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**2004 South American Champions
Santiago Silveira and Diego Stefani of Uruguay**

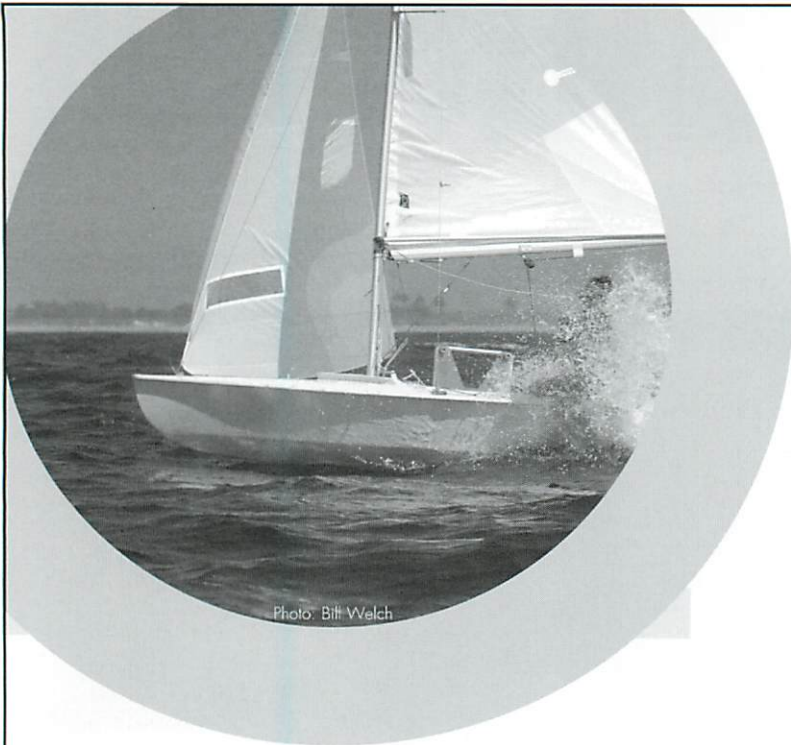


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 1st Womens Worlds
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The Count: 18 numbers have been issued; Italy 1; Brazil 5 and 12 issued to builders.

Numbered Snipes: 30274

Chartered Fleets: 873

New Fleets

Fleet 873: Club Nautico Cala Gamba, Spain

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Next Issue deadline:

Sept. 1

From the Commodore

Serious Sailing, Serious Fun!

The Snipe Class consists of various categories of members. In this concern, normal classification is that of Senior, Junior, Women and Master. However, we have another classification according to the target of each member. That is the members of "World Championship Level", "National Championship Level" and "Fleet Championship or Club Championship Level". According to this level, the time shared for sailing, the expenditure spent for sailing and the priority of sailing in their life may be different.

All categories of members are seriously sailing and seriously enjoying their own sailing field. Someone will be satisfied with refreshing his body & heart for returning to work the next week and on the other hand some one will seriously investigate his boat speed for winning the race. Some member may be aiming to step up from a fleet championship level sailor to a National and International level sailor. Anyway, the organization shall respect all members at even from the viewpoint of "membership" but never make light of the fleet level sailor.

Last year, the Class faced the risk of being eliminated from the Pan Am Regatta just for the reason of not being an Olympic class. Of course it is natural that the Olympic classes are highly respected by the authorities. Since one of the most important targets is "membership", however, the authorities shall respect and care about the non-Olympic classes and weekend club sailors, as evenly as possible. Though what class is the Olympic class, it will be limited in a few numbers of classes. Therefore, other active non-Olympic classes shall be respected at the next step field of regional events such as Pan Am Regatta in order to attain its target of "membership".

As a recent tendency in other field of sports, the "Masters Game" in swimming and field & track events and the "Citizen Marathon" events are prosperously held, sometimes involving the past Olympic athletes.



Recently I have received a letter from an old SCIRA member in USA (the same age as me). On his letter he proposed a rule change for the low physical strength of old sailors and the lightweight of junior sailors. Though his proposal was difficult to be accepted due to different way from SCIRA's aiming direction, I was very impressed and encouraged to see such an aggressive member in spite of high age as he. I also would like to aggressively continue and to fully enjoy my Snipe sailing at my own level of field.

Finally I would like to conclude that the Class shall evenly respect all the members because all members are seriously sailing and seriously enjoying at their own field and at their own sense of value. The wider bottom will make the higher top of Pyramid. The Class Officials and National Secretaries and Fleet Captains and all members shall keep in mind how to raise the attractiveness of each own sailing field.

We shall **"Think globally, Act locally"** and Let all members be **"Serious Sailing, Serious Fun"** on their own sailing field.

Jiro Yamamoto



What's in Your Snipe Toolbox?

Whether you're sailing in your local fleet or traveling continents or oceans to attend the next big Snipe regatta, having a well-stocked toolbox can save you a lot of time, let alone the hassle of trying to borrow tools or find the part you need. With that in mind, The Snipe Bulletin asked Doug Hart to compile a list of toolbox essentials for your summer travels. The Editor was impressed with his toolbox at a Southern Circuit several years ago, and looking at his boat, he knows what to bring! Hope this helps you prepare for your summer travels!

One of the hardest things that I have struggled with in the past has been packing tools for Snipe regattas. It is easy to forget the things that can ruin your regatta. Below is a list of essential tools for you to consider when you check your toolbox this summer. First, and most importantly, I recommend a good all around toolbox that consists of the following tools:

- * Battery powered drill with spare batteries and assorted bits
- * Screwdriver assortment or screwdriver with changeable blades (Leatherman tool)
- * Standard and metric socket sets
- * Standard and metric wrenches
- * Standard & metric tape measure
- * Loos gauge
- * Assorted files
- * Hacksaw and spare blades
- * Vise grips
- * hammer
- * Pliers
- * Adjustable wrench
- * Swaging tool and assorted swages
- * Pop rivet tool and assorted pop rivets
- * Scissors
- * Small flashlight
- * Electricians bolt cutters
- * Wire cutters
- * The all essential beer bottle opener and cork screw

Think of all the things you or someone else has broken during past windy regattas and that should help you to prepare a list of spare items. Tailor this list to the age of your boat and when you last replaced some of these items. If it's new, don't worry, if it's old – worry and make sure to have a spare if you don't feel replacement is warranted.

- * Shrouds
- * Spreaders
- * Mainsheet
- * Jibsheet
- * Pole launcher shock cord
- * Whisker pole
- * Main and jib halyards
- * Hiking straps
- * Miscellaneous line



My second toolbox is actually a clear plastic parts box that consists of assorted Snipe specific parts (normally not readily available at marine hardware stores) and assorted sizes of replacement cam cleats, blocks and other miscellaneous parts such as:

- * Sewing kit with sail thread, needles and sewing palm
- * Duct tape
- * Electrical tape (several colors)
- * Sail repair tape
- * Yarn
- * Replacement mast jib sheaves
- * Silicone sealant
- * McLube
- * Loctite threadlock
- * 3M marine adhesive (5200)
- * Permanent markers
- * Wet/dry sandpaper

I also hate to make unnecessary last minute runs for common items available at marine hardware stores. So I like to carry another toolbox that consists of the following miscellaneous items:

- * Assorted shackles
- * Assorted clevis pins
- * Ring dings
- * Fast pins
- * Stainless steel bolts, flathead and roundhead, in various sizes
- * Assorted stainless steel screws
- * Assorted nuts with nylon locks
- * Assorted stainless steel washers

If you're trailering your Snipe to a regatta, don't forget a spare tire and lug wrench. You'll be happy when you find yourself on the side of the road (which has happened to all Snipe travelers at one time or another!)

Hope this list helps jog your memory on some of the items that maybe useful to you and your friends. I've often heard Gonzo Diaz say that one of the best ways to promote Snipe sailing is helping other sailors fix their boats with a smile and a good toolbox.



Summary of Approved Changes in the Rulebook

For those SCIRA members without internet access, please note the following:

New SCIRA Advertising Policy

All Snipe regattas will be Category C.

Mainsail top measurement

The mainsail top measurement will be 176mm from the inside of the boltrope; delete the 2nd sentence of Rule 49. The top of the mainsail shall be perpendicular to the luff.

Mainsail stopper at the mast

A stopper shall be required at the lower edge of the top band to prevent the mainsail to be hoisted higher than allowed. In case of masts with masthead halyard locks the stopper is not required if the highest position of the top of the mainsail is even or lower than the lower edge of the mast top band.

Allowance in centerboard measurement

Added to the existing rule is a tolerance in the maximum centerboard width of +/- 3mm (now is 521 +/- 3mm)

Allowance in gudgeons location

Added to the existing rule is a tolerance in the gudgeon locations on the transom of +/- 3mm (actually the higher part of the fitting is 155mm lower, 410 mm higher from the keel).

