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## 1st-Worlds, 1st-US Nationals & 1st-North Americans

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**The Count:** 13 numbers have been issued since the last issue; Japan 7; USA 2; Brazil 4  
**Numbered Snipes:** 30423  
**Chartered Fleets:** 877

### New Fleet

**877: Guelph Lake, Canada**  
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### Cover Photo

Junior Snipe sailors sailed in the shadows of Sugar Loaf and Corcovado in Rio de Janeiro during the Junior World Championship recently held in Brazil.

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## NEWS FLASH !!!!

The Snipe has been chosen for the 2007 Pan Am Games to be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. More news to come and keep checking with your National Secretary (for Western Hemisphere countries) or the Snipe website for updates.

### East Brazilian Championship - 2005

July, 1 - 3, 2005  
Cabo Frio, Brazil

Cabo Frio, a summer resort town close to Rio de Janeiro, where the 2004 Western Hemisphere Championship was held, hosted the now traditional Snipe East Brazilian Championship, this time in its 20th edition.

In the last few years the races have taken place close to the Praia do Forte, the most famous and traditional beach in Cabo Frio. The news for this year was the party race held in the Itajuru channel right downtown, after the official races held on the Saturday. A lot of watchers and general public was present at the event, which was narrated on a loudspeaker system to the locals. This festive race was won by Mario Tinoco/Victor H. Demaison, in reversed skipper/crew roles.

This year's regatta, held in the Rio de Janeiro Yacht Club local site, had the attendance of 32 teams from the states of Rio de Janeiro and São Paulo. The local carioca team of Mario Tinoco/Filipe Novello won took the series title (7 pts), followed by



the paulistas Carlos Henrique Wanderley/Richard Zietemann (18 pts) with current Pan Am champion Bruno Bethlem taking third place with Sergio Almeida crewing (20 pts). Junior World Champions to be, Victor H. Demaison/Mario Tinoco took the series junior title and the fourth place (22 pts). There were a total of six races with a lot of sunshine and winds at 10-15 knots, allowing for an excellent practice for the Brazilian team going to Japan for the 2005 Worlds.

Full results and photos on the site [www.icrj.com.br](http://www.icrj.com.br)

#### Results

|  |                    |    |
|--|--------------------|----|
| 1- BRA 30333 A.Tinoco, F.Novello:        | 1-2-2-1-1-(2)      | 7  |
| 2- BRA 29822 C.H.Wanderley, R.Zietemann: | 2-1-1-7-(11)-7     | 18 |
| 3- BRA 29799 B.Bethlem, Sérgio Almeida:  | 3-7-4-(dnf.33)-2-4 | 20 |
| 4- BRA 29857 V.Demaison, M.Tinoco:       | 6-8-(11)-2-5-1     | 22 |
| 5- BRA 9156 R.Barbosa, R.Furtado:        | 4-5-5-5-(zfp.9)-3  | 22 |

#### Photo

Alexandre Tinoco and Filipe Novello with the regatta trophy

### Invitation to 2006 Brazilian Nationals

**January 21-28, 2006**  
**Yacht Club Santo Amaro**  
**Saõ Paulo, Brazil**

Sailors from all countries are welcome to attend! The organization is expecting at least 80 Brazilian teams and it will be great competition!

The Yacht Club Santo Amaro has all facilities for a good stay for the sailors including accommodations, restaurant, boat equipment store and boat repair shop. Sailing will be on Lake Guarapiranga.

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—Mario Vicente Sacconi



# Diaz Reigns Again

## Pam Kelly is first woman in Isaacs in 45 years

The 42<sup>nd</sup> Snipe World championship was thrown some curves this year, but the cream rose to the top again, as Augie Diaz stayed consistent and was atop the podium in the end.

Past SCIRA Commodore Akibumi Shinoda orchestrated an excellent regatta from start to finish. The only element he couldn't control was Mother Nature, who served up a Typhoon that headed straight for the regatta venue and ultimately halted racing for 2 days. The remains of the storm were light breezes, making transitions key for the many sailors who expected more steady and stable breezes.

The first few days of racing found many of SCIRA's former champions dueling it out in the top 10. The light breezes of 5-12 knots caused havoc for many with tough competition not making it easy for anyone. Anxious sailors caused numerous recalls and several sailors were caught under the Z-flag penalty. After the first few days, the only sailors with single digit finishers were Diaz/Kelly and Matsuzaki/Sugiura. Matsuzaki/Sugiura were leading after the first 2 days with a 7-2-4 with Diaz/Kelly close behind with 4-4-9. Many other teams had some stellar races mixed in with a bad race many were hoping to use as a throw-out. But the conditions remained light and RC Chairman Takashi Nishimura tried in vain to conduct more races, but the elements would not allow him. Strategy had to change with no throw-out and Diaz/Kelly were able to consolidate their lead posting a 5<sup>th</sup> in race 4 while Matsuzaki/Sugiura finished in 28<sup>th</sup>.

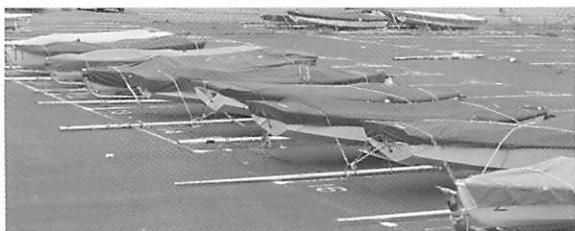
Pablo Defazio/Eduardo Medici of Uruguay were waiting in the wings ready to pounce on the leaders, but they too had a difficult few races that they had to keep, relegating them to 3<sup>rd</sup> overall.

### Social

Everyone would agree the Japanese know how to throw a World Championship! Fleet members from the Aichi area and all around Japan showed up to lend support in measurement, regatta management, breakfast preparation, translation and information, and just about every other aspect you could imagine – and all with a smile! Competitors were treated to typical Japanese food and entertainment and the most unbelievable fireworks available! Many stayed to tour the World Expo the following day and unwind from the competitive week.

### Equipment

A few competitors chose to ship their own boats to Japan while many others used charter boats provided by the organizers. The equipment and measurement list on page 12, provided by Worlds Chief Measurer and Rules Committee member Kudara, will give you about all the information you may need! Not much new was observed in rigging this year and mylar seems to be on the wane for sail cloth use. The standardization of the pintles & gudgeons enabled many sailors to bring their own rudders.



### Photos

*Above: Augie Diaz & Pam Kelly*

*Right: the parade to the prizegiving*

*Below: Going Japanese!*

*Lower left: buttoned down for the Typhoon*

*Bottom right: Race 1 weather mark rounding*





## 2005 Daily Worlds Report

Here was a Quick day-by-day report of the Snipe Worlds by George Szabo

### Day 1

Typhoon headed our way this morning, so there was no sailing today. Just sitting and waiting for the storm to hit land. All the boats are tied down to rings on the hard top. A very warm and very choppy place to sail.

### Day 2

Last night the typhoon shifted to the east and missed us. As it went away from us, the wind picked up during the night, and we were woken up repeatedly to the sound of the building howling. By morning, I counted over 20 freighters taking refuge in the bay here. So far, the wind is at 35 knots, with gusts to 40. The bay is covered with white caps, and the sailors are hanging out in the club.

The flag pole shows the come within hail flag, the postponement flag, the lifejacket flag, and the do-not-leave-the-harbor flag. Not sure if we'll get thrown out if we don't wear our life jacket on land.

We were sent out to sail 30 minutes before the last possible start time for the day only to find it was still blowing well above the wind limit when we all got there. They fired off the guns and flags and sent the fleet back to the harbor just before the bulk of the fleet arrived to the start line. It was an interesting sight to see a Worlds where so many sailors were sitting on the sidelines deciding whether or not it is too windy for them. A lot of Brazilians were sitting on shore waiting. I think the whole US team went out.

So much for the light air forecast. We'll see what tomorrow brings.

### Day 3

We finally got a day of racing in! Three races in 8-12 with lots of chop. Shifty conditions, and short-legs allowing the whole fleet to get to the 1<sup>st</sup> mark at the same time. By the time the third race came along, you could tell the sailors were getting tired.

Last night's party was "Japanese Style". Everyone was dressed up in robes when the entered, and we all had to sit on the floor. Good event, And – they played Bingo too! The hit line was "SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE" and the balls were stirred – with a little dance to go along every time by the ball caller.

Now, as we show up this morning for races, the wind looks to be 4-8, and there are about 100 jet-skis in the parking lot. Looks like these guys drove all night, and are currently sleeping in their cars getting ready for a competition. One van says "JAPAN NATIONAL JETSKI CHAMPIONSHIP". Should be an interesting day.

### Day 4

Well, no sign of the jet-skis out on the water, and that was the best news all day. Our day started with the wind from one direction, only to die while we were still on land. When a weak sea breeze filled in from the opposite direction, we were sent sailing. Well, good intentions aside, we sat around for a few hours waiting for more wind. It is pretty darn hot here, and the RC started passing out water a few hours into the delay. We set up for a few starts, but the wind died and we waited some more.

Eventually, the wind got to about 6.1 knots, and a race was started. Actually about 6 races were started, and the ZFP penalty was in full force. We got one, and so did 50% of the fleet. No exaggeration there. The breeze didn't stay strong for very long, and the ensuing race felt like a giant game of leap frog. Packs from the front would go back, and those in back would go forward over and over again.

We'll likely sail one race tomorrow in the morning. The last start time is 11am- they need to get the charter boats onto trucks to go home.

