, with seconds from Alan Williams and Iain Marshall, crewed by Liz Crouch and Richard Marshall respectively.

The second day and increasing winds to 15 knots with large shifts and gusts, saw a number of capsizes. Neil Martin posted his 3rd straight win with Mark Antonelli crewed by Giles Herrick in second, seemingly setting Neil Martin up for victory with 2 races left. Race 4, Neil capsized, sailing through the fleet to finish 10th, victory going to Iain. With Mark's consistency, there were 3 potential winners going into the final race. Mark led from the gun, from Iain and Alan, the tree battled to the finish with Mark coming out on top. Neil who had experienced difficulties at the start, once more worked through the fleet to 4th, clinching overall victory by 1 point from Mark and Iain (separated only on discard).

For full report & results go to "Snipes Fleet" at www.budworthsc.org.uk

Mark Antonelli

1 st Neil Martin & Randi Stray..	1-1-1-(10)-4 = 7
2 nd Mark Antonelli & Giles Herrick	(4)-3-2-2-1 = 8
3 rd Iain & Richard Marshall	3-2-(5)-1-2 = 8
4 th Alan Williams & Liz Crouch	2-5-(6)-3-3 = 13
5 th Ben Crompton & Robby Cowan	(9)-4-4-4-7 = 19



Open Scandinavian/DM/Gold Cup

Faaborg Sejlklub -8-11 July

1	29010	Henrik Andersen/Kim Hyttel	DEN-ESP	6 1 4 1 1 3	10,0
2	26660	Bo Petersen/Jakob Sørensen	DEN-FSK	1 9 6 2 2 1	12,0
3	27971	Ulrik Sandvig/Janett Krefting	NOR-VSF	2 5 7 3 4 10	21,0
4	29860	Robert Winther /Martin Persson	SWE-BOSS	9 6 2 13 6 5	28,0
5	30217	Pauline Book-Bratbak /Lise Gehrken	NOR-ÅSS	11 4 10 6 5 6	31,0
6	15569	Ola Nygaard/Katarina Garnoff	NOR-VSF	8 12 3 7 DNF 2	32,0
7	29979	Bo/Bodil Lindsjö	SWE-MSS	16 OCS 8 4 3 4	35,0
8	30101	Jan/Jane Persson	DEN-ESP	4 2 13 5 13 DNS	37,0
8	28769	Ove Lorentzen/Rasmus S.Thomsen	DEN-HS	12 3 OCS 8 7 7	37,0
10	29916	Christian S. Andersen/R.Rozentals	DEN-ESP	5 OCS 5 12 10 8	40,0
11	29855	Henning/Heinz Balzer	NOR-STA	13 10 1 17 14 DNF	55,0
12	29980	Alex Juk/Jannick Schreiner	DEN-FSK	OCS 16 9 10 8 13	56,0
13	28028	Michael Rohde/Rasmus Bundgaard	DEN-FSK	18 8 11 15 11 14	59,0
14	26658	Glenn Christoffersen/Søren Nielsen	DEN-FSK	19 17 16 14 9 9	65,0
15	29152	Per Steiner Höksås/Christian Olsen	NOR-RIS	20 18 17 11 12 11	69,0
16	30197	Henrik Jørhov/Ebba Friis	SWE-MAL	17 14 12 9 DNF DNS	
17	29728	Søren Ebdrup/Søren Høgild	DEN-HEL	7 7 DNF 16 DNF DNS	
18	25528	Svend Andersen/Pia Skjoldvang	DEN-ESP	10 15 14 18 DNF DNS	
19	29940	Birger Jansen/Cecilia De Faire	NOR-VSF	3 11 OCS DNSDNSDNS	
20	29649	Espen Sanderberg/Cecilie Hurlen	NOR-VSF	21 21 15 19 16 DNS	92,0
21	29086	Kim Wintermark/Magnus Køislund	NOR-RIS	22 20 DNF 21 15 15	93,0
22	28288	Chris Nielsen/Dan Olesen	DEN-HOR	14 19 DNS 22 17 DNS	
23	29725	Kristine Schussler/Marita Christensen	NOR-VSF	15 13 OCS 20 DNF DNF	
24	29083	Takumi Nakamura/Hege Berthelsen	DEN-ESP	RAFRAFRAFRAFRAF 12	



US Snipe Nationals

Mentor Harbor, Ohio - August 7-13

The 2004 SCIRA USA Snipe National Championships sponsored by Acorida and Carrabba's Italian Grill were held August 14 thru 20 at the Mentor Harbor Yachting Club near Cleveland, Ohio. The events were sailed on Lake Erie in conditions varying from the ideal 12-15 with moderate chop, to the 18-20 with big waves and then some drifter conditions caused by passing thunderstorms. We have some new faces at the top this year. Ernesto Rodriques and his crew Leandro Spina from Miami won the title of US Snipe National Champions, with George Szabo and Brain Janney taking second.

A total of 57 Snipe sailing teams participated in the main event with 13 junior teams participating in the SCIRA USA Junior Nationals. Zach Brown and Brianna Provanca won the junior event and he and second place finisher Tomas Hornos qualified for the Junior Worlds in 2005. Mandy Sackett won the Special Junior National Championships. In this event the junior skipper is allowed to have an adult crew.