Rule 11.5, correction to misprinting

The last sentence shall be read: "The front side of the hole shall not be less than 1494 mm (58 7/8") aft of the stem.

Rule 31.2, new interpretation

A tight rig is considered a suitable mast retaining system; all boats sailing with a tight rig are no longer required to use a retaining system as per Rule 31.2

New Courses

The courses length shall be determined on time and no more on distance. A race shall be from 60 to 75 minutes, with a total time limit of 20 minutes after the arrival of the first boat. A proposal has been made to change the deed of gift of major championships to consider a higher number of races to be sailed.

New courses have been approved as options for all regattas up to the National Championship (with approval of the N.S.) with start and finish at 1/3 of the windward leg



SNIFE in Olympics Committee Report

June 1, 2004

The SNIFE in Olympics Committee was assigned by 2004 Commodore Yamamoto for SCIRA to pursue the selection of the SNIFE as equipment for one of the applicable events in the 2008 Olympics in Qingdao, China. The 2003 SCIRA Board approved this pursuit via a motion and electronic ballot in late 2003. The reason for this effort is that SCIRA needs to gain recognition with national governing bodies (NGB) for sailing. NGB control money and schedule for the country. The growth of the SNIFE is linked to our relations with NGB. In many regions of the world, the SNIFE is ignored by NGB because the SNIFE is not Olympic equipment. In the future, as sports funding is less available, the SNIFE will need recognition from the NGB. In addition, our participation in regional games, such as the Pan American Games is in danger because the SNIFE is not Olympic equipment.

The committee consists of:

- Commodore Jiro Yamamoto, Japan
- Vice Commodore Henrique Motta, Brazil
- Past Commodore Brainard Cooper, USA
- Executive Director Jerelyn Biehl
- Peter Commette, USA
- Pedro Garra, Uruguay
- Alessandro Rodati, Italy
- Henning Sorensen, Denmark
- Gonzo Diaz, USA.

The 2004 SCIRA Board approved a motion via electronic ballot to send submissions prepared by the committee. Attached please find a copy of the submission for the men's dinghy event and a copy of the submission for the women's dinghy event.

The 2004 SCIRA Board UNANIMOUSLY approved a motion via electronic ballot authorizing Commodore Yamamoto to sign an agreement between ISAF and SCIRA with duties and responsibilities of both parties, if the SNIFE is selected. The committee provided research and legal advise to the Commodore and to the Board. A letter of understanding accompanied the signed agreement. Attached please find a copy of the letter of understanding and a copy of the agreement signed with ISAF.

The equipment will be selected in the ISAF meeting of November 2004 in Copenhagen, Denmark. While the SNIFE is not yet selected and the chances are not as good as SCIRA needs, the SNIFE has gained a lot of recognition and ISAF highest levels are now aware of our SNIFE.

There is still a lot of work left to do, if we are to have success in this effort:

- Publicity: power point presentation, brochure, parties, web site, etc.
- Lobbying inside and outside SCIRA
- Representation at the June 5-6, 2004 ISAF meeting in San Diego
- Representation at the November 2004 ISAF meeting in Copenhagen, Denmark.



2004 South Americans

The 26th South American championship was held in Porto Alegre, Brazil from 8th to 11th April 2004. There were a total of 50 competitors from Argentina, Brasil, Chile and Uruguay.

The Senior Championship was won by the Uruguayans Santiago Silveira/Diego Stefani from Punta Del Este Yacht Club for the third time (2002/2003/2004). They won three out of six races, this was ensured by the great tactic quality of the fine competitors. Santiago, 22, is the Uruguayan Champion and was Bronze at Santo Domingo.

The second place was also won by the Uruguayans Ricardo Fabini/Martin Puricelli from the Yacht Club Uruguayo. The best qualified Brazilians were Paulo Santos/Gustavo Queiroz, who managed to assure the fourth place.

The Juniors Champions were the Brazilians Victor Demaison/Daniel Claro who guaranteed another entry for Brazil in the next Western Hemisphere Championship.

The Next SA Championship will take place at Algarrobo – Chile on 2005 Easter Week.

Andre Wahrlich

WH & O General Secretary

Results - top 45 of 50

1.	Santiago Silveira/Diego Stefani	URU29827	Sr	3-1-1-4-(8)-1	10
2.	Ricardo Fabini/Martin Puricelli	URU28026	Sr.	2-3-2-(dnf)-6-3	16
3.	Federico Calabrese/Jorge Engelhard	ARG29338	Sr	4-2-(7)-7-2-7	22
4.	Paulo Santos/Gustavo Queiroz	BRA29818	Mstr	8-(13)-6-3-1-9	25
5.	Carlos Henrique Wanderley/R. Zietemann	BRA9821	Sr	9-8-4-6-4-(11)	31
6.	Ricardo Paradedda/Fernando Alves	BRA2982	Sr	7-(15)-8-2-5-12	34
7.	Ezequiel Despontin/Matias Arrambide	ARG9338	Sr	1-4-10-10-10-(ocs)	35
8.	Pedro Garra/Juan Real de Azua	URU29891	Sr	15-(19)-3-5-7-8	57
9.	Alexandre Tinoco/Kurt Diemer	BRA2865	Sr	5-(33)-12-12-11-4	44
10.	Javier Moyano/Julio Cozzarin	ARG29730	Sr	8-5-(15)-15-9-14	51
11.	Andre Wahrlich/Fabio Dutra Pillar	BRA26804	Sr	23-(ocs)-5-1-3-20	52
12.	Paulo Ribeiro/Maurano Castilhos	BRA 7	Sr	(26)-10-11-9-17-5	52
13.	Federico Norman/Diego Rudoy	ARG28646	Sr	12-7-14-11-16-(24)	60
14.	Victor Hector Demaison/Daniel Seixas Claro	BRA28651	Jr	(17)-11-13-14-12-15	65
15.	Mariano Arroyo/Juan Pablo Guerra	ARG28984	Sr	10-9-(27)-13-19-19	70
16.	Jose Lovigne/Lucas Montanaro	ARG29889	Sr	13-18-21-(23)-13-16	81
17.	Alex Juk/Piero Furlan	BRA29971	Sr	(22)-21-9-16-14-22	82
18.	Fernando Kessler/Daniel Ortega	BRA27535	Sr	(36)-27-16-17-15-13	88
19.	Felipe Linhares/Eduardo Moreira	BRA29549	Sr	18-(36)-24-18-18-17	95
20.	Antonio Poncell/Fernando Barrios	CHI29274	Sr	28-(34)-17-9-22-23	98
21.	Cesar Cavaleda/Gabriel Vazquez	ARG29672	Sr	(25)-14-22-22-20-zpf20	98
22.	Sebastian Guerra/Martin Viale	ARG28698	Sr	21-23-(29)-20-21-28	113
23.	Andrea Foglia/Mariana Foglia	URU29829	Fem	14-16-19-(dnc)-dnc-21	121
24.	Tatiana Gertner/Nicolas Stefani	URU29825	Mix	24-17-35-24-22-(ocs)	122
25.	Philipp Umpiere/Federico Martinez	URU29828	Jr	19-32-18-(dnc)-dnc-6	126
26.	Alexandre Kronenberger/Renan Castro	BRA29495	Sr	(37)-20-31-26-26-29	132
27.	Johann Felippes/Gustavo Miguel Fleury	BRA29969	Sr	(39)-26-29-19-24-27	135
28.	Marcos Lewis/Federico Lopez	ARG29228	Sr	20-12-44-(dnc)-dnc-zpf12	139
29.	Fabricio Jose Chuchi/Lucas Gomez	ARG28789	Sr	27-6-33-(dnc)-dnc-25	142
30.	Affonso Abreu/Pedro Henrique Walter	BRA29948	Sr	(43)-42-30-21-23-35	151
31.	Lucio Noceti/Francisco Venetucci	ARG28641	Jr	30-22-28-(dnc)-dnc-26	157
32.	Florentino Garello/Infante Lucas	ARG22575	Jr	35-(40)-36-30-25-31	157
33.	Rogério Augusto Alves/Tiago Strobel	BRA30115	Sr	11-29-(dnf)-25-dnf-dnc	167
34.	Sergio Roberto Muller/Jeni Simoes de Souza	BRA26748	Mix	(42)-41-37-28-29-32	167
35.	Eduardo Chapchap/Atila Pellin de Lima	BRA27532	Sr	16-30-23-(dnf)-dnc-dnc	171
36.	Javier Matheu/Nicolas Gioco	ARG10863	Jr	(44)-43-43-29-27-30	172
37.	Fernando Thode/Felipe Garcia	URU29251	Mstr	33-24-20-(dnc)-dnc-dnc	179
38.	Rodrigo Menegassi/Caroline Boening	BRA29821	Sr	29-25-26-(dnf)-dnc-dnc	182
39.	Jorge Aydos/Eduardo Rocha	BRA26801	Sr	31-(dsq)-32-dnf-dnc-18	183
40.	Larissa Juk/Marina Montautti	BRA29502	Fem	(dnc)-35-38-dnf-28-33	185
41.	Gustavo Ilha/Roberto Marteleto Blum	BRA12747	Jr	47-46-45-27-30-(51)	195
42.	Bernardo Luz/Rodrigo Barbosa Lima	BRA26653	Jr	32-37-25-(dnc)-dnc0dnc	196
43.	Simon Cardghian/Fernando Romero	ARG28963	Sr	38-28-34-(dnc)-dnc-dnc	202
44.	Roberto Malach/Carmina Fuentes	CHI28844	Mix	41-39-40-(dnf)-dnc-34	205
45.	Mario Sacconi/Francisco Inacio Sacconi	BRA29547	Sr	34-31-41-(dnf)-dnc-dnc	208