### Last day

Well, it started with double the amount of jet-ski's in the parking lot, but fortunately they have their own race course near shore with buoys, loudspeakers, tents and the whole shebang.

We were towed out in light air, waited around in light air and 60 degree shifts. A touch of rain, and then enough wind to sail. Just on the rail conditions, and lots of chop – especially on the left side where the spectator fleet was allowed to go. Not a great race for anyone, and the leaders were all the way back in the pack. Augie repeated as World Champion. I still need to find time to toss him in the water – he keeps asking why it is necessary. But first we have to pack a container.



Left: Matsuzaki/Sigiura





# Interview with Augie Diaz

**Snipe Bulletin:** Augie, you've now won several World & Hemisphere titles in varying conditions. How do you prepare for the conditions? (ie: do you research the site, train in various regattas with different conditions??) Do you try to train in your home waters (Biscayne Bay) in different conditions?

**Augie Diaz:** I do some research on the conditions that are expected in a particular site, but I don't go overboard on this. Biscayne Bay is a great place to sail because there can be different conditions and this is an advantage.

**SB:** You've shared some of your recent wins with various crews (Jon Rogers, John Kehoe, Lisa Griffith and Pam Kelly). Do you try to enlist a crew for the expected conditions?

**AD:** I don't necessarily look for a crew for the expected conditions since I like to be prepared for all conditions. But with as much sailing as I try to do and how busy people are, I have to use different crews. I have been very fortunate to sail with very good sailors and I have learned a lot from each of them.

**SB:** The 2005 Worlds were tricky with the Typhoon delay and then light breeze. How do you keep calm during a mother-nature enforced delay?

**AD:** I sail with a lot of intensity, but at my advanced age and because of my experience, I have learned to sail for fun first and this allows me to sail very relaxed and without pressure. Pam is good for me because she matches my intensity, but also sails very relaxed. Coni also helps me relax, she cares very little about the racing and I love this about her.

**SB:** Did your philosophy or tactic change when you realized at the Worlds there might not be a drop race or did you just sail?

**AD:** This was a bit confusing at the Worlds because there was a lot of discussion about the cut off time on the last day. I was sailing like

there would be a throw out until mid day of the second to last day; while under postponement because of no wind, I realized that if we didn't get two races in that afternoon, there would probably be no throw out.

Fortunately for other reasons we were ready for this. At the 2003 Worlds, we sailed our throw out in the second race and our strategy for these Worlds was to avoid this by being conservative and consistent at the beginning. This was super important since we ended up not having a throw out and because the fleet was so deep and competitive.

**SB:** Do you prepare anything different on your boat(s) for different conditions?

**AD:** I like to be competitive in all conditions so I don't focus too much on a particular condition. I do adjust the rig for the wind strength and was aggressive about de-powering with Pam due to our light weight.

**SB:** When did you realize Pam was the first woman to win the Isaacs in 45 years? Did this have any effect on your performance (if you knew ahead of time)?

**AD:** Never entered my mind, I don't see Pam as a woman, I see her as a very good sailor and a great teammate. Pam has this switch that she flips when she goes sailing particularly in a blow that makes her very aggressive and she sails heavier and stronger than she is.

**SB:** What are your next goals?

**AD:** I am going to keep sailing Snipes, Stars and Lasers for fun!

**SB:** Anything else you want to add??

I feel very fortunate to have won the Worlds in Japan, and when I said this to a Japanese newspaper reporter, he asked why I thought I had been lucky to win since I was the #1 Snipe sailor in the world; I responded that there was no such thing as the #1 Snipe sailor in the world and that if there was, it was not me. He insisted and then I told him that two weeks before the Worlds we had finished 4th in the US Nationals, then he understood. There were so many good sailors at the Worlds that could have won, and this is what makes the Snipe class so great and so much fun.

*Prepare  
you for  
the future!*

## Results 2002

### Sidewinder mast

- 1 – Masters Worlds
- 1,2 – Womens Worlds
- 1,2 – European Championship
- 1,2 – Nordic Championship

## Results 2003

- 1,2,3,4,5 – Worlds
- 1st - 10th – Nordic Championship

## Results 2004

- 1,2,3,4 – European Championship
  - 1,2,3 – Master Worlds
  - 1,2,3,4,5 – Nordic Champion
  - 1,2,3,4,5 – South European Championship
  - 1st - 15th – Western Hemisphere & Orient
- It's not all but it say something about it's skill.

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# 2005 Snipe World Championship

July 23-31

Gamagori, Japan

## Results

|     | <i>Skipper/Crew</i>                    | <i>Country/Sail #</i> | <i>Finishes</i>  | <i>Total</i> |
|-----|--|-----------------------|------------------|--------------|
| 1.  | Augie/Diaz/Pam Kelly                   | USA 30288             | 4-4-9-5-19       | 41           |
| 2.  | Shigeru Matsuzaki/Hiroyuki Sugiura     | JPN 30216             | 7-2-4-28-9       | 50           |
| 3.  | Pablo Defazio/Eduardo Medici           | URU 29251             | 3-3-18-7-25      | 56           |
| 4.  | Rayco Tabares/Jose Gonzalo Morales     | ESP 29854             | 5-13-37-1-3      | 58.75        |
| 5.  | Bruno Bethlem/Sergio Gomes             | BRA 29799             | 22-5-2-30-8      | 67           |
| 6.  | Takeyasu Sugiyama/Hiroataka Kaneda     | JPN 30080             | 2-19-32-8-6      | 67           |
| 7.  | Alexandre/Roberto Paradede             | BRA 29821             | 12-1-28-zfp-4    | 69.75        |
| 8.  | Santiago Silviera/Diego Stefani        | URU 29827             | 14-17-19-18-2    | 70           |
| 9.  | Henrique Wanderley/Richard Zietemann   | BRA 29822             | 11-6-3-35-18     | 76           |
| 10. | Ivan Pimentel/Breno Bianchi            | BRA 30333             | 6-10-23-9-28     | 76           |
| 11. | Ernesto Rodriguez/Leandro Spina        | USA 29778             | 44-8-1-zfp-5     | 78.75        |
| 12. | George/Stacy Szabo                     | USA 29957             | 1-12-20-zfp-17   | 79.75        |
| 13. | Doug Hart/Zach Brown                   | USA 29314             | 31-11-11-16-14   | 88           |
| 14. | Francisco/Marina Sanchez Ferrer        | ESP 29724             | 20-9-12-zfp-16   | 88           |
| 15. | Pablo Fresneda/Cesar Travado           | ESP 30380             | 24-30-14-11-11   | 90           |
| 16. | Baharu Kodama/Toshihiko Tanaka         | JPN 30072             | 9-22-8-22-32     | 93           |
| 17. | Federico Calabrese/Pepe Bettini        | ARG 28701             | 27-16-10-33-10   | 96           |
| 18. | Pietro Fantoni/Guillaume Ferrari Bravo | ITA 30073             | 10-21-38-zfp-15  | 101          |
| 19. | Hal Gilreath/James Liebl               | USA 28653             | 19-29-5-25-24    | 102          |
| 20. | Peter/Sheehan Commette                 | USA 30089             | 45-7-7-21-26     | 106          |
| 21. | Yuzo Morita/Teruhior Fujita            | JPN 30084             | 8-15-17-zfp-27   | 110          |
| 22. | Lee/Tod Sackett                        | USA 29536             | 13-36-30-3-30    | 112          |
| 23. | Junichiro Shiraishi/Hiroki Goto        | JPN 30233             | 16-ocs-13-zfp-13 | 114          |
| 24. | Ezequiel Despotin/Carlos Wybert        | ARG 29012             | 30-14-15-zfp-20  | 119          |
| 25. | Takeshi Yoshioka/Tsukasa Furukawa      | JPN 29881             | 42-18-6-ocs-1    | 123.75       |
| 26. | Eugeny Ryzhikov/Semen Chistikov        | RUS 29490             | 23-20-34-23-36   | 136          |
| 27. | Kazuhiro Kahara/Shinsei Ueda           | JPN 30381             | 15-32-dsq-zfp-12 | 140          |
| 28. | Joaquim Moreira/Pedro Guimaraes        | POR 28368             | 28-39-29-27-21   | 144          |
| 29. | Rick Arneson/Gus Wirth                 | USA 29781             | 26-35-35-zfp-23  | 147          |
| 30. | Birger Jansen/Cecilia de Faire         | NOR 29940             | 29-23-36-26-34   | 148          |
| 31. | Henry Filter/Barb Evans                | USA 30325             | 18-25-21-zfp-33  | 149          |
| 32. | Shigeo Takamura/Satoru Maruyama        | JPN 29464             | 48-38-16-zfp-7   | 151          |
| 33. | Yasuyuki Harada/Masatomo Suzuki        | JPN 29170             | 32-28-33-zfp-45  | 151          |
| 34. | Akira Setoguchi/Kousuke Iwase          | JPN 29599             | 21-31-26-34-40   | 152          |
| 35. | Ulrik Sandvig/Janett Krefting          | NOR30046              | 43-34-31-15-35   | 158          |
| 36. | Robert Dunkley/Hege Berthelsen         | BAH 28144             | 36-40-24-zfp-38  | 161          |
| 37. | Enrico/Franco Solerio                  | ITA 30269             | 34-27-22-ocs-29  | 169          |
| 38. | Francisco Palacio/Juan Merediz         | ESP 30060             | 17-24-25-ocs-47  | 170          |
| 39. | Francisco Ibanez/Juan Merayo           | ESP 29870             | 49-dsq-27-24-22  | 179          |
| 40. | Jan Persson/Ayako Yamaguchi            | DEN 30403             | 25-42-48-37-41   | 193          |
| 41. | Fabio/Daniela Rochelli                 | ITA 30334             | 38-37-39-ocs-31  | 202          |
| 42. | Antonin Nouette/Guillaume Capit        | FRA 29839             | 40-26-49-46-44   | 205          |
| 43. | David Martin/Christina Sanchez         | ESP 29787             | 37-44-45-39-43   | 208          |
| 44. | Christian Andersen/Rasmus Rozentals    | DEN 29916             | 39-33-42-zfp-46  | 214          |
| 45. | Caspar Young/Jennifer Ayers            | CAN 26399             | 33-48-50-zfp-37  | 215          |
| 46. | Bo/Bodil Lindsjo                       | DEN 29979             | 35-41-41-zfp-48  | 216          |
| 47. | David Dufour/Damien Cazala             | FRA 29726             | 46-46-40-45-42   | 219          |
| 48. | Maxim Kuzmin/Alexander Shirokov        | RUS 29480             | 41-47-43-zfp-50  | 230          |
| 49. | Per/Axel Edwall                        | SWE 30068             | 50-43-46-zfp-39  | 235          |
| 50. | Henning/Heinz Balzar                   | NOR 30355             | dnc-45-44-44-51  | 235          |
| 51. | Harald Walder/Emiko Yamasaki Walder    | NOR 30002             | 47-49-47-ocs-49  | 249          |





