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The Count: 97 numbers have been issued since the last issue; Norway 1; Sweden 1; Puerto Rico 2; Chile 2; Belgium 4; Denmark 4; USA 9; Brazil 10; Spain 13; Italy 21; Japan 25 and 5 to a builder.
Numbered Snipes: 30422
Chartered Fleets: 876

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Around the Snipe World

Croatia Joins SCIRA

Anton Grego, 1966 SCIRA European Champion is the new National Secretary for Croatia, rejoining SCIRA after instability and reorganization of the previous country Yugoslavia, in the region. Anton with Bojan and Vlado Grego have been actively racing, joining in with SCIRA Italy when convenient. They are introducing the Snipe to the youth in Croatia. Damir Bogdanic, who now resides in Texas and formerly sailed for Yugoslavia, has also been assisting on "this side of the Atlantic" Don't be surprised to see CRO 29569 on the starting line! Welcome Croatia to SCIRA!!

Russia

The Moscow Open was held June 16-19. Seven races in winds from 10-15 knots were completed. Winners are Evgeny Rizhikov and Semen Chistikov. There were 20 teams participating in the event from 10 sites – one of them is Bratsk – a Siberian city 1/2 way between Moscow and Tokyo! The Russian Nationals begin June 23.

Canada

We had our annual Palm D'Or Regatta at Guelph Lake, June 4-5. There were 10 boats, which ties the record for this event. Very light and fluky on the first day but it was much better the second. There were six races. John McCallister and son Bryan from the Detroit fleet were first. Casper Young and Jennifer Ayers from Guelph Lake second, Dirk Kneulman and son Peter were third. Live after dinner entertainment on Saturday night from "Six Pound Head" with lead vocalist Molly Kurvink. Harri Palm continues to do a really good job at Guelph Lake with the Snipe. No hard sell, just good sailing and letting people find out about the boat themselves by taking his or the club boats out.

Cover Photo: Marcos Fuentes rounds in a puff at the South American Championships, Algarobbo, Chile.

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From the SCIRA Office

We've added a new member to the office staff of SCIRA International!

I'd like to introduce Sherri Campbell to all SCIRA members. Sherri joins the SCIRA staff and will be taking over the financial end, including billing and receivables and reporting requirements to the Board. Sherri is a Certified Public Accountant and has outstanding credentials not only in serving One Design classes and businesses, but also volunteering with various sailing



organizations.

Sherri and her family are all active sailors. Sherri and husband Bill sailed in the 1999 US Snipe Nationals and they and their son Andrew have graced the cover of 2 Snipe Bulletins (Aug 1997 & Aug/Sept 1999). Michael, the youngest son is an avid sailor as well. Bill has experience in 3 America's Cup campaigns including managing the Nippon Syndicate in Gamagori in 1993-94.

Recently the SCIRA Board voted to move to a contract basis with the SCIRA staff through the partnership of Sherri and Jerelyn named One Design Management. As noted in the previous Snipe Bulletin, the office has moved. The same phone number exists for SCIRA, but additional lines are also in place, so don't be alarmed if you hear a new name answer!

As always, we're here to answer any questions! Now there are 2 to serve you!
See you on the race course!

Jerelyn Biehl & Sherri Campbell

Lowrey "Buzz" Lamb

After a career that included service in the U.S. Navy (Pacific Theatre) during World War II and a productive 20-plus years operating his own accounting practice, Buzz Lamb, with his wife Marge and two small sons, retired to Florida in 1970 with plans to spend their time sailing their Morgan 30 "Golden Fleece" and "doing just enough accounting to keep the wolf from the door." Settling near Clearwater so many of his Snipe friends, he soon found himself caught up in helping SCIRA Executive Secretary Birney Mills, who was in failing health, handle the affairs of the Snipe Class. Upon Birney's death in September of that year, Buzz was asked by the Board of Governors to hold things together until permanent arrangements could be made.

Buzz was uniquely qualified to help, not only for his accounting expertise, but because he had been a very active Snipe competitor (especially in light air) in Privateer Yacht Club's Snipe Fleet 142, where he was frequent fleet champion, and had with a couple of Snipe friends, formed the Arrow Boat Company building fiberglass Snipes.

The January 1971 Snipe Bulletin announced the death of Birney Mills and had a new name on the masthead, that of "Executive Secretary Lowrey (Buzz) Lamb". For the next 17 years Buzz, with the inestimable assistance of his beloved Marge, oversaw our Class. Speaking recently of his election as Executive Secretary, Buzz joked that he had the "shortest term of office as a voting member" on the Board of Governors in history. He went on further, "They elected me unanimously, and the next item on the agenda was to make the position a non-voting one. That vote," he said with a grin, "was unanimous also."

At a time when communications were at the speed of horses compared to today's, and at a time of explosive growth in the Class both in the US and internationally, Buzz's steady hand on the tiller gave all Snipe sailors the confidence that our SCIRA "ship of state" was stable. Establishing the SCIRA Office on the ground floor of their home at Privateer Yacht Club, he and Marge traveled widely, both in the US and internationally to put a "face" on the SCIRA organization and bring it closer to its members. He and Marge published the *Snipe Bulletin* monthly for 17 years Class records and finances and handled the voluminous correspondence necessary to run an organization spread out



over 30 countries. And almost all of this was before the advent of e-mail and computers. The "data bases" they used were filing cabinets of 3 by 5 inch note cards.