Spanish Junior Nationals And Spanish Cup

April 2004

Over the Easter holidays the Junior Nationals and Spanish Cup were held. Both were organized by our newest fleet in Cadiz, using the facilities of Centro Nautico Elcano, run by the town government. The weather was unlucky with only easterly winds on Cadiz Bay.

9 teams attended the Junior Nationals. Six races were scheduled but only two could be sailed on the first day with light easterlies. Very shifty and light winds from the south blew the other two days and no races could be sailed. The winner was Jordi Triay (crew of David Saura during the 2003 Worlds) with Billy Massanet.

The Spanish Cup had 6 races as well and only 3 could be sailed. The first day 1 race with very light wind, 2 races the second day with 20 knots from the NE and no races on the 3rd day with wind from the NW that varied from 4-20 knots in 5 minutes and down to 4 knots again with 45 degree shifts! We had 76 teams from all over Spain, including 3 boats from Portugal. The winner was Francisco Ibañez/Juan I. Merayo, 2nd Francisco Sánchez/Javier Jiménez.

Junior Results

1. Rayco Tabares/Francisco de Leon
2. Alberto Parron/David Garcia
3. Joan Marc Rigo/Enrique Rubio
4. Francisco Gonzalez/Francisco Perdomo Coll
5. Jordi Triay/Carlos Trujillano
6. Pep Rigo/Andres Munar
7. Javier Contreras/Salvador Morales
8. Victor Perez/Alvaro Munaiz
9. Jaime Higuera/Elias Higuera
10. Luis Miguel Garcia/Carlos Rentero
11. Pablo Cervigon/Fernando Navarro

Spanish Cup

top 20 of 74

1. Francisco Sanchez Ferrer/Marina Sanchez Ferrer	29724	16
2. Rayco Tabares/Francisco de Leon	29854	22
3. Antonio Pons/Antoni Cavaller	29870	24
4. Pablo Fresneda/Alejandro Martin Vizcaino	29930	28
5. Oliver Gongora/Alejandro Fresneda	29716	29
6. Aureliano Negrin/Mariano de Leon	29993	31
7. David Saura/Roman Saura	29512	45
8. Francisco Palacio/Alfonso Rodriguez	30060	50
9. Sergio Gutierrez/Alvaro Perez	29380	59
10. Alberto Parron/David Garcia	29504	61
11. Matias Ros/Fulgencio Ortega	29520	62
12. Francisco Ibanez/Clara Torres	29608	67
13. Agustin Penalver/Juan Abellan	29983	69
14. Martin Bermudez/Carmen Vergara	29984	74
15. Joan Marc Rigo/Enrique Rubio	29871	79
16. Juan Merediz/Carmen Perez	29924	80
17. David Martin/Christian Sanchez	29787	80
18. Jordi Company/Juan Merayo	28919	87
19. Alberto Prado/Alberto Guzman	29925	87
20. Jaime Miranda/Cristian Osset	28804	90

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 in Sweden are the best proof of it: two 1st, one 2nd, two 3rd in the single races and a very nice 4th and 5th overall! At the Italian Championship this year the new sails we have scored the whole top-nine positions besides the 5th place!



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East European Championship

4th Annual Traditional Moscow Sailing Regatta

Moscow Sailing School
May 24-30

27 boats representing 4 east European countries of Belarus, Republic of Moldova, Russia and the Ukraine came to race for the titles of East European Championship and the Traditional Moscow Sailing Regatta. Within Russia, 6 cities sent competitors: Moscow, Orel, Yekaterinburg, Toliatti, Yaroslavl and Lipetsk.

Competitors battled in 5-25 knots of wind and were able to finish 7 races. Among the competitors were 5 female crews, the best of which, Yakaterina Bessonova and Alexandra Sokolave, finished 5th overall.

Maxim Semerkhanov took vacation from his Olympic Laser program to team with crew Ivan Kolinko to win the overall regatta honors. They won the first 3 races in very strong breeze.

The Chairman on Jury was Per Ole Holm of Finland to whom we express our sincere thanks for his excellent job.

Andrey Astashev
Russian National Secretary



Skipper/Crew	Sail #	Fleet/city	Finishes	Total
1. Maxim Semerkhanov/Ivan Kolinko	RUS29480	MSS	1-1-1-4-4-2-2-(dnc)	10.25
2. Mikhail Vasiljev/Irakliy Mikeladze	RUS29481	CSC Navy	3-2-5-16-(19)-1-5	31.75
3. Mikhail Kondratjev/Semen Chistikov	RUS30121	MSS	6-5-4-5-12-(ocs)-2	34
4. Alexander Kharlamov/Andrey Bokov	RUS29469	MSS	5-8-2-3-16-12-(21)	46
5. Ekaterina Bessanova/Alexandra Sokolova	RUS29490	MSS	8-6-16-2-8-(19)-8	48
6. Maxim Kuzmin/Alexander Shirokov	RUS29480	MSS	2-3-3-8-(11)-dne-4	48.6
7. Pavel Karachov/Alexey Oreshnikov	RUS29479	MSS	11-4-8-15-(22)-10-1	48.75
8. Alexander Grigorin Ryabov/Vasiliy Bezmenov	RUS29488	MGY	(dnf)-19-6-1-5-13-6	49.75
9. Andrey Kyzmin/Evdokiya Pushilina	RUS23477	Lipetsk	(ocs)-15-10-7-7-4-15	58
10. Oleg Ralko/Andery Blokh	BLR29245	Minsk	10-(17)-14-9-10-7-9	59
11. Juliya Geraseva/Viktoriya Ryabinkina	RUS30116	MSS	7-9-7-6-4-(dne)-7	59.6
12. Alexander Denisyiuk/Sergey Pismennij	MDA29105	Chisinau	9-(18)-11-10-6-14-12	62
13. Andrey Astashev/Elena Khmelyuk	RUS29471	MSS	4-dnf-9-(ocs)-1-23-10	70.75
14. Valentin Uvarkin/Dmitriy Ikonnikov	RUS30124	MSS	12-12-(19)-12-18-5-14	73
15. Andrey Kovalev/Egor Terpigorjev	RUS29485	Yaroslavl's	13-13-12-(21)-13-15-13	79
16. Anna Kovrigina/Natalia Reshetova	RUS30120	MSS	(dnf)-11-17-11-17-8-16	80
17. Andrey Solyakov/Dmitriy Shutsz	RUS29491	Moscow	dsq-14-23-14-3-3-(dnc)	83.4
18. Andrey Gusenko/Tat'yana Krutous	UKR26880		17-(22)-20-22-9-9-11	88
19. Natalia Elkhova/Igor Khoroshilov	RUS29491	MSS	(23.5)-10-15-19-14-dne-3	89.6
20. Andrey Sheshel/Smitriy Mosievich	BLR9	Minsk	16-7-13-17-21-20-(23)	94
21. Juriy Astashev/Anna Olkhovskaya	RUS30117	MSS	14-16-(21)-20-20-11-20	101
22. Sergey Kataev/Alexander Popov	RUS29489	Ekaterinburg	15-21-18-13-(23)-18-18	103
23. Nikolay Samojlov/Denis Shapovalov	RUS29474	Moscow	18-20-(22)-18-15-17-22	110
24. Irina Gorodetskaya/Andrey Sochenko	RUS29483	Moscow	20-dnf-24-24-(26)-16-29	127
25. Mariya Anokhina/Kseniya Anokhina	RUS29106	MSS	dnc-dnc-dnc-(ocs)-25-6-24	136
26. Dmitriy Karasev/Petr Zhirnov	RUS29487	Tol'yatti	(dnc)-dnc-dnc-23-24-21-17	139
27. Ivan Polyakov/Dmitriy Redkin	RUS29482	Orel	21-23-25-(dnf)-27-22-25	143



2004 Winter Circuit - another beautiful 3 weeks sailing in paradise

Midwinters

Clearwater, Florida March 13-16, 2004

No report was filed for the Midwinters, just results!