## Brazilians Top 2 at Jr. Worlds

The 2005 Jr. World Championship was another great event of the year showcasing the up-and-coming talent in the sailing world. With the youth sailors that have competed in the previous Snipe Jr. Worlds, we can expect to see great things from the sailors of the 2005 Championship.

How could Victor Demaison and Mario Tinoco not win this championship? To begin with, they sailed the 1997 World Champion boat previously owned by Mauricio Santa Cruz, who was on hand to witness another Brazilian champion crowned. And then there's lineage. Victor is a 3<sup>rd</sup> generation Snipe sailor and faithful Snipe followers should recognize the Tinoco name being synonymous with stellar crews who have won previous Snipe regattas. Mario is the next in-line to win a championship.

Even though Victor and Mario won without having to sail the last race (they chose to and finished 2<sup>nd</sup>), fellow Brazilians from Porto Alegre, Geison Mendes and Fabio Pillar won their share of races and gave Victor and Mario a run for the money in the lighter air races. These two teams now qualify for the 2007 Worlds to be held in Portugal.

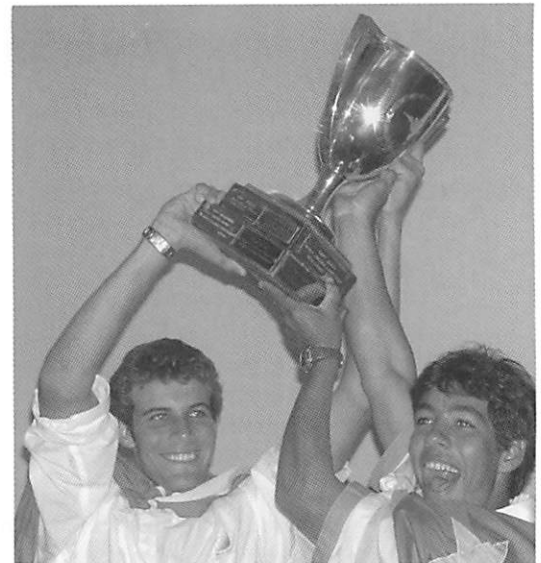
The Championship was run out of late Clube do Rio de Janeiro with all 11 races being completed over the course of 6 days. Steady breezes of 6-25 knots covered the span of the wind range and gave the sailors all kinds of challenges in the warm climate.

All boats were provided to the competitors except for two who chartered and South Americans who brought their own. Most were Brazilian made (Diemer or DNA) and all had identical Sidewinder masts. So the competition was between the sailors, not the equipment.

Although the top 2 spots were fairly secure, there were others showing great speed. Philipp Umpiere and Martin Puricelli of Uruguay pulled off consistent 2s and 3s in the middle of the week and Argentines Federico Norman and Cesar Giacometti tuned it on near the end, winning race 8 and posting other top finishes. The Spaniards got into their groove in the lighter breezes, but both teams suffered a DSQ during the series.

Definitely the winners of the "congeniality" award were Kohei Mano and Masayuki Ishida of Japan. These boys sailed every race except where a shroud parted. They received a standing ovation at the prizegiving for their efforts!

For most Jr. World competitors who finish at or near the top, they usually attend 2 championships. Those teams on their 2<sup>nd</sup> Jr. Worlds were: Zaoli's of Italy, Demaison of Brazil, Petersen & Aune of Norway. We expect to see many of the first time teams to be returning for 2007 and count on seeing this and previous Jr. World champions names in the sailing news of the future.





# 2005 Junior World Championship

August 12-20

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

## Results

|     | <b>Skipper/Crew</b>                      | <b>Country/Sail</b> | <b>Finishes</b>                     | <b>Total</b> |
|-----|--|---------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| 1.  | Victor Demaison/Mario Tinoco             | BRA30340            | 1-1-1-(5)-1-1-5-5-1-1-2             | 17.25        |
| 2.  | Geison Mendes/Fabio Pilar                | BRA29822            | 3-4-2-1-2-3-1-6-5-(dns)-1           | 27.25        |
| 3.  | Philipp Umpiere/Martin Puricelli         | URU29828            | 6-2-3-(8)-4-2-3-3-8-4-4             | 39           |
| 4.  | Federico Norman/Cesar Giacometti         | ARG28646            | 5-6-5-(dnf)-5-8-4-1-2-3-5           | 43.75        |
| 5.  | Luciano Oggero/Francisco Bonaventura     | ARG28790            | 4-3-6-2-6-6-(7)-4-6-6-6             | 49           |
| 6.  | Jordi Triay Pons/Jose Escudero Roter     | ESP29698            | 8-7-(dsq)-6-11-7-2-2-3-5-3          | 54           |
| 7.  | Henrique Duarte Haddad/Mario Trindade    | BRA28651            | 2-8-4-3-7-4-9-7-4-(dnf)-8           | 56           |
| 8.  | Federico Alfredo Gonzalez/Oliver Herrera | ESP30147            | 7-9-7-4-3-9-6-(dsq)-7-2-7           | 61           |
| 9.  | Tomas Hornos/Morgan Commette             | USA30089            | 10-5-8-7-9-5-8-8-(ocs)-7-9          | 76           |
| 10. | Andrea/Vittorio Zaoli                    | ITA28765            | 9-10-rdg-10-8-(11)-10-11-9-8-10     | 91           |
| 11. | Francesco Ghizzardi/Gabriele Cartolano   | ITA29765            | 11-(dnf)-9-9-10-10-13-10-11-9-11    | 103          |
| 12. | Stian Pedersen/Eskil Aune                | NOR28816            | 12-11-10-11-12-12-11-12-10-(dnf)-12 | 113          |
| 13. | Kohei Mano/Masayuki Ishida               | JPN29659            | 13-12-11-12-13-13-12-9-12-(dns)-13  | 120          |

### Photos:

*above left: Jr World Champions Demaison & Tinoco*

*left: Jr World start*

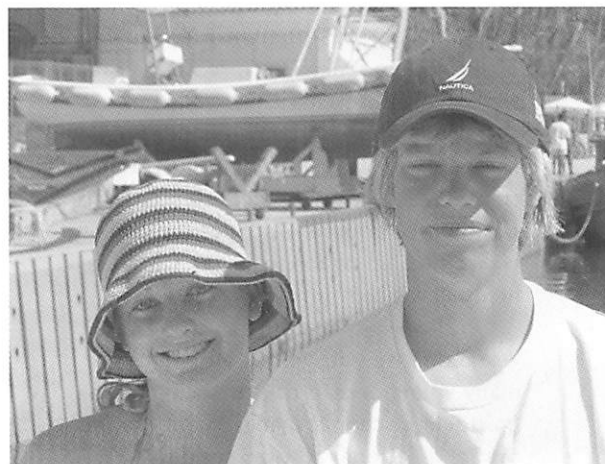
*below: Spaniards Triay/Escudero*

*Bottom left: Flag raising & winning form*

*Bottom right: lone female Morgan Commette with skipper Tomas Hornos-USA*

*Below: Brasil 1 tour and photo op with competitors. 3 former Jr World Champions are on the boat: Horacio Carabelli ('84 & '86), Torben Grael ('78) Andre Fonseca ('96 & '97)*

| <b>Team</b>         | <b>Country</b> | <b>Sail #</b> | <b>hull</b> | <b>mast</b> | <b>main</b> | <b>jib</b> |
|---------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| Demaison/Tinoco     | Brazil         | 30340         | Diemer      | Sidewinder  | Quantum     | Olimpic    |
| Mendes/Pillar       | Brazil         | 29822         | Diemer      | Sidewinder  | Olimpic     | Olimpic    |
| Umpiere/Puricelli   | Uruguay        | 29828         | Persson     | Sidewinder  | North       | North      |
| Norman/Giacometti   | Argentina      | 28646         | Diemer      | Sidewinder  | Quantum     | Quantum    |
| Oggero/Bonaventura  | Argentina      | 28790         | Persson     | Sidewinder  | Olimpic     | Olimpic    |
| Triay/Escudero      | Spain          | 29698         | Persson     | Sidewinder  | Quantum     | Quantum    |
| Duarte/Trindade     | Brazil         | 28651         | Diemer      | Sidewinder  | Quantum     | Quantum    |
| Gonzales/Herrera    | Spain          | 30147         | Persson     | Sidewinder  | Aire        | Aire       |
| Hornos/Commette     | United States  | 30089         | DNA         | Sidewinder  | Quantum     | Quantum    |
| Zaoli/Zaoli         | Italy          | 28765         | DNA         | Sidewinder  | Zaoli       | Zaoli      |
| Ghizzardi/Cartolano | Italy          | 29765         | Diemer      | Sidewinder  | Zaoli       | Zaoli      |
| Petersen/Aune       | Norway         | 28816         | Diemer      | Sidewinder  | Olimpic     | Olimpic    |
| Mano/Ishida         | Japan          | 29659         | Diemer      | Sidewinder  | North       | North      |