After the weekend of junior racing the main event started with the qualifier event, the Crosby Series. The top 31 finishers in this 4-race one throw out event qualified for the Heinzerling USA Snipe National Championship Series. The team's finish place in the Crosby was carried forward as a discardable race in the Heinzerling Series. This resulted in a very competitive event with no one dropping out of the 4th and final race because they had qualified. The Crosby was hotly contested with the top 8 having 10 points or less. Lee Sackett and his father Todd, from Mentor, won. Szabo and Janney were second and Hal Gilreath with crew James Libel were 3rd.

In the Heinzerling, Ernesto and Leondro overcame an 8th place being carried forward from the Crosby. That had to be their throw out and it was. They never finished below 3rd and won one race.

In the Wells, the consolation series, the competition was also very strong. In the end consistency prevailed in this fleet also with Gonzalo 'Old Man' Diaz and Kristi Patterson winning the event and Michael Kaim and Michelle Grocke taking 2nd. The Old Man, he just keeps going and going like the energizer bunny!

Rob and Bridgett Hallawell in 10th place were the highest finishing married couple. Sheehan Commette, crewing for her father Peter was, the highest placing female sailor in 6th. Augie Diaz with Mark Ivey was the highest placing Master (3rd)

This was a great event enjoyed by the expert, many families and the novice sailor. I counted at least 17 of the 57 teams were sailing with their wife, child, or another close relative. Many members of families were sailing for other sailors. It was a great week of sailing with friends and family.

For more information on these events please go to the SCIRA USA web site
www.snipeus.org

2003 Reichner High Point Trophy

The 2003 Reichner was awarded to John Buckley of Lincoln, Nebraska for the highest net point score for the official racing season, according to the Deed of Gift for one of SCIRA's oldest trophies.

Unfortunately only 4 fleets participated in this year's award, the lowest in many years. Also, only the US submitted scores. For a full description of the award, refer to pages 94-98 in the 2001-2004 Rulebook.

	<i>Skipper</i>	<i>Fleet</i>	<i>Boat</i>	<i># races</i>	<i>Total</i>
1.	Buckley	Lincoln	28444	15	1729
2.	Smith, K	Seattle	27522	48	1673
3.	Flood, P.	Omaha	28370	24	1658
4.	Wright, C	Seattle	28472	24	1658
5.	Weitz, C	Omaha	25486	14	1630
6.	Ozaki, A	Lincoln	24242	9	1629
7.	Garman, R	Seattle	28141	41	1611
8.	Rood, G	Omaha	29738	26	1608
9.	Patterson, D	Willamette	27415	9	1604
10.	Briggs, L	Lincoln	27372	19	1582
11.	Fry, J	Seattle	25911	2	1581
12.	Brush, B	Omaha	27523	16	1579
13.	Russell, J	Lincoln	28881	15	1576
14.	Ruff, G	Omaha	27391	16	1576
15.	Dunning, D	Seattle	27569	48	1572
16.	Wagener, J	Lincoln	28882	15	1557
17.	Lampros, J	Willamette	27377	5	1556
18.	Toohey, M	Omaha	24100	15	1549
19.	Keane, P	Lincoln	24321	12	1548
20.	Recker, M	Omaha	16076	17	1536
21.	Recker, B	Omaha	27005	15	1527
22.	Ewoldt, B	Lincoln	25552	17	1522
23.	Rogers, M	Seattle	25912	37	1517
24.	Ruff, S	Omaha	24090	20	1485
25.	Fawcett, C	Seattle	23964	34	1476
26.	Bertsche, P	Lincoln	29956	14	1469
27.	Brown, M	Willamette	23291	6	1468
28.	VanDeventer	Seattle	24775	6	1468
29.	Miller, J	Seattle	26832	15	1463
30.	Scofield/Jetton	Omaha	27731	28	1459
31.	Patrick, G	Willamette	23494	9	1453
32.	Travis, S	Seattle	27002	7	1412
33.	Hoffmann, B	Omaha	27570	15	1403
34.	Festersen, P	Omaha	25052	8	1397
35.	Maier, P	Willamette	17390	7	1382
36.	Bengtsson, E	Lincoln	22810	15	1375
37.	Lockwood, D	Willamette	27730	6	1373
38.	Sanders, B	Seattle	22727	14	1372
39.	Frey, J	Lincoln	22327	18	1371
40.	Engbrecht, R.	Seattle	24004	43	1369
41.	Harding, P	Omaha	25431	7	1349
42.	Briggs, J	Omaha	29917	8	1337
43.	Lewis, C.	Lincoln	26757	14	1335
44.	Guile, P	Omaha	25487	12	1266
45.	Darrough, L	Lincoln	20875	12	1254
46.	Gondring, J	Omaha	27272	7	1254
47.	Gustafson, B	Lincoln	24111	13	1249
48.	Folmer, S	Lincoln	19358	5	1211
49.	Smith, M	Seattle	13023	5	1195
50.	Nelsen, R.	Lincoln	24099	14	1179
51.	Winkler, D	Lincoln	20630	7	1172
52.	Layman, J	Lincoln	21913	5	1161
53.	McDonald, K	Lincoln	24330	6	1107
54.	Ritchie, B	Omaha	24102	5	1105
55.	Brodmerkel, J	Seattle	17016	1	1099
56.	Miller, T	Lincoln	20197	9	1094
57.	Beeck, H	Lincoln	19444	7	1008



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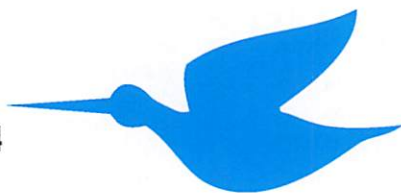
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