1.	Augie Diaz/Mark Ivey	USA28810	1-3-1-1-5	10.25
2.	Peter Commette/John Kehoe	USA20089	2-5-4-7-1	18.75
3.	David Heibert/Bill Schoenberg	USA29400	3-4-8-2-2	19
4.	Michele/Charlie Bustamante	USA29572	5-8-5-12-3	33
5.	Robert Dunkley/Brian Janney	BAH29899	ocs-7-2-3-4	38
6.	Jerry Thompson/Robert Lindley	USA24702	7-12-7-6-8	40
7.	Stephen/Ashely Lippincott	USA30027	10-14-6-8-9	47
8.	Michel Irgens/Nina Haugen Irgens	NOR30225	8-13-13-4-13	51
9.	Don Hackbarth/Melitta King	USA30221	9-6-16-9-15	55
10.	Rodman/Olivia Burley	USA25870	12-19-3-16-6	56
11.	Halvor/Edel Poulson	NOR29673	17-9-9-15-7	57
12.	Birger Jansen/Cecilia de Faire	NOR29940	ocs-2-11-5-dnc	60
13.	Filip/Emil Svenson	SWE30045	11-10-18-10-12	61
14.	Hal Gilreath/James Liebl	USA8653	4-1-dnc-dnc-dnc-dnc	64.75
15.	Tim Pletcher/Leslie Michael	USA28369	16-11-10-13-16	66
16.	George Gibbs/Leonard Dodrill	USA29602	13-17-12-14-10	66
17.	Stephen/Cecilie Irgens	USA28470	14-16-17-11-11	69
18.	Bob Foster/Jean Paul Creighton	USA29966	15-18-15-18-14	80
19.	Steve Suddath/Karen Gray	USA30277	6-15-dnc-dnc-dnc	81
20.	Tom/Tug Townsend	USA26465	18-20-14-17-17	86

2004 (XXXVIII Annual) Don Q Rum Keg

March 18-19, 2004

Augie Diaz and Kathleen Tocke won the 38th Annual Don Q Regatta edging Scott Nixon and Brian Janney by only 3.25 points. This is one of the best-attended Don Q Regattas with 49 snipes registered and with the participation of several boats from Norway, Sweden and the Bahamas.

We had winds from the Northeast on Friday around 15 knots with 3 perfect races with Olympic courses being conducted by the race committee. At the return to the dock everybody was pleased with the day of racing, except a couple of old men complaining about too many races in one day! Do we have to live with these guys?

On Saturday winds picked up quite a bit from the East blowing 17 to 20 knots. It looked like it picked up more for the second race, however 32 boats out of the 49 completed the last race and the same two old men dropped out of the second race. We have to give some credit to them: they sailed the first race! The race

committee set up triangle courses (T Flag) for the two races and it looks like everybody stayed up! We had some fantastic reaches! With such heavy air championship, it was hard to understand why everybody had smiles on their faces! The smiles continued after the DON Q RUM KEG PARTY and the CUBAN DINNER that took place organized by Carmen Diaz and her team. The party and the dinner fully enjoyed by the competitors and the Race Committee members.

It was a great regatta and we have to give kudos to the Race Committee headed by Bruce Schneider with the help of the SCIRA Rep Phil Richmond and with CGSC members and friends including gunners: the Miami Beach Police Officer and Bill Beaver.

After trophy awarding by the CGSC Vice-Commodore Jack Hamm, the Snipes headed for home or the next regatta with many comments about returning next year. One more Don Q, the 38th and we are heading towards the 40th in a couple of years!

—Gonzalo Diaz, Sr.
Miami Fleet 007 Captain

Results on following page

Zimmerman Trophy, Charles Kelly & Concorde Trophies

March 23-28

Nassau, Bahamas

The Zimmerman Trophy, awarded to the top sailor in the Clearwater, Miami and Nassau combined regattas was won by Augie Diaz and Jon Rogers.

The Charles Kelly Trophy, awarded to the top 3 sailors in the Bacardi Cup and Dudley Gamblin series combined was won by:

1st: Augie Diaz & Jon Rogers
2nd: John Manderson & Stuart Colie
3rd: Scott Nixon & Brian Janney

The Concored Trophy, awarded to the top Bahamian sailor in the Bacardi Cup and Dudley Gamblin series combined, was won by Jimmie Lowe and Ted O'Brien.



Don Q Results

Top 20 of 44

	Skipper/Crew	Country	Finishes	Total
1.	A. Diaz/K. Tocke	USA	1-1-1-4-4	10.25
2.	S. Nixon/B. Janney	USA	5-4-3-1-1	13.5
3.	H. Gilreath/J. Liebl	USA	2-3-4-3-5	17
4.	E. Rodriguez/L. Fitzpatrick	USA	18-2-2-2-12	36
5.	H. Filter/K. Couranz	USA	4-5-12-9-6	36
6.	P./S. Commette	USA	3-13-10-7-7	40
7.	D. Tillson/J. Fretwell	USA	6-7-11-25-8	57
8.	B. Jansen/C. DeFaire	NOR	13-12-9-10-14	58
9.	K. Pohl/M. Commette	USA	8-11-7-13-20	59
10.	J. Manderson/S. Colie	USA	41-6-6-5-2	60
11.	R. Dunkley/K. Chaplin	BAH	7-16-8-17-19	67
12.	J. Lowe/S. Lindley	BAH	20-23-5-11-10	69
13.	C. Snow/A. Wurmer	USA	9-14-19-12-15	69
14.	G. Diaz/J. Kehoe	USA	22-20-26-6-3	77
15.	J. Richter/W. Duffy	USA	16-10-28-8-16	78
16.	L./L. Griffith	USA	14-29-14-16-13	86
17.	B. Schoenberg/O. Retler	USA	12-9-40-19-9	89
18.	J. Thompson/R. Lindley	USA	10-26-24-14-18	92
19.	R. Ramirez/F. Moffat	USA	11-21-20-26-21	99
20.	P. Lorson/M. Berry	USA	15-17-17-20-dnf	102

Dudley Gamblin Trophy

Nassau, Bahamas

March 26

top 5 of 42

1.	Augie Diaz/Jon Rogers	USA	1-1-2	4
2.	Hal Gilreath/James Lieble	USA	5-4-1	10
3.	John Manderson/Stuart Colie	USA	4-3-3	10
4.	Pal Bratbak/Marius Karisen	NOR	2-2-8	12
5.	Scott Nixon/Brian Janney	USA	3-5-4	12

Bacardi Cup

1.	Scott Nixon/Brian Janney	USA	3-3-3	9
2.	John Manderson/Stuart Colie	USA	1-5-4	10
3.	Hal Gilreath/James Liebl	USA	7-2-5	14
4.	Chris Snow/Andrew Surmsier	USA	4-6-6	16
5.	Birger Jansen/Cecilia de Faire	NOR	8-8-7	23

Basil Kelly Memorial

Over 50 Masters Division - top 5 of 13

1.	Jimmie Lowe/Ted O'Brien	BAH	1-2	3
2.	Jerry Thompson/Robert Lindley	USA	4-1	5
3.	Stephan Irgens/Cecilie Irgens	USA	2-3	5
4.	Steve/Jan Davis	USA	3-4	7
5.	Robert Dunkley/Kai Chaplin	BAH	6-5	11

Under 50 Division - top 5 of 18

1.	Dave Tillson/John Fretwell	USA	4-2	6
2.	Nicolas Granucci/S. Higgs	USA	2-4	6
3.	Rob/Bridgett Hallawell	USA	3-3	6
4.	Michael/Nina Irgens	NOR	6-1	7
5.	John Manderson/Stuart Colie	USA	1-6	7



Around the Snipe World

News from Finland

In general, Snipe sailing in Finland looks better than in years! Two new Lillia boats will be imported from Italy, one new Skipper already bought from Sweden as well as two older boats from Sweden. Hope these guys start to race! Big demand for used boats but the recession during the 90's now brings the problem of no free boats on the market!

We organized a Snipe clinic in April. Almost 30 new Snipers were participating – more than 50% girls!!

Finland will be sending teams to the Europeans, Masters & Women's Worlds!

Kai Saarhelo

National Secretary, Finland

News from India

Just to keep up... The lake has been dry for 2 years now completely – no sailing at all. We do expect good rains this year and pray!