## Hall of Fame for the Women's World Champions

It is real! The Foglia sisters are in the portrait of Uruguay's most popular variety magazine. After being elected as Uruguay's best sportsmen (not only sportswomen) of 2006, Andrea and Mariana became even more famous than they were when they returned with their trophy from Norway. They were as surprised as the rest of the sport's community when the presenter called them to the stand at the prize giving ceremony. In a country where the so-called "small sports" struggle to get attention from the media, this was an extraordinary success for them and our Snipe Class.

In the interview headed "Champions of the Sea", Andrea and Mariana describe their sailing experience and particularly the one in the Snipe Class. Their commitment becomes clear in a passage where Mariana describes how she trained during her oceanography college study trip. She ran and worked out on deck of



Uruguay's Navy schooner with a scuba diver who self proclaimed her personal trainer. Mariana returned to the ship immediately after the championship to continue her field studies, when the boat touched a Spanish port.

During the interview, the sisters made reference to what they understand was the key for winning the World Championship: to consistently race against the best male crews in Uruguay and abroad. "Sometime we beat them and sometimes we don't...if all women crews had the chance to sail against men as we do, we would all improve our sailing a lot"

Mariana and Andrea are already working in the organization of the next Women World Championship, to be raced in Punta del Este in 2006.

## Gavin Watkins - Awarded RYA Lifetime Commitment to Yachting Award

SCIRA UK nominated Gavin Watkins for consideration of the prestigious RYA Lifetime Award. Renowned yachtsmen/women made up the committee to deliberate – the UK membership is proud to announce Gavin has been presented with this cherished award.

Gavin is a respected Snipe elder having served over 40 years of unselfish support to the Class, both in office, committee and on the race course. As Fleet Captain at his home club of Stone Sailing Club, Gavin held many positions within the Club.

On the wider scene of sailing, Gavin worked close with youth, introducing many young people to our sport, setting up training schools, management committees and national schools regattas. His record of work with the Scout sailing movements involved work with the Tall

Ship Races, overseeing the teenage crews and also spending long weeks in the northern European hemisphere and Baltic region.

His ongoing work and encouragement to uphold class sailing while introducing others into the whole spectrum of sailing is an example to our association.

—John R. Broughton



Right: Gavin Watkins at the British Northwestern Snipe Championship. Budworth Snipe Fleet 217





# 2005 North Americans

## Oakville, Canada

Thursday August 4<sup>th</sup>, Snipers from across North America started to roll in for the regatta. By the end of registration we had 33 boats. The skippers meeting at 9:30 was short and sweet with the sailors out to the course where after a short AP, we had the first start. The wind was from the west around 5 knots and shifting, slowly increasing. Mike Blackwood was first followed by Andrew Pimental with John Macrae in 3<sup>rd</sup>

A second race followed and again the wind was increasing in the puffs but still manageable for a windward leeward. This time Andrew Pimental pulled off a bullet with Nicolas Granucci 2<sup>nd</sup> and Eric Reinke 3<sup>rd</sup>. A third race followed with the wind increasing in the puffs there were 3 capsizes. Eric Reinke got the bullet followed by Mike Blackwood and Tom Townsend 3<sup>rd</sup>.

After racing there was free beer and barbecued sausages, and in the evening an appetizer party with one of the top Toronto jazz bands providing the entertainment.

Saturday another great day hot and sunny with the wind out of the SSW. 3 races were held on a windward/leeward course. Race 4 another great duel on the windward leeward course with Mike Blackwood in 1<sup>st</sup> followed by Pedro Lorsen and 3<sup>rd</sup> the 16-year-old Bryan Stout crewed by "my idiot old man." Race 5 immediately followed same course another good contest with John Macrae 1<sup>st</sup> Nicolas Granucci 2<sup>nd</sup> Henry Filter 3<sup>rd</sup>. Race 6 was another great performance by the 16-year-old wonder Bryan Stout as he pulled off a bullet with Pedro and Mimi 2<sup>nd</sup> and Fred Rozelle 3<sup>rd</sup>

With the fleet back at the Oakville Yacht Squadron, a martini bar, chicken dinner and a swinging band soon found the Snipers taking control of the dance floor. A good time was had by all (I think!!!)

Sunday-sunny and hot with no breeze so the AP was hoisted and the waiting began. At 11 am the regatta was called and trophies and giveaways were presented at noon so the Snipers could begin the drive home.

By all the comments from the sailors this was a 1<sup>st</sup> class event ably managed by Pat Seidenspinner from St. Pete, Florida as PRO and John Johns mark set, Jim

|     | <b>Skipper/Crew</b>                | <b>Country/Sail #</b> | <b>Finishes</b>         | <b>Total</b> |
|-----|------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| 1.  | Mike Blackwood/Patty Mueller       | USA30390              | 1-9-2-1-4-(10)          | 16.5         |
| 2.  | John MacRae/Linda Epstein          | USA29722              | 3-4-(11)-5-1-5          | 17.75        |
| 3.  | Henry Filter/Lorie Stout           | USA30325              | 4-8-4-(11)-3-4          | 23           |
| 4.  | Nicolas Granucci/Patricia Fonovich | USA30105              | (11)-2-7-6-2-8          | 25           |
| 5.  | Pedro Lorsen/Mimi Berry            | USA30304              | 5-(14)-13-2-5-2         | 27           |
| 6.  | Andrew Pimental/Julia Langford     | USA29882              | 2-1-9-9-7-(11)          | 27.75        |
| 7.  | Eric Reinke/Kathleen Tocke         | USA30391              | 6-3-1-(16)-14-9         | 32.75        |
| 8.  | Bryan Stout/ My Idiot Old Man      | USA29687              | (19)-12-10-3-9-1        | 34.75        |
| 9.  | Lee/Andrea Griffith                | USA30404              | 7-5-6-(19)-10-13        | 41           |
| 10. | Jerry Thompson/Jan Rozelle         | USA24702              | 13-7-(24)-7-8-7         | 42           |
| 11. | Dirk/Peter Kneulman                | CAN29317              | 9-10-14-(29)-13-15      | 61           |
| 12. | Chad/Michelle Coberly              | USA29592              | 24-(27)-16-4-12-6       | 62           |
| 13. | Fred/Curt Rozelle                  | USA29534              | 17-(22)-21-13-11-3      | 65           |
| 14. | Don Hackbarth/Yuki Y. Hayakawa     | USA30221              | 18-6-12-15-(24)-14      | 65           |
| 15. | Jno/Karen Disch                    | USA27664              | 10-26-(dnf)-8-6-19      | 69           |
| 16. | Tom/Bill Townsend                  | USA30309              | 14-(20)-3-20-18-16      | 71           |
| 17. | Bob/Tommy Coyle                    | USA28542              | 12-(21)-17-14-15-17     | 75           |
| 18. | Stephan/Monica Irgens              | USA30262              | (28)-19-8-18-22-12      | 79           |
| 19. | Chris Hains/Magnus Sandberg        | CAN27055              | (25)-16-5-24-16-21      | 82           |
| 20. | Tug Townsend/Elliot Thompson       | USA30306              | 16-23-22-17-(26)-18     | 86           |
| 21. | Tom/Jim Peterson                   | USA30385              | 23-18-18-10-19-(26)     | 88           |
| 22. | Andrew Davis/Brie Priestley        | USA27443              | 8-17-20-25-(27)-23      | 93           |
| 23. | Harri Palm/Molly Kurvink           | CAN28045              | 22-11-15-22-(29)-27     | 97           |
| 24. | John/Brian McAllister              | USA25768              | 21-24-(dnf)-12-25-20    | 102          |
| 25. | Keith Donald/John Donches          | USA14002              | 20-23-23-27-17-(28)     | 110          |
| 26. | Martin/Cameron Fraser              | USA27861              | 26-(30)-19-21-20-24     | 110          |
| 27. | Gweneth Crook/Lynn Donches         | CAN25843              | 27-(29)-dnf-23-21-22    | 120          |
| 28. | Lee/Tod Sackett                    | USA29536              | 15-15-dnf-(dnc)-dnc-dnc | 123          |
| 29. | Brian Hetherington/Jason Goscha    | USA27733              | (33)-25-25-28-28-25     | 131          |
| 30. | Mike/Mindy Otto                    | USA27240              | 30-(dnf)-dnf-26-23-30   | 136          |
| 31. | Sandy Belford/Mawny Kirkoryan      | CAN26399              | 29-28-dnf-32-30-(dnc)   | 146          |
| 32. | Eric/Betsy Ulbrich                 | USA28277              | 31-31-26-30-(32)-29     | 147          |
| 33. | Adrian/Emily Dangerfield           | CAN26614              | (32)-32-dnf-31-31-31    | 152          |

Belford as pin boat and Henry Padwick rescue boat.