After his second retirement at the end of 1987 he and Marge moved back to Florida for 6 months a year and finally got to do some of that sailing they had postponed 17 years earlier on their new boat, a Niagra 35 sloop, which they later replaced with a trawler they could dock right behind their Florida home.

Buzz's death February 19 at age 79 after a long struggle with cancer, saddens his many friends. He faced his deteriorating health forthrightly and with the same good cheer he used in dealing with Snipe issues during his term in office. Shortly before Christmas he wrote to a friend when it seemed that his options were running out, "There's no use crying about it. I've had a great life; I've got a great wife, two sons I'm proud of, a granddaughter I love, and a passel of friends with whom I've had fine times which were, of course, the best times."

Buzz is survived by his wife Marge, son Kerry and wife Patricia of Atlanta, son Stewart and wife Joanna of the Washington, DC area, and granddaughter Kira of Atlanta.

Speaking in late January with two former Snipe Commodores about a trip they were planning at the end of February, Buzz commented, "I would like to go with you two guys, but there's something else I've got to do." And so there was.

Remembrances

Buzz and Marge prized the many friends they made, both in the US and internationally, during their long association with SCIRA which began in the late 1950s. He maintained contact and displayed a keen interest in the Class through his contacts with Snipe friends following his retirement."

—**Brainard Cooper**

Your news item on Buzz Lamb appropriately dealt with his accomplishments in his beloved Snipe Class, and its members clearly owe him a debt of gratitude. However, I would like to add the voice of an old Thistle Class sailor to the paeans of praise for this wonderful man. I knew, liked, and respected him as much as any person in sailing. Thirty years ago we worked together in the group that first organized the One Design Class Council. It was a difficult time for one design sailing. It was the hope of the group that the new ODCC, using the resources of then NAYRU, could help to reverse this trend. With his folksy, down home, laid back manner he was universally liked and respected, but he always stood up for what he felt was right. The group often disagreed, but Buzz was the glue that held it together. He always represented the Snipe Class extremely well, but secure in the knowledge he was representing a strong class with a wonderful boat, he always took the position that was what was right for small boat sailing as a whole was what was right for his class. He kept the group together, and bears a great deal of the credit for whatever was accomplished in those days. A truly wonderful person.

—**Rodney C. Glover**

The passing of Lowry (Buzz) Lamb is a sad loss — To show the strength and dedication of our new incoming secretary, he was immediately tested in the introduction of overall Snipe weight reduction. With international unrest, Buzz showed remarkable discretion in protecting Flag Officers and the Board of Governors in updating our 1930s design to the challenge of modern lightweight dinghies that were being introduced. Following that early upheaval, dear Buzz took the class from strength to strength in the year of committed service to SCIRA. Buzz became renown for his delicate approach to handle situations or meet difficult challenges.

—**John Broughton**

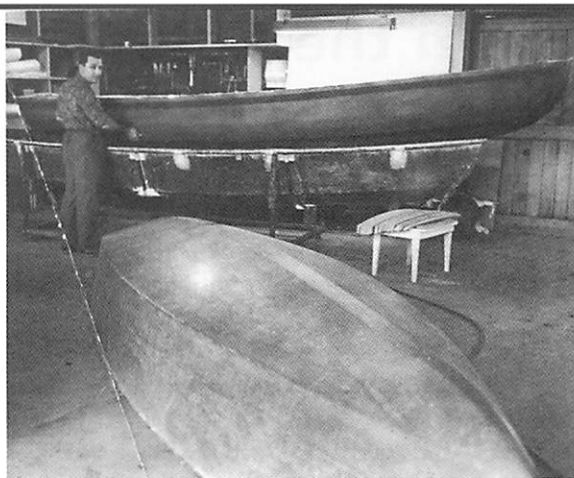
We have lost a great guy. We sailed against each other in many nationals.

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SCIRA Remembers -- Frank Lofland

Those familiar with Wichita's unique sailboating history lost an old friend February 9 with the death of Francis J. "Frank" Lofland, at the age of 88. In 1935, Mr. Lofland left his hometown of Liberal, Kansas on a motorcycle. He planned to build airplanes in Wichita and marry his sweetheart Alice McCord. He did both. Although he put in 18 years as a tool and die maker at Beech Aircraft, it was his home workshop that spawned the boat building business for which he is best remembered. He built the very first fiberglass Snipe in that garage workshop. Lofland SailCraft evolved from that experiment – a company that led all others in the nation in the manufacture of Snipe sailboats. Lofland Snipes were sold and sailed throughout the United States, Europe and South America, and his boats won many championship regattas. Mr. Lofland credited his success to his partnership with his wife Alice. Together they built the business and raised four children – Gary, Allen, JoAnne, and Greg. Mr. Lofland was a fine craftsman and an innovator with an adventurous spirit. He will be well remembered. —as printed in the US Snipe newsletter, contributed by