C.S. Reddy

National Secretary, India

News from Spain

During the championship we held a meeting (two meetings are held during the year with the Cup and Championship). We touched on such subjects as bidding clubs for the next year's National Championship and Spanish Cup; grant sharing between those representing Spain in international championships (Federation money will be shared equally among skippers at the top 30% of the ranking beginning next year); control of components of Race and Protest Committees at Nationals and the Spanish Cup. Members were also informed about the Olympic Snipe Committee, which arose much discussion of the advantages & drawbacks. To close the subject, a vote was taken and Spanish Snipe sailors unanimously would like to keep the Snipe non-Olympic.

Elections were held and Fernando Tajuelo was elected for another 2 years. Additional elections will be held at the Nationals in Malaga in July.

Spain continues to work with Portugal and a regatta was held in Vigo, Spain with about 50 Snipes at the beginning of March. Most of the competitors were from Oporto and Galicia, but also from Asturias, Madrid, Cadiz and Lisbon. Free lodging was offered to all sailors. May 21-23 the Iberian Championships will be held in Oporto and we expect another 50 Snipes on the starting

line. No entry fees and free lodging will be offered again! Milaneza will sponsor a dinner and presents. Next year's Iberian Championship will be hosted by the Real Club Náutico de Valencia. There is interest in several Spanish clubs hosting major international regattas.

Fernando Tajuelo

National Secretary, Spain

Deeds of Gift

Now online – www.snipe.org. These include a listing of all past winners of each trophy.

World Champions

Former Snipe World Champion Santiago Lange has recently won the Tornado Worlds with crew Carlos Espinola. We'll put a listing of Snipe sailors going to the Olympics on the Snipe webpage – and will list their results in the Fall Snipe Bulletin!



Start of the Don Q in Miami during the Winter Circuit.



Don Q Regatta winners pose for the traditional winners photo

Four Rules of Thumb for Strategy on Runs

Not even the best sailors know which way to go on every downwind leg. When you're in the "same boat" and you aren't sure which side of the run is favored, it's helpful to have a few basic strategic principles that you can fall back on to keep yourself in the race. Here are four good rules of thumb that will work in almost any situation. Some of these are very similar to the strategies we have discussed for upwind legs. Others, however, are mirror images of what you would do on a beat!

1. Sail the longer jibe first.

This rule of thumb is a great percentage move on beats, and it works well on runs, too, because it keeps you away from the laylines (below). Once you get to a layline you're at a strategic dead end; by staying closer to the middle you have a better chance to take advantage of whatever windshift may come your way.

Why it's easy to overstand the leeward mark

There are two reasons why getting too far to the sides of the course is even more risky on a run than a beat. First, your jibing angle is usually much narrower than your tacking angle (above). When you have as few as 20° or 30° between jibes, it's easy to sail past the layline to the leeward mark. Second, changes in wind velocity have a much greater effect on your jibing angle than on your tacking angle. In the example shown below, the red boat was sailing within the laylines in six knots of wind. When the wind increased to eight knots, however, she was able to sail much lower and thus found herself overstanding the leeward mark.

The "longer jibe" is the one on which you will have to spend more time during the run. By sailing this jibe first, you stay closer to the middle of the course, more upwind of the leeward mark and farther from the laylines. This strategy works especially well when you're not sure what the wind will do. It gives you a better chance of playing future shifts and reduces your risk of overstanding the leeward mark.

2. Sail for velocity before shifts.

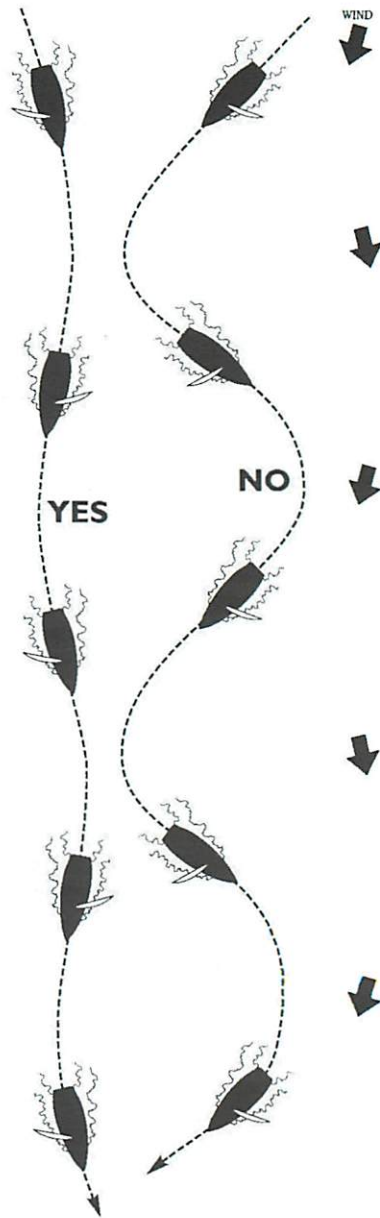
It's almost always better to have more wind velocity when you're racing, and this is especially true downwind. On runs, a puff will give you better speed through the water, and it may also let you sail quite a bit lower. Increased wind velocity usually affects your angle much more on a run than on a beat. For this reason, puffs on runs are a lot like headers because they allow you to sail lower and closer to the leeward mark. That's why you should usually go for pressure first downwind, especially in lighter air.

3. Sail away from the next shift.

On a beat you will almost always gain if you sail toward the next windshift because when the shift comes you will be on a higher "ladder rung." On a run, the opposite is true. You should sail away from the next shift (below) so you get to a lower ladder rung. Two times when you probably wouldn't want to sail away from a shift are when a) that shift brings more wind pressure; or b) that shift allows you to fetch the leeward mark.

4. Jibe on the lifts.

When you're sailing upwind, you should tack on the headers so you sail on the lifts. On runs, however, you want to jibe on the lifts so you sail on the headers. By staying on the headed jibe, you can sail lower and closer to the leeward mark. Also, jibing on lifts is consistent with rule of thumb #3 because you are sailing away from the next shift.



In the sequence shown here, the red boat jibes on the lifts while the blue boat jibes on the headers. You can see that the red boat sails much more directly toward the leeward mark.

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German Open Championship

June 2004

It sounds funny to have the German Championship in Italy, but it is possible!

Caldonazzo, a place to recommend is beautiful with its Italian nature, culture, food and wine qualities (and quantities!) The lake is situated north of Lake Garda and approximately 280 km from Munich. A very nice club hosted the regatta with a charming Vice President, Mr. Herbert Hörterich of the Associazione Velica Trentina. This was the 3rd time for Germany to host a National Championship, and for myself and Nadia, the first time we were able to compete.

In 1998, I was the first National Secretary of Germany, helping to start the Class, and after 4 years, Gunter Hautmann successfully took over the National Secretary duties. Due to difficulties in Germany with club politic and with too many different classes,

the best decision was to bring the Championship to Caldonazzo. Maybe it will become the Wiibro of the south?

36 boats from 6 countries were present at this year's Championship; Brazil, Belgium, Poland, Italy, France and Germany. All races began after 2pm so there was time for relaxing and holidays. Lunch was served with wine and after racing a dinner with more wine. 3 day's worth of this and all for 50 Euro! Nice t-shirts and caps were included as well as a prize for every competitor.

The racing was difficult due to very inconsistent wind and weather; usually the breeze comes from the south around 2 or 3 pm.

The first day was for us a good day and we won both races of the day. Bibi Juetz of

Brasil was a very close 2nd in the second race. The second day we again won the first race and Stefano Longhi of Italy won the 2nd race. The breeze picked up and the racing got tighter – great fun and a lot of sweat!

6 races were schedule but with a time limit of 15:30 the wind did not arrive until 16.00 so no racing for the day and the regatta was complete!

In 2005, the 4th German Open will take place again at Caldonazzo Lake from May 20-22, possibly in connection with the European Cup (final decision rests at the European Board meeting in August.)

Thanks to the club and Gunther for a great regatta!