A sad note—this will be the last Snipe regatta in Oakville; Anne (Mutha) and I have decided that our numbers are too small, so after 51 years it is time to close it down. However we have gone out on a high with a very successful regatta! See you all somewhere on the Snipe Circuit.

—Id Crook.





## 2005 Snipe World Championship Equipment and Measurement

We only had room to print the top 25 competitors, but here you can discern the equipment, sails and measurement information provided by Worlds Chief Measurer Nobuhiko Kudara. All boats were weighed and a Moment of Inertia test was conducted.

| Final | Country | Skipper   | Crew      | Hull No | Boat    |        |       | Mast           |         | Sailmaker |         |         |         |
|-------|---------|-----------|-----------|---------|---------|--------|-------|----------------|---------|-----------|---------|---------|---------|
|       |         |           |           |         | Builder | Weight | M.O.I | Builder        | Sail No | Main #1   | Jib #1  | Main #2 | Jib #2  |
| 1     | USA     | Diaz      | Kelly     | 30336   | Persson | 173.1  | 68.6  | Sidewinder     | 30288   | Quantum   | Quantum | Olimpic | Quantum |
| 2     | JPN     | Matsuzaki | Sugiura   | 30216   | Persson | 172.8  | 67.0  | Sidewinder     | 30216   | North     | North   | North   | North   |
| 3     | URU     | Defazio   | Medici    | 29635   | Persson | 174.7  | 68.1  | Sidewinder     | 29251   | North     | North   | North   | North   |
| 4     | ESP     | Tabares   | Morales   | 30362   | Persson | 173.4  | 67.3  | Sidewinder     | 29854   | Quantum   | Quantum | Quantum | Olimpic |
| 5     | BRA     | Bethlem   | Gomes     | 29799   | Diemer  | 173.6  | 69.2  | Sidewinder     | 29799   | Quantum   | Quantum | Quantum | Quantum |
| 6     | JPN     | Sugiyama  | Kaneda    | 30080   | Persson | 173.4  | 68    | Sidewinder     | 30080   | North     | North   | North   | North   |
| 7     | BRA     | Paradeda  | Paradeda  | 29821   | Persson | 173.4  | 68.2  | SidewinderGold | 29821   | Olimpic   | Olimpic | Olimpic | Olimpic |
| 8     | URU     | Silveira  | Stefani   | 30305   | Persson | 173.2  | 67.3  | Sidewinder     | 29827   | Olimpic   | Olimpic | Olimpic | Olimpic |
| 9     | BRA     | Wanderley | Zietemann | 30205   | Persson | 173.3  | 68.3  | Sidewinder     | 29822   | Olimpic   | Olimpic |         | Olimpic |
| 10    | BRA     | Pimentel  | Bianchi   | 30333   | Diemer  | 173.3  | 69.7  |                | 30333   | Olimpic   | Quantum | Quantum | Olimpic |
| 11    | USA     | Rodriguez | Spina     | 30307   | Persson | 172.9  | 66.9  | SidewinderGold | 29778   | Olimpic   | Quantum | Olimpic | Olimpic |
| 12    | USA     | Szabo     | Szabo     | 30337   | Persson | 173.1  | 67.2  | Sidewinder     | 29957   | Quantum   | Quantum | Quantum | Quantum |
| 13    | USA     | Hart      | Brown     | 29873   | Persson | 174.3  | 67.4  | Sidewinder     | 29314   | Olimpic   | North   | North   | Olimpic |
| 14    | ESP     | Sanchez   | Sanchez   | 30599   | Persson | 173.1  | 67.6  | Sidewinder     | 29724   | Hood      | Hood    | Hood    | Hood    |
| 15    | ESP     | Fresneda  | Travado   | 30364   | Persson | 172.8  | 68.4  | SidewinderGold | 30380   | Hood      | Hood    | Hood    | Hood    |
| 16    | JPN     | Kodama    | Tanaka    | 30072   | Persson | 172.8  | 67.6  | Sidewinder     | 30072   | North     | North   | North   |         |
| 17    | ARG     | Calabrese | Bettini   | 30332   | Persson | 173.3  | 66.7  | Sidewinder     | 28701   | North     | North   | North   | North   |
| 18    | ITA     | Fantoni   | Ferrari   | 30360   | Persson | 172.8  | 69.2  | SidewinderGold | 30073   | Olimpic   | Olimpic | Olimpic | Olimpic |
| 19    | USA     | Gilreath  | Liebl     | 30308   | Persson | 173.9  | 6.96  | Sidewinder     | 28653   | Quantum   | Quantum | Quantum | Quantum |
| 20    | USA     | Commette  | Commette  | 29003   | Persson | 173.4  | 69.1  | Sidewinder     | 30089   | Olimpic   | Olimpic | Olimpic | Hood    |
| 21    | JPN     | Morita    | Fujita    | 30084   | Persson | 172.8  | 67.5  | Sidewinder     | 30084   | North     | North   | North   | North   |
| 22    | USA     | Sackett   | Sackett   | 30201   | Persson | 173.3  | 68.4  | Sidewinder     | 29536   | Quantum   | Quantum | Quantum | Quantum |
| 23    | JPN     | Shiraishi | Goto      | 30233   | Persson | 172.8  | 66.9  | Sidewinder     | 30233   | North     | North   | North   | North   |
| 24    | ARG     | Despotin  | Vybert    | 30234   | Persson | 172.9  | 66.7  | Sidewinder     | 29012   | North     | North   |         | North   |
| 25    | JPN     | Yoshioka  | Furukawa  | 29881   | Okumura | 172.8  | 68.4  | Okumura        | 29881   | North     | North   | North   | North   |

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## 2005 Dues Paid

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| Country        | Boats Paid  | Members     |
|----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Argentina      | 12          | 24          |
| Bahamas        | 12          | 11          |
| Belarus        | 0           | 0           |
| Belgium        | 22          | 39          |
| Bermuda        | 3           | 2           |
| Brazil         | 68          | 103         |
| Canada         | 10          | 19          |
| Chile          | 23          | 48          |
| Colombia       | 24          | 27          |
| Croatia        | 1           | 4           |
| Cuba           | 0           | 0           |
| Denmark        | 18          | 20          |
| Finland        | 25          | 47          |
| France         | 43          | 68          |
| Germany        | 8           | 11          |
| India          | 5           | 3           |
| Italy          | 117         | 241         |
| Japan          | 235         | 550         |
| Moldovia       | 0           | 0           |
| Norway         | 149         | 198         |
| Poland         | 10          | 17          |
| Portugal       | 62          | 93          |
| Russia         | 49          | 65          |
| Spain          | 186         | 216         |
| Sweden         | 51          | 70          |
| Ukraine        | 0           | 0           |
| United Kingdom | 19          | 28          |
| United States  | 516         | 682         |
| Uruguay        | 10          | 24          |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>1673</b> | <b>2610</b> |

## Open Scandinavian Championship

August 4-6, 2005

Vestfjorden Sailing Club, Norway

Norway hosted the Snipe Open Scandinavian Championship in Vestfjorden for 2005. There were 45 boats on the starting line, and boats from Sweden, Denmark, Belgium, Italy and Norway were competing for the medals. The races were held at the Lysaker Fjord right outside Oslo.

Sun and 12-18 knots of wind dominated the first two days, and we had five magnificent races with tight and exiting racing. On top of the leader board after the first two days were Birger Jansen and Cecilia de Faire. The third day of racing gave us a completely different weather situation. Many sailors experienced problems on this rainy day with light and fluky wind, and the leader board changed during the two races held this day.

Finally, after seven races where the sailors were tested in different conditions, there were three Norwegian boats on the podium. On top we found the brothers Jostein and Asbjørn Groedem from Aasgaardstrand SC. On 2nd and 3rd we found Christian Dahl/Carine Bauer and Goggen Mejlaender/Lise Gehrken, both boats from the host club Vestfjorden SC. On 4th we had the first non-Norwegian boat, Swedens Henrik Jorhov/Ebba Friis.

And the rest of us? We'll try again next time!