Ben Van Cauwenbergh
SCIRA Member at Large
BEL 30008

Results


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<i>Skipper/Crew</i>	<i>Country/Sail</i>	<i>Finishes</i>	<i>Total</i>
1. Ben Van Cauwenbergh/Nadia Deferm	BEL30008	1-1-1-6-3	5.25
2. Gabriel Bernardis/Stefano Pontalti	ITA27109	3-3-11-2-6	14
3. Stefano Longhi/Alessandr Papa	ITA29774	19-4-5-1-8	17.75
4. Bibi Juetz/Felipe Novello	BRA29679	29-2-8-5-4	19
5. Janise Knasiecki/Bogdan Ratajczak	POL29973	7-11-2-12-5	25
6. Fabio Rochelli/Daniela Rochelli	ITA29934	23-6-15-3-2	26
7. Corrado Perini/Daniela Berto	ITA26508	5-15-23-8-1	28.75
8. Sarah Barbarossa/Barbara Bonini	ITA28771	6-5-9-9-9	29
9. Guilian Dematte/Sandro Cavallari	ITA29626	10-10-6-4-12	30
10. Bruno Bensa/Federico Bensa	ITA28191	4-8-dnf-13-10	35
11. Robert Stronm/Brigitte Schraner	GER27024	8-9-18-14-24	49
12. Zbigniew Michalski/Henryk Chalupka	POL29411	16-14-7-25-15	25
13. Sergio Michel/Enrico Michel	ITA29812	12-7-14-dnf-20	53
14. Alessandro Bellotti/Giorgia Bellotti	ITA29779	9-13-16-15-23	53
15. Michele DeRosa/Tommaso De Rosa	ITA30051	14-17-13-10-18	54
16. Tom Stahl/Alessandro Rodati	ITA29869	2-12-28-23-19	56
17. Ferruccio Bernardis/Andrea Ferruccio	ITA29355	24-18-10-16-14	58
18. Wolfgang Gerz/Wold Baier	GER28	18-23-ocs-7-17	65
19. Stefano Venditti/Paola Carlino	ITA29960	21-19-4-dsq-w7	71
20. Paolo Tomsic/Gabriele DeCeglia	ITA30009	dnc-dnc-12-11-11	71
21. Silvano Zuanelli/Stefano Silvano	ITA27130	13-16-20-26-22	71
22. Galbiatilauro/Sil Filippini	ITA28773	26-22-24-19-7	72
23. Gunther Hautmann/Sabine Hautmann	GER30040	15-24-dnf-21-13	73
24. Renato Bruni/Riccardo Mancabelli	ITA2	17-21-17-29-32	84
25. Sergio Irredento/Barbara Pozar	ITA29935	dnc-dnc-19-17-16	89
26. Margit Hautmann/Gerhard Hautmann	GER29932	22-20-21-28-31	91
27. Gino Constantini/Diego Laterza	ITA30066	25-30-dnf-18-21	94
28. Jacques Romain/Mechtild Romain	FRA29836	20-28-22-24-dnf	94
29. Marco Bressan/Maria Teresa Cassani	ITA29773	dnc-dnc-3-dnf-25	102

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Snipesailors have used PERSSON SNIPEs to win the World Championship in 1993-1995-1997-1999-2001 and 2003 where PERSSON SNIPEs were placed 1-2-3-6-7-8-9-10-12-13-15-16-17-18-19

Country	Boats Paid	Members
Argentina	25	43
Bahamas	14	13
Belarus	0	0
Belgium	0	0
Bermuda	3	2
Brazil	6	6
Canada	8	13
Chile	0	0
Colombia	0	0
Cuba	2	8
Denmark	14	16
Finland	16	45
France	0	0
Germany	7	12
India	0	1
Italy	2	2
Japan	22	20
Norway	7	6
Poland	0	0
Portugal	0	0
Russia	49	60
Spain	173	176
Sweden	0	2
Ukraine	0	0
United Kingdom	14	21
United States	469	608
Uruguay	0	1
total	831	1056



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Wiibroe Cup 2004

Espergaerde Sejlklub

May 29-31

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<i>Skipper/Crew</i>	<i>Country/Sail</i>	<i>Finishes</i>	<i>Total</i>
1. Ulrik Sandvig/Steffen Skjonberg	NOR27871	3-1-4-1-6-(14)	16
2. Karl Otto Book/Alexandra Wang	NOR29088	6-4-2-3-(10)-9	24
3. Birger Jansen/Cecilia de Faire	NOR29940	4-3-6-(bfd)-8-3	28
4. Jostein Grodem/Asbjorn Grodem	NOR29421	2-3-7-16-5-(18)	33
5. Bjorn Forslund/Janett Krefting	NOR30188	17-(18)-6-2-4-10	39
6. Christian Dahl/Marianne Stiger	NOR27744	1-5-15-8-(dsq)-11	40
7. Niel Martin/Heidi Hong	GBR30227	14-7-1-(40)-13-6	41
8. Christian Andersen/Rasmus Rozentals	DEN29918	10-11-11-(33)-9-2	43
9. Henrik Andersen/Peter Solver	DEN29010	(28)-20-9-7-5-6	44
10. Ove Lorentzen/Andreas Godtfredsen	DEN28766	15-9-2-6-(36-20)	62
11. Bo /Bodil Lindsjo	SWE29979	(22)-14-17-9-11-4	56
12. Soren Bidrup/Soren Hogild	DEN29728	13-13-(25)-13-1-17	57
13. Ola Nygard/Janett Schouten	NOR15569	7-18-23-17-7-(dnf)	72
14. Michael Irgens/Nina Irgens	NOR30226	8-10-14-14-30-(bfd)	76
15. Pauline Book-Bratbak/Lise Gehrken	NOR30217	9-8-21-(35)-34-12	82
16. Robert Winther/Martin Persson	SWE29680	11-2-dnc-(dnc)-15-1	84
17. Bibi Juetz/Lucas Ostergren	BRA29679	24-(45)-35-12-12-7	90
18. Takumi Nakamura/Hege Berthelsen	DEN29063	dnc-(dnc)-8-4-2-25	94
19. Henrik Dahl/Julie Dahl	DEN27140	12-15-13-33-16 (dnf)	94
20. Johan Mejlander/Camilla Christensen	NOR30013	(31)-12-24-25-17-19	97
21. Filip/Emil Svensson	SWE30046	29-(30)-10-6-24-31	99
22. Henrik Jorhov/E. Frlia	SWE30187	23-21-(32)-24-21-13	102
23. Niclas Fure/Hans Ingeberg	NOR26766	(32)-24-12-15-22-30	103
24. Jorn Haga/Ida Sattersdal	NOR30255	(42)-23-16-18-33-15	106
25. Ola Sjorstrand/Mats Gustafsson	SWE27066	16-31-(33)-22-18-23	110
26. Jan Peeters/Ann Van Daole	BEL29177	25-28-29-(bfd)-14-15	111
27. Mark Antonelli/Susan Robertsson	GBR30236	19-17-20-23-(40_32)	111
28. Per Edwall/Simon Edwall	SWE30088	33-(35)-27-28-20-8	116
29. Kristine Schnessler/Marita Christensen	NOR29726	20-16-(30)-26-27-28	120
30. Alan Williams/Liz Crouch	GBR29634	8-(42)-26-33-31-21	125
31. Heidi Sandvig/Cecilia Irgens	NOR29926	21-25-31-(34)-26-24	127
32. Mats Akerblad/Hakan VVerstall	SWE29662	37-27-22-(36)-19-27	132
33. Lieven Dossche/Frederik De Last	BEL29064	34-30-26-11-(41)-35	136
34. Bernhard Rost/Geoge Bosch	SWE30044	27-28-(34)-30-32-22	137
35. Henning Balzer/Heinz Balzer	NOR29855	30-40-19-10-39-(dnf)	138
36. Rune Kartvelt/Janicke Allers	NOR26461	(40)-32-38-21-23-29	143
37. Edia Robsahm/Espen Sanderberg	NOR29849	36-22-18-27-(43)-41	144
38. Andre Callot/Eric Callot	BEL30199	18-38-36-26-26-(40)	144
39. Lars Burman/Georg Burman	SWE29416	35-33-(40)-20-26-34	147
40. Flemming Rasmussen/Harald Holstein	DEN28839	28-(48)-43-19-37-33	158
41. Bengt Harling/Mats Holm	NOR29821	46-41-37-(47)-29-28	179
42. Magnus Christensen/Dag Fladved	NOR28694	38-29-48-36-350(dnc)	188
43. Bernt Birkeland/Rita Birkeland	NOR28084	45-38-44-37-(45)-43	207
44. Bengt Holmqvist/Simon Holmqvist	SWE30050	43-(53)-49-32-48-36	208
45. Ulf Enger/JohnEnder	SWE28366	(60)-48-41-42-38-38	208



South European Championship

Sanremo, Italy

April 9-11

	Skipper/Crew	Country/Sail	Finishes	Total
1.	Alexandre/Roberto Paradedda	BRA29821	1-1-1-2-6-1	5
2.	Luis Soubie/Lelio DiSanto	ARG28701	ocs-2-3-1-9-4	18.75
3.	Paolo Tomsic/Andrej Mocilnik	ITA30009	5-4-2-6-2-10	19
4.	Adrian Marcatelli/Francisco Bonaventura	ARG29339	10-3-6-4-3-8	24
5.	Enrico/Franco Solerio	ITA29976	2-16-4-3-1-17	25.75
6.	Diego Talone/Pedro Pintao	POR29958	12-6-18-8-5-3	34
7.	Stefano Longhi/Ortenzia Caselli	ITA29774	3-5-13-13-10-16	44
8.	George Szabo/Brian Janney	USA29957	9-13-9-12-16-2	45
9.	Giovanni Galeotti/Dina Galeotti	BEL29794	6-17-8-5-17-9	45
10.	Fabio Rochelli/Daniela Rochelli Semec	ITA29934	13-8-7-19-12-7	47
11.	Ben Van Cauwenbergh/Nadia Deferm	BEL30008	8-12-5-16-8-20	49
12.	Giuseppe/Vittorio Zaoli	ITA28765	22-7-10-11-4-21	53
13.	Giorgio Brezich/Lucio Penso	ITA30099	4-14-22-15-7-13	53
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16.	Nicolo Paolillo/Simona Cristofiori	ITA29195	11-15-26-9-24-11	70
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20.	Robert Winter/Martin Persson	SWE29860	17-10-15-23-22-22	86
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30.	Claudio Ciufu/Gabriella Mazzaccua	ITA30001	24-28-30-37-29-29	140
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36.	Angelo Pedone/Simona Pozzati	ITA2876	37-36-32-37-35-35	175
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40.	Ivo Gattolli/Silvia Bartoletti	ITA26823	38-dnc-dnc-36-dnc-dnc	200
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2004 Snipe Racing Schedule



International Championships

East Europeans	May 7-13	Moscow, Russia
Iberian Championship	May 21-23	Oporto, Portugal
Stone International Open	May 22-23	Kent, United Kingdom
Wibroe Cup	May 29-31	Espergaerde, Denmark
Brazilian East Champs	July 2-4	Cabo Frio, Brazil
Western Hemisphere & O.	July 5-11	Cabo Frio, Brazil
Nordic Championship	July 8-11	Faaborg, Denmark
Junior Europeans	July 22-25	Trieste, Italy
Women's Worlds	July 22-27	Oslo, Norway
World Masters	August 3-8	Lake Bracciano, Italy
European Championship	August 22-28	Lorient, France
Brazilian Southern Champs	September 4-7	Florianópolis, Brazil
Yves Le Bour	September 25-26	Eau D'Heure, France
North Americans	October 15-17	Jacksonville, Florida
Brazilian Northeasterns	Oct. 30-Nov. 2	Salvador, Brazil

National Championships

Uruguay	May 8-9, 15-16	Montevideo, Uruguay
Germany	June 4-6	Lake Caldonazzo, Italy
Portugal	June 10-13	Cascais, Portugal
Russia	June 11-16	Moscow, Russia
Bahamas	June 26-27	Nassau, Bahamas
Norway	July 1-4	Bergen, Norway
Finland	July 2-4	Turku, Åbo, Finland
Denmark	July 8-11	Faaborg, Denmark
Belgium	July 9-11	Nieuwport, Netherlands
Bahamas-Junior	July 18	Nassau, Bahamas
Spain	July 21-25	Malaga, Spain
United Kingdom	July 30-Aug 1	Clacton, England
Canada/Ontario Open	August 7-8	Oakville, Ontario, Canada
Russian Masters	August 7-8	Moscow, Russia
US Jr. & Sr.	August 14-20	Mentor Harbor, Ohio
France	August 19-21	Lorient, France
Italy	September 8-12	Elba Island, Italy
Uruguay Jr.	October 2-10	Montevideo, Uruguay
Uruguay Masters	October 30-31	Montevideo, Uruguay



Promotion

Each country does promotion of the Snipe in different ways. The US has recently appointed a volunteer member in charge of promotion (Watt Duffy) and he has set out to promote the Snipe within the US through various media sources: US Sailing, Snipe US website, Snipe district newsletters, Scuttlebutt e-newsletter, etc. Below are excerpts from interviews he has conducted with various US Snipe sailors that have been broadcast in through these various media.

An interview with Henry Filter

SCIRA USA: Tell me some of the best times you have sailed Snipe with a family member?

Henry Filter: (I) Don't sail with a family member, that's how I stay married.

SCIRA USA: What are your current sailing goals?

Henry Filter: To keep competing at the highest level.

SCIRA USA: Are the parties Serious Fun in the Snipe Class? Can you give me an example of a Serious Fun Party?

Henry Filter: Yes. Bermuda Race Week party a few years ago, where Alex Pline took his underwear off by pulling it over his head.

SCIRA USA: How does your experience in the Snipe class help you in other classes. Is it the competition, or the tuning aspect, or what?

Henry Filter: A Snipe teaches you how to set up and tune literally all other boats. Example: Just finished 4th out of 130 at the J22 worlds after only sailing the boat for a couple of months. (I) Could not have done that without all the Snipe experience.

SCIRA USA: If a young sailor ask you what non-Olympic boat helped the most to understand how to win a regatta which boat would you answer with and why?

Henry Filter: Its obvious, the Snipe. You learn tactics, sail shape and rig tune like no other boat, except perhaps a Star. But a Snipe is a lot less expensive to sail.

SCIRA USA: How and when did you start sailing Snipe?

Henry Filter: 1985 right after college. It's been almost 20 years. Looking forward to another 20 years.

SCIRA USA: Is Serious Sailing Serious fun what you see in the Snipe Class?

Henry Filter: Yes. Competitors are among the toughest and fair on and off the water.

SCIRA USA: Give me a list of some of the regatta titles that you are most proud of (say top 5) in any boat.

Henry Filter: Winning the 1999 & 2003 Pan Am trials. 2nd and 3rd at (Snipe) North Americans (I forget the years). Winning the (Snipe) Midwinters in 1992. and 4th at the 2003 Pan Am games after winning the last 2 races Never give up!. The Sonar NAs in 1995 and winning the SPORT Laser Olympic classes regatta in 1995 with over 200 Lasers and 3 past Snipe World Champions in the fleet. Recently I finished 4th at the J-22 World Championships with 130 boats.

Henry's wife Liz is currently sailing as crew on the Olympic team in the Yingling class. Her skipper is Carol Cronin Newman. Carol and Liz are also long time Snipe crews and Skippers. Carol is honored with many Snipe Championships, as skipper and crew.

George Szabo on the Snipe Class

George has a winning streak in the Snipes that is very rare. His success in the Snipe class in the last 10 years is matched only by a very few world wide. I asked George some questions about the Snipe Class and Sailing just this week. Here is what he had to say.

SCIRA USA: Tell me some of the best times you have sailed Snipe with a family member?

George: Snipe Westerns (Hemispheres) with Stacey (George's wife, crew and a top skipper).

SCIRA USA: Are the parties really Serious Fun in the Snipe Class? Can you give me an example of a Serious Fun Party?

George: GFU. The GFU regatta is a very special regatta hosted by the Mission Bay Yacht Club. The regatta is a tag team regatta where sailing teams sail around an island for 24 hours. Each team is allowed to sail two laps before switching with other team members. Around 9:00 the regatta has a "break" for a band that will play "till midnight. Then the teams re-organize and it is off to the races again. The team with the most laps around the island wins! But everyone wins at the party that is talked about for years.

SCIRA USA: Tell me how your experience in the Snipe class helps you in other classes. Is it the competition, or the tuning aspect, or what?

George: Practice, practice, practice. Small boat racing gives lots of races, and lots of opportunities to work on tactics.

SCIRA USA: If a young sailor ask you what non-Olympic boat helped the most to understand sailing which boat would you answer with and why?

George: Sabot - I learned to sail in it.

SCIRA USA: Can you tell me how and when you started sailing Snipe?

George: 1991 - for a college regatta in Japan, crewing for Alex Camet.

SCIRA USA: Tell me is Serious Sailing Serious fun really what you see in the Snipe Class?

George: The ad line is a good description of the class.

SCIRA USA: Give me a list of some of the regatta titles that you are most proud of (say top 10) in any boat.

George: 1st at GFU. George sails many different types of boats. The ones he has been most successful in recently are the Star and the Snipe. Wining numerous National Championships, North American Championships, Midwinter Championships, and A World Championship. But here he jest that the GFU was his proudest moment.

Jr. Rock Star Crew Graham Biehl on Sailing at the top of the game:

SCIRA USA: Tell me about your win at the Snipe World Champs, What was it like in Russia?

Graham: Our win in Russia was not easy. Shifty and light conditions dominated the regatta, making you use your head the entire time. There was also very good competition from all around the world, for a very good-sized fleet. After a rocky start, we turned it on and scored a few firsts and one second to close out the regatta not having to sail on the final day. We were both so mentally drained after our last day of sailing; we were hardly excited that we had won. The real celebration started to come to us the next day when we took to the spectator boat to cheer on fellow Americans Adam and Melanie Roberts to a win in the last race. But nothing beats it when your country and name is announced as World Champions.