*Espen Sanderberg  
Fleet Captain, naroya Snipe Club*

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# 2005 Snipe Racing Schedule

## International Championships

|               |                 |                   |
|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| VM Snipen     | September 3-4   | Stavanger, Norway |
| Viking Snipen | September 17-18 | Oslo, Norway      |

## National Championships

|             |                  |                     |
|-------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Colombia    | October 1-2, 8-9 | Lake Tomine, Bogota |
| USA Masters | October 25-27    | Atlanta, Georgia    |

## 2006 Calendar

|                             |                  |                          |
|-----------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| Winter Circuit - Midwinters | March 26-28      | Clearwater, Florida, USA |
| Winter Circuit - Don Q      | March 31-April 2 | Miami, Florida, USA      |
| Winter Circuit - Bacardi    | April 5-8        | Nassau, Bahamas          |
| South Americans             | Easter           | Mar del Plata, Argentina |
| Open Nordic Championship    | July 28-30       | Pori, Finland            |
| European Championship       | July 31-Aug. 5   | Pori, Finland            |
| Master Worlds               | October 3-7      | Nassau, Bahamas          |
| Western Hemisp. & Orient    | October 22-27    | Miami, Florida, USA      |
| Women's Worlds              | November 19-26   | Punta del Este, Uruguay  |

## National Championships

|     |               |                    |
|-----|---------------|--------------------|
| USA | July 28-Aug 4 | Erie, Pennsylvania |
|-----|---------------|--------------------|

## Long Range Championships

2007

|              |           |                        |
|--------------|-----------|------------------------|
| Pan Am Games | July      | Rio de Janeiro, Brazil |
| Snipe Worlds | September | Oporto, Portugal       |

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| <b>Year</b> | <b>Event</b>   | <b>Scheduled venue</b> |
|-------------|----------------|------------------------|
| 2007        | Junior Worlds  | Southern Europe        |
| 2008        | Women's Worlds | Southern Europe        |
| 2008        | World Masters  | Europe                 |
| 2008        | WH&O           | South America          |
| 2008        | Europeans      | Southern Europe        |



# Norwegian Nationals

June 30-July 3, 2005

The Norwegian Nationals had a good turnout with 55 snipes on the line at Aasgaardstrand Yacht Club on the Oslo fjord.

Thursday saw 2 races with many wind shifts at 8-10 kts. Friday had all the winners on shore with serious fun and no wind! Saturday we held 4 races, tiring for those finishing at the tailend, who had little rest. Winds increased during the day from 6-16 kts. Thus the spare day on Sunday became just resting, talking, packing and traveling home day. After a well run event. Gold medals went to Ulrik Sandvig and Janett Krefting, Vestfjordens 11 pts. Silver and bronze to locals Karl Otto Book/Alexandra Wang (20 pts) and Jostein and Asbjorn Groedum.(24pts).

The ANNUAL MEETING of SCIRA Norway was held on Friday, with Past Commodore and National Secretary Birger Jansen and his board from Snaroya (Oslo) Snipe club re-elected for the next two years.

Across the country: Risor is expanding rapidly, now with 26 snipes, up from 10 in less than 2 years and with many young ones active.

Snaroya (Oslo) Snipe club at Vestfjorden YC is up to 70+ boats, where 49 have started saling in a Wednesday series. Aasgaardstrand now has little activity, Tonsberg has 6, Baerum (Oslo) has 5 who participate in Vestfjordens racing. Stavanger has 24 with good activities, Stord (Haugesund area) with 10 boats are slow. Bergen fleet is large but only about 11 active.

Both Risor and Stavanger have new boards established.

The Ladies SnipA board is very active, and we look forward to the Norwegian ladies sailing championship to be held in Snipes again this year at Vestfjordens, and in 2006 again in Snipes, at Stavanger!

Fleet captains were encouraged to become more active and recruit helpers.

Snipe salutations  
—Bjorn Sundby

## Results

top 25 of 55

|     | Skipper/Crew                        | Finishes            | Total |
|-----|-------------------------------------|---------------------|-------|
| 1.  | Ulrik Sandvig/Janett Krefting       | (8)-1-5-1-1-3       | 11    |
| 2.  | Karl Otto Book/Alesandra Denise     | 9-4-8-(9)-2-1       | 20    |
| 3.  | Jostein/Asbjorn Grodem              | (14)-5-1-2-7-9      | 24    |
| 4.  | Johan Meglaender/Hege Berthelsen    | 3-3-7-7-5-(10)      | 25    |
| 5.  | Christian Dahl/Carine Bauer         | 1-2-(56f)-8-3-14    | 28    |
| 6.  | Birger Jansen/Cecilia de Faire      | 7-(24)-2-6-12-2     | 29    |
| 7.  | Bjorn/Hilde Forslund                | 2-3-11-5-6-7        | 31    |
| 8.  | Michael/Cecilie Irgens              | (20)-7-17-4-4-4     | 26    |
| 9.  | Ola Nygard/Cecilie Hurlen           | 9-11-3-(23)-9-5     | 37    |
| 10. | Victor Sinding/Linn Hansen          | 16-6-15-3-13-(24)   | 53    |
| 11. | Pauline Book-Bratbak/M. Steigar     | 10-10-6-19-(20)-18  | 63    |
| 12. | Torstein Pedersen/Isabelle Declerck | 17-8-21-(22)-11-8   | 65    |
| 13. | Niclas Fure/Nanna Bjonness          | 21-15-9-11-(22)-11  | 67    |
| 14. | Halvor/Edel Poulsson                | (31)-20-12-13-8-17  | 70    |
| 15. | Henning/Heinz Balzer                | 4-16-18-18-(27)-16  | 72    |
| 16. | Erling Nesse/Thomas Bogno           | 6-12-20-20-(30)-25  | 83    |
| 17. | Victor/Eivind Sinding-Larsen        | 28-9-14-10-(31)-22  | 83    |
| 18. | Marius Andreson/Anne Andre          | (27)-25-4-21-15-19  | 84    |
| 19. | Fabrian Bruvik/Fredrik Lien         | 15-(34)-19-16-14-20 | 84    |
| 20. | Harald/Emiko Walder                 | 13-19-10-17-(28)-27 | 86    |
| 21. | Kristine Schusseler/Marita C.       | (32)-18-22-27-10-12 | 89    |
| 22. | Mads Truelsen/Frank Thomassen       | 23-29-13-14-19-(30) | 98    |
| 23. | Torgeir Titland/Frode Midtun        | (43)-14-24-24-16-23 | 101   |
| 24. | Jorn Haga/Ida Saetersdal            | 22-(31)-1-15-21-31  | 105   |
| 25. | Pal Terje Christensen/Pal Rynning   | 11-17-25-26-33-(36) | 112   |



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# US Nationals

## July 8-15

### San Diego, California

San Diego Yacht Club finally capitalized on its long but somewhat “under the radar” relationship with the Snipe Class as it hosted the Keane 2005 US Snipe Nationals July 8-15 in San Diego, California. While the San Diego Fleet #495 has been centered over at Mission Bay Yacht Club for decades, SDYC has been expanding its role hosting numerous District and Women’s regattas over the last dozen years. Past Snipe National Champions, Roger Stewart, Mark Reynolds, Doug DeSouza, Craig Leweck and George Szabo all call SDYC home now, so it was nice to be able to finally run the big event from the south side of town.

While the Snipe is an old class formed in 1931, when the boat was first designed by William Crosby for Yachting Magazine, it was really the Mission Bay Fleet that first molded the Snipe into the modern era. Herb Shear, along with Earl Elms, worked to modernize the Snipe in the late 60’s and early 70’s. They got the class to make it lighter, open up the cockpit with a self-bailing double bottom design, drop the dagger board trunk, and put in a keel-stepped bendy mast. All of a sudden, you had a lively and tactical sailboat that was self-righting and easy to sail in a breeze. More than a boat builder, though, Herb started the Snipe Fleet in the mid-sixties, and he did it with a sense of flair, humor and frivolity that lives on today, not just in San Diego, but throughout the Class. The motto “serious sailing serious fun” started with Herbie. Every Snipe Sailor owes a debt of gratitude to him for helping to create a group of sailors that are fun and talented, but never boring!

And so it was that Fleet #495 brought the Nationals back to San Diego with



both championship sailing and major fun in mind. The Junior Nationals and Special Junior/Senior Nationals were held in North San Diego Harbor where seventeen junior teams competed over the weekend in beautiful, sunny San Diego weather and moderate 8-10 knot breezes. Floridian teams dominated the Junior Nationals with Brian Kamilar and Simon Sanders winning the title with nine points in the five race series over Tomas Hornos and Morgan Commette, who had 10.75 points. Enrique Quintero and Sheehan Commette with a total of 13.5 points finished third. San Diegans Bryan Rigby and Megan Pluth were fourth and Tyler Sinks and Ben Todter fifth. In the Special Junior/ Senior Class, it was Peggy and Steve Tautz from Colorado winning with 19 points over Nevin and Chris Snow from San Diego with 22 points and Kayla and Chris Raab from Newport Harbor third.

The Class Championships were sailed with 10 races over five days on the Pacific Ocean off the shores of Coronado with 59 teams from across the US competing.



There were a number of interesting angles to this event with current National Champion from Florida, Ernesto Rodriguez and crew Leandro Spina, defending their title against reigning World Snipe Champion, Augie Diaz, and past class champions such as Doug Hart, Craig Leweck and George Szabo, all from San Diego, and Peter Commette, from Florida, also a past Laser World Champion. With the 2005 Snipe World Championships upcoming a few weeks later in Japan, this was an important event. Winds ranged from 5-16 knots over the week giving sailors a variety of conditions in which to excel and change gears under unseasonably cool and cloudy skies. A few days featured heavy



amounts of kelp paddies floating through the racecourse, adding to the challenge.

Early on, it looked like Ernesto Rodriguez was the one to beat winning three of the first four races in the qualifying Crosby Series. His boat placement and speed seemed a potent combination on the big ocean courses. Four-time Nationals winner, George Szabo with crew Eric Wilcox, were a close second at that point and made a

statement in the breezy conditions on Wednesday by taking the lead. The competition was awesome in the fleet as a whole, but the rest of the regatta came down to a wild west shoot-out between Szabo, Rodriguez and Hart, with Zach Brown as crew, all sailing well enough to potentially win the regatta. Hart was seemingly odd man out going into the last race as it looked like a “who beats who”

between Szabo and Rodriguez. But Doug and Zach made their bid with an early lead right off the line that they would hold to the finish. Szabo and Rodriguez were well back off the lead and suddenly in trouble. Szabo worked the shifty conditions to his favor going from 11<sup>th</sup> at the first weather mark to passing Rodriguez and finishing a brilliant second in the race to take the title with 10.5 points. This was Szabo’s fifth Snipe National Championship title. With Rodriguez suffering an 11<sup>th</sup> in the final heat, Hart moved into second over all and a total of 15.5 points with Rodriguez third and a 16.5 point total. Current World Champion, Augie Diaz, was fourth and the team of Rick Arneson and Gus Wirth, fifth overall.