SCIRA USA: Were the parties Serious Fun?

Graham: The regatta organizers put on a great party, with a salsa band, and it was a blast. Everyone was dancing and having a great time. A real good party to remember in Russia.

SCIRA USA: How does your experience in the Snipe class help you in other classes. Is it the competition, or the tuning aspect?

Graham: Snipe sailing helps in tactics and tuning for other boats. We had been sailing 470s for a while, so it wasn't too difficult for us. We knew how and when to change things up. I even remember changing the jib cars in and out of tacks for the incoming puffs and lulls. We actually cross-trained in the Snipe a bit for tactics building. When you miss one little shift, you definitely notice it. And because the Snipe is a little bit slower than what we were used to, we could really analyze our options and plan.



Graham and Skipper finished a VERY close regatta for 2nd at this years 470 Olympic Trials in Houston Texas. Great Sailing!

SCIRA USA: If a young sailor ask you what non-Olympic boat helped the most to understand sail tune, rigging, boat balance, and boat to boat tactics, which boat would you answer with and why?

Graham: If a young sailor asked me what boat would be best for learning sail shape and tuning, I would have to say a Snipe or Int. 420 for beginners. Its a little tougher for juniors to compete against other Snipe sailors in breeze, so a Int. 420 is another good option. But here in the States, I think it would have to be a Snipe. No other boat offers the variety of tuning and tactics that a Snipe does in the States.

SCIRA USA: Can you tell me how you started sailing Snipe?

Graham: I started sailing a Snipe because of my parents. They have been sailing Snipes for as long as I know.

SCIRA USA: Could you tell if Serious Sailing Serious fun really sums up the Snipe Class?

Graham: Snipe sailing pretty much is serious sailing and serious fun. I don't think I've ever been to a snipe event without some serious fun happening.

Mark Reynolds on Snipe Sailing and Success

Mark Reynolds is can be considered one of the top sailors in the USA. He has been successful in sailing many different classes over the years. His success is also told found in the Snipe Class where he competed with his family since 1977. I recently asked Mark a few questions to find out what he thinks of the Snipe Class and Snipe Sailing.

SCIRA USA: Tell us some of the best times you have sailed Snipe with a family member.

Mark: I did most of my sailing with my wife including winning the Nationals and 2nd in the Worlds. One of the nice things about the Snipe is that you can sail with your spouse and be competitive at the top level, I can't do that in the Star!

SCIRA USA: Are the parties really Serious Fun in the Snipe Class? Can you give me an example of a Serious Fun Party?

Mark: Often when we sailed it wasn't just winning points on the race course, you had party points to win as well. It gave a whole new meaning to being a good "all around sailor".

SCIRA USA: Tell me how your experience in the Snipe class helps you in other classes. Is it the competition, or the tuning aspect, or what?

Mark: In the Snipe you not only learn to be a good tactician you also learning about ways of improving your performance though tuning the boat. The boat is a great tactical boat since it tacks very efficiently with little loss of speed. There's enough room in the one design rules that allows you to learn how to improve your speed though tuning and boat preparation. It also keeps the boat slowing evolving keeping it modern and fun to sail.

SCIRA USA: If a young sailor ask you what non-olympic boat helped the most to understand sailing which boat would you answer with and why?

Mark: Sabot in my case (Opti to others). It teaches you tactics the best.

SCIRA USA: Can you tell me how and when you started sailing Snipe?

Mark: I bought a boat and rigged it myself in 1977.

SCIRA USA: With whom?

Mark: With my girlfriend at the time (now my wife).

SCIRA USA: Give me a list of some of the regatta titles that you are most proud of (say top 10) in any boat.

Mark: Star Worlds 1st twice, Olympic Gold twice, Olympic Silver, Pan Am Gold (Snipe), Snipe Worlds 2nd, Snipe Nationals 1st, Snipe Winter Circuit 1st 4 times, Star Bacardi Cup 1st 6 times, Laser Nationals 2nd, Laser NA's 2nd, Snipe NA's 1st, 3 times Farr 40 Worlds 1st.

An interview with Rolex Yachtsman of the Year and Snipe World Champion Augie Diaz

SCIRA USA: What are some of the best times you have sailed Snipe with a family member?

Augie: I have sailed with my father, my brother and both of my sons and it was great sailing with all of them. But the best times were crewing for my son Lucas. I'll never forget that after tacking to leeward of Brian Fishback one time I told my son that we needed to go high and fast. After a few seconds of silence, Luke responded: "Pop, that is impossible!"

SCIRA USA: What are your current sailing goals?

Augie: To sail at the highest level that I can while still having a lot of fun, win or loose; and hopefully defend the Snipe Western and World Championships.

SCIRA USA: Are the parties Serious Fun in the Snipe Class? Can you give me an example of a Serious Fun Party?

Augie: Snipe parties are great because of all the different people and the girls- we have girls; we need more girls! Oklahoma Nationals is a good example- Jato or Nico ended up in the pool with a dress on and we danced the last night into the wee hours of the night at the Hotel's nightclub.

SCIRA USA: How does your experience in the Snipe class help you in other classes. Is it the competition, or the tuning aspect, or what?

Augie: It is both the competition and the tuning lessons learned. The depth of Snipe is great and this is how you learn, sailing against good competition and in deep fleets.

SCIRA USA: If a young sailor ask you what non-Olympic boat helped the most to understand how to win a regatta which boat would you answer with and why?

Augie: Clearly the Snipe class, because of the depth, the international participation and the boats being so even.

SCIRA USA: How and when did you start sailing Snipe?

Augie: I started sailing Snipes when I was 12 years old, OUCH, that makes it 38 years.

SCIRA USA: Is Serious Sailing Serious fun what you see in the Snipe Class?

Augie: Definitely.

SCIRA USA: Give me a list of some of the regatta titles that you are most proud of (say top 5) in any boat.

Augie: Snipe Worlds (Championship 1st place), World Youth Championship, Snipe Western Hemisphere (1st place), Pan Am Silver Medal, 4th Star World Championship,



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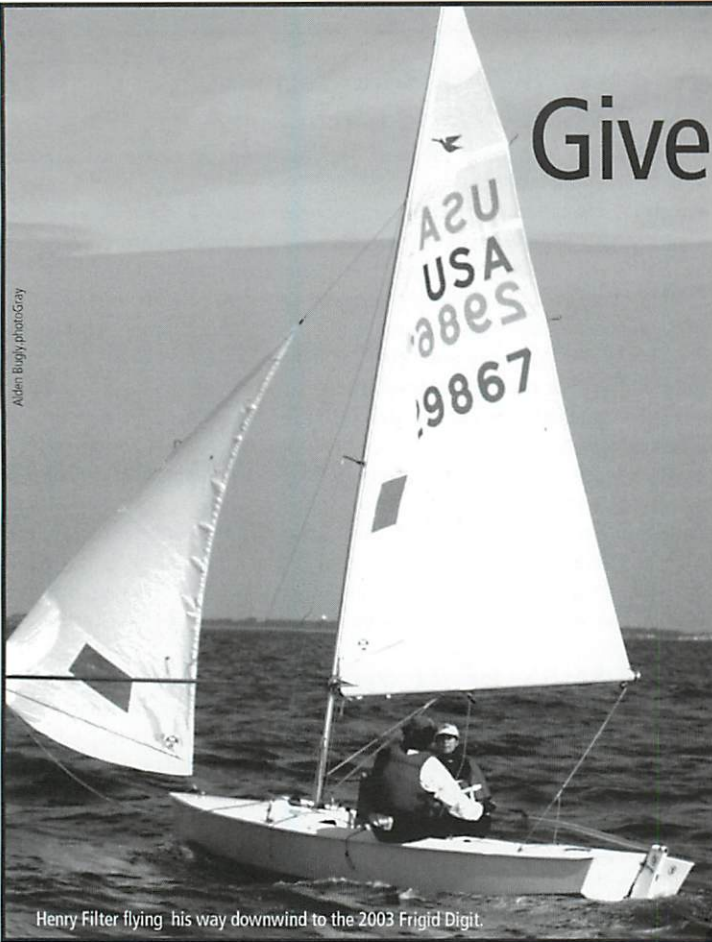
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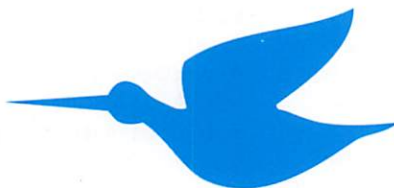


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Henry Filter flying his way downwind to the 2003 Frigid Digit.

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