## US Nationals Results top 25 of 59



There is more to the top five in the Snipe Class at any event. The top married couple, Nicolas and Patricia Granucci, from North Carolina, were eighth overall, the top junior team of Tomas Hornos and Morgan Commette from Miami coming in ninth and the top female skipper, Aimie Graham of San Diego, finishing twelfth. The top father-daughter team was Peter Commette with daughter, Sheehan, finishing sixth. There is truly something for everyone in the Snipe Class where hard work and talent will pay off regardless of how you mix and match your team, a tradition in this class that has been popular around the world for eight decades now.

Besides great sailing and awesome competition, the eight-day event was supremely hosted by San Diego Yacht Club. The regatta featured a talk to the juniors by Olympic Gold Medalist and former Star World Champion, Mark Reynolds, a visit by the 1997 defense winning America's Cup boat, Stars and Stripes, a raffle, Mexican fiesta with piñatas, an underwater film festival, dinner at Fiddler's Green, Leweck Bingo, a full Luau and music ranging from didgeridoos and tablas to mariachis, Polynesian dancers and zydeco blues. Daily leaders sported yellow jerseys! The regatta ended with a rousing slide show at the trophy dinner by photographer, Fried Elliott, which put the week into perspective and to music in a medium that had everyone ready for another regatta! We have it all in the Snipe Class! For more information, go to [www.sdyc.org](http://www.sdyc.org) or [www.snipeus.org](http://www.snipeus.org).

—Bob Bowden

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Top left (pg 16): the tow out to the Pacific  
Left middle: Nick Voss/Andy Rahn get air!  
Bottom left: Zack Brown calls for room  
Top left (pg 17): Fleet Captain Ken Redler & Julie  
Top right: Just before the start

|     | <i>Skipper/Crew</i>               | <i>Sail #</i> | <i>Finishes</i>         | <i>Total</i> |
|-----|-----------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| 1.  | George Szabo/Eric Wilcox          | 29957         | 2-3-1-1-(7)-2-2         | 10.5         |
| 2.  | Doug Hart/Zach Brown              | 29314         | 3-1-3-(12)-2-6-1        | 15.5         |
| 3.  | Ernesto Rodriguez/Leandro Spina   | 29778         | 1-2-10-2-1-1-(11)       | 16.5         |
| 4.  | Augie Diaz/Pam Kelly              | 30288         | 4-4-2-(6)-3-3-5         | 21           |
| 5.  | Rick Arneson/Gus Wirth            | 29781         | 5-6-12-(17)-4-14-4      | 46           |
| 6.  | Peter/Sheehan Commette            | 30089         | 8-5-7-16-5-5-(19)       | 46           |
| 7.  | Gonzalo Crivello/Lynn Fitzpatrick | 29963         | (15)-7-12-5-9-7-9       | 49           |
| 8.  | Nicolas Granucci/Pat Fonovich     | 30195         | 10-8-15-3-(23)-12-7     | 55           |
| 9.  | Tomas Hornos/Morgan Commette      | 3008          | 9-9-(18)-10-11-9-10     | 58           |
| 10. | Craig/Lisa Leweck                 | 29197         | 20-10-4-4-17-4-(ocs)    | 59           |
| 11. | Randy Lake/Stacey Szabo           | 28854         | 7-11-6-7-(26)-18-18     | 67           |
| 12. | Aimee Graham/Steve Stewart        | 29646         | 17-12-14-11-15-(23)-17  | 86           |
| 13. | Chris Snow/Will Weisman           | 29222         | 18-(27)-11-20-22-11-6   | 88           |
| 14. | Ken/Julie Redler                  | 29315         | 19-24-5-(28)-6-25-13    | 92           |
| 15. | Gustavo Crivello/Vincent Andrews  | 28468         | 13-23-16-(dsq)-10-8-22  | 92           |
| 16. | James Grubbs/Mark Ryan            | 29941         | 12-21-(27)-15-8-27-15   | 98           |
| 17. | Nick Voss/Andy Rahn               | 28814         | 23-15-17-13-(28)-10-20  | 98           |
| 18. | Enrique Quintero/Fred Moffat      | 28810         | 21-(31)-22-8-13-28-8    | 100          |
| 19. | Chuck Sinks/Max Hutchinson        | 28464         | 6-14-(31)-25-18-16-21   | 100          |
| 20. | Gene Ratliffe/Loni Christiansen   | 29439         | 22-18-9-14-(29-26-14    | 103          |
| 21. | Lee Sackett/rian Clancy           | 29536         | 16-22-(32)-9-12-19-29   | 107          |
| 22. | Chris Raab/Kayla McComb           | 29702         | 24-16-(ocs)-18-31-20-3  | 112          |
| 23. | David/Barbie Tillson              | 29112         | 14-(28)-25-17-14-24-12  | 116          |
| 24. | Tyler Sinks/Ben Todter            | 28687         | 11-17-23-(dsq)-27-21-24 | 123          |
| 25. | Carolyn/Eric Krebs                | 28955         | 27-19-19-23-21-17-(28)  | 126          |

### Junior Nationals

|     |                                |       |                    |       |
|-----|--------------------------------|-------|--------------------|-------|
| 1.  | Brian Kamilar/Simon Sanders    | 29811 | 2-3-2-2-(5)        | 9     |
| 2.  | Tomas Hornos/Morgan Commette   | 3008  | 3-1-(8)-5-2        | 10.75 |
| 3.  | Enrique Quintero/S. Commette   | 22810 | 1-8-4-1-(12.5)     | 13.5  |
| 4.  | Bryan Rigby/Megan Pluth        | 28464 | 7-2-1-8-(10)       | 17.75 |
| 5.  | Tyler Sinks/Ben Todter         | 28687 | 5-4-(ocd)-9-1      | 18.75 |
| 6.  | Nick Voss/Andy Rahn            | 28814 | 6-(9)-3-4-6        | 19    |
| 7.  | Scott Hoffmann/Ryan Porteous   | 30113 | 10-12-6-(14)-14    | 42    |
| 8.  | Judge Ryan/Julian Busch        | 29250 | 12-(14)-13-12-11   | 48    |
| 9.  | Evan Hoffman/Scott Porteous    | 29013 | 16-10-9-13-(17)    | 48    |
| 10. | Laura Stamets/Mackenzie Jacobs | 28099 | (17)-16-11-10-12.5 | 49.5  |
| 11. | Diego Gomez/Hans Henken        | 22815 | 14-15-15-(16)-8    | 52    |
| 12. | Rex Cameron/Donald Lockwood    | 29108 | 15-13-12-(17)-15   | 55    |

### Special Juniors

|    |                                  |       |                  |    |
|----|----------------------------------|-------|------------------|----|
| 1. | Peggy/Steve Tautz                | 29692 | 4-5-7-(11)-3     | 19 |
| 2. | Nevin/Chris Snow                 | 29222 | 8-7-(10)-3-4     | 22 |
| 3. | Kayle/Chris Raab                 | 29702 | (13)-6-5-6-9     | 26 |
| 4. | Vincent Andrews/Gustavo Crivello | 28812 | 9-(17)-dnc-7-7   | 40 |
| 5. | Alexander Klein/Lee Sackett      | 29536 | 11-11-14-15-(16) | 51 |





# Finnish Championship

Pori--July 2005

## *The Diary of a Determined Snipe Sailor*

In August 2004, initial contact was made with the Finnish Snipe class secretary. My crew (and girl friend) Tarja and I had decided to try and get serious about sailing together and compete in the Snipe class instead of in the Laser class alone. After a couple of emails and face-to-face meetings with some of the Finnish Snipe sailors, we were offered to test sail the modern Snipe (the last time I sailed Snipe was in Brazil during the 80's). We enjoyed it a lot and were hooked. Also the fact that the European championship 2006 will be in Pori, Finland, famous for strong winds, great waves and sandy beaches gave it another motivational push.

We immediately started searching for a good competitive second hand boat. Unfortunately, to our despair, the Norwegian fleet had bought up most of the used boats from Sweden and Denmark – both countries having Snipe manufacturers thus also having good second hand boats. We widened our search to include even as far away places as Italy. During the springtime, Tarja's studies and my job took us for a couple of month to the San Francisco Bay area, in the US. Presented with the possibility to do some sailing while Finland was still in the deepest of winter, I decided to contact the Richmond Snipe fleet. And as it is common within the Snipe class, we were very well received and offered boats we could crew on and if we wanted even to sail as a team on our own boat. We had a fantastic time. However, time was running, it was now already end of March and we still did not have our own boat in Finland. Our only prospect, a Lillia Snipe in Italy, was sold the week before we returned from the US and nothing new had appeared on the Finnish or Swedish web sites. Nevertheless, we kept insisting that we would be competing in the 2005 Finnish championship and both Tarja and I had no doubt that the right boat would come along just in time. I feared that people were starting to think that we were a lot of talk and no action!

It was now end of June, some four weeks to the Finnish championship. Some used boats started to pop up in Finland

and also in Sweden, however, we didn't want to compromise and buy something too old or too expensive, we wanted it all: a virtually brand new boat for a good second hand price. While vacationing in Italy I continued to scan the Swedish web site for used boats, were suddenly an ad appeared for a Skipper Snipe 98, little sailed, sail number 29446. I requested pictures, which promptly arrived. The boat was stunning, basically brand new! Only problem, the boat was located in Göteborg, an overnight ferry ride + 550km drive by car from Helsinki.

Sunday, a week and a half before the Finnish championship, we decided that we will go for it! I called the seller to secure the boat; Tarja managed to get us onto a ferry (including return – not an easy feat: considering it was high season, and we had a car and a trailer). All went smoothly, we arrived, looked at the boat, which was just like on the pictures, brand new, hardly used, except for the sails. As it normally happens during boat purchases and inspections, it was pouring rain, we were soaked and we needed to find an ATM to pay for the boat. All we could find was an ATM that would give out tiny limited amounts in cash. Ok, so the seller got a huge pack of cash in "small unmarked bills" and we felt like bank robbers. The problem with the sails we had luckily tackled beforehand and had arranged for a set of used ones from the Swedish Snipe secretary, who was kind enough to meet us at the ferry terminal in Stockholm before our return to Helsinki.

Back in Helsinki, I started to work on the boat to make it race ready, while Tarja organized us a trailer for the competition. It was now four days before the competition. We got our custom designed trailer a day before our departure and we still had not tested the boat on the water. We decide to try the boat the next day. At 6:00 AM the following day I was

removing the old numbers from the sails and glued on the new FIN 29446 numbers. At 7:00 AM we rushed to the club, hoisted the sails, quickly took some rake and tension measurements and marked neutral. Launched the boat; she floated! no water came in, rudder and daggerboard placed smoothly in their fittings. We had our first tacks. Great! We were ready to pack and head to Pori! Except for a small problem, the trolley was too long for the trailer. Quick discussion and back to the trailer place in order to modify the trolley, time was running and we should be on the road. Three hours later, trolley was modified; boat was packed and hooked behind the car. We were now on our way to Pori.

**Friday, 29.7.2005.** We were proudly standing in the race office, ready to register, measurement papers in our hands. The order of the day was: all boats needed to be measured and checked for the latest rules, which for us meant, besides the other 30 odd unresolved boat related items on my list we now needed to drill the mast to add a screw, add a mast forward preventer to the deck, stitch a piece of board to the headboard of our North mainsail and get our daggerboard max line up permanently fixed. The first race was scheduled for 13:55. Other boats were already heading out to the racecourse; we were still working on the fixes. Finally we were done, it was 13:18 and the regatta course is about 30 minutes out. The wind was blowing some 3-4ms; we launched the boat. We saw in the distance about half way to the starting line all boats assembled but not ready to start. A delay! What luck. After all the hard work, we did not want to be late for the first start. We arrived at



the starting area. We did our initial exploratory tacks to get some understanding of the course. It was fantastic to have 22 Snipes on the same course. We had a great start and we managed to round the upper mark in 5th. We held on to 5th, despite the fact that we just could not get the whisker pole launched (that was item 19 on my list, which was not completed). The angle was steep enough not needing the pole, however the next leg would present a problem. We managed to launch the pole, losing 2 positions in the process. We had no speed. We held on to 7th in the following upwind, but only to lose another 2 places during the downwind leg. No speed. What were we doing wrong? After some creative relationship building which could be heard around the whole course, we were still not any wiser in addition to have the usual high moral on the boat which follows this type of "team building" discussions. We ended the race in 10th place.

**Saturday, 30.7.2005.** Three races were scheduled for the day. The wind was very light 1-2ms max 3ms, very shifty. The conditions were very difficult. We had a great start, we went to the favorite left side and moved ourselves in the first block

around the upper mark. We lost again positions during the reaching courses, but we had a great second upwind, rounding in first place. How could we hold on to this one with our unimpressive downwind speed? We managed somehow and got the checkered flag. What a great experience. The wind was still very light, however, the race committee decided to start another race. We had yet another great start, but struggled with all the off-wind legs. Nothing was saving us this time. The top sailors in the class were starting to make their marks. The most consistent performer up to this point without discard was Kai Saarhelo, who stretched his lead also during the last race of the day, still in very light conditions, and ended the second racing day as overall leader of the championship. As for us, we finally did find the secret to a decent downwind speed. Releasing the jib stay and cunningham enough! We ended the day in 7th overall and we were happy and very content heading for the deserved sauna, beer and great meal served by the BSF sailing club own restaurant, famous for it's fish dishes.

**Sunday, 31.7.2005.** The day started with a one-hour delay. No wind. Tension ran high in the top teams. The sea breeze

finally built and came in with a good 4-5ms. We had a great start, but no speed or pointing ability. What was going on? The fleet was racing on towards the upwind mark. We crawled along in snail pace. I decided to loosen the rig, and jibe to clear some other boats and head for the better right side and start the recovery process. We had dropped somewhere to 18th place but recovered to 10th just to loose one more place during the finish line duel with Reino Suonsilta. I could see from far that the Olympic team for China 2008 in the Yngling class, Andrea Borenius and Charlotta Renvall, was on to complete a fantastic race win complementing their good racing series; championship leader after 1 discard Claus Carpelan also continued with a top result and extended his lead in the series. For the last race the wind had picked up a bit. We had a great start, unfortunately overshot the upwind lay line close to the upwind mark which cost us 3 places (we completed the race in 7th), nevertheless we were mainly spectators observing Ville Aalto-Setälä taking an impressive start-to-finish first place, unchallenged during most of the race. Claus consolidated his championship with a solid 3rd place to take the overall title together with long time crew Risto Valjus. Andrea and Charlotta ended up in 2nd overall with Ville Aalto-Setälä and crew Jussi Nevas in 3rd.

The championship ended with a great meal and price-giving ceremony in the best of spirits only the Snipe class can provide so consistently across so many countries and cultures.

It was a great event, very well organized and executed to perfection by the organizers and support teams and volunteers. Many thanks also to Kai Saarhelo, Finnish Snipe Secretary, for all the effort to get the class so well motivated and organized, making it a pleasure to join the class.

*Tim Hamel  
FIN 29446*

*Photo: Kai Saarhelo and Markus Wikar  
in 30030*

## Finnish Nationals Results

|     | <b>Skipper/Crew</b>               | <b>Sail #</b> | <b>Finishes</b>         | <b>Total</b> |
|-----|-----------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| 1.  | Claus Carpelan/Risto Valjus       | 29965         | 3-(19)-3-5.7            | 11.7         |
| 2.  | Andrea Borenius/Charlotta Renvall | 29859         | 5.7-(14)-3-10-3         | 21.7         |
| 3.  | Ville Aalto-Setälä/Jussi Nevas    | 29642         | (11.7)-3-10-3-8         | 24           |
| 4.  | Kai Saarhelo/Markus Wikar         | 30030         | 8-8-5.7-11.7-(29)       | 33.4         |
| 5.  | Stefan Winqvist/Alf Renvall       | 29892         | 13-5.7-13-8-(14)-10     | 49.7         |
| 6.  | Jukka Kotisalo/Kaisa Kotisalo     | 27231         | 10-10-5.7-11.7-(15)-14  | 51.4         |
| 7.  | Sampo Valjus/Freddy Wegelius      | 28704         | (15)-15-14-13-5.7-8     | 55.7         |
| 8.  | Tim Hamel/Tarja Teppo             | 29446         | 16-(17)-16-17-13        | 62           |
| 9.  | Timo Nurmi/Tommi Isotalo          | 29019         | 17-11.7-15-(18)-13-11.7 | 68.4         |
| 10. | Jussi Savela/Kari Tuomala         | 28349         | 8-10-16-(21)-10-15      | 69           |
| 11. | Claus Krause/Timo Jarvinen        | 19677         | 18-(21)-11.7-19-19-18   | 85.7         |
| 12. | Reino Suonsilta/Mikael Hirni      | 28861         | (20)-18-20-15-18-16     | 87           |
| 13. | Robert Bjuström/Juoko Saarhelo    | 26645         | (29)-13-21-14-16-29     | 93           |
| 14. | Teemu Heljo/Juhani Heljo          | 26646         | 22-16-19-17-22-(29)     | 96           |
| 15. | Anders/Tanja Cederberg            | 30189         | 21-17-18-(22)-21-19     | 96           |
| 16. | Jussi Vasala/Jaakko Karjalainen   | 27456         | 14-(29)-25-20-24-17     | 100          |
| 17. | Hanna Lehtinen/Juha Lehtinen      | 30259         | 19-24-23-(26)-20-21     | 107          |
| 18. | Mike Mammela/Kati Pietila         | 30276         | 23-23-22-24-(26)-20     | 112          |
| 19. | Jukka Tainio/Esko Tainio          | 25474         | (29)-22-24-23-23-22     | 114          |
| 20. | Mikael Niinivaara/Pasi Kalliala   | 28153         | (29)-26-27-25-25-23     | 126          |
| 21. | Maj Jarvinen/Outi Kivimäki        | 26921         | (29)-25-26-27-27-24     | 129          |
| 22. | Tomi Pelli/Markus Saarimaa Tero   | 22486         | 24-27-(28)-28-25        | 132          |





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2004 Japan Championships 1,2,3,4,5  
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2004 SCYA Midwinters 1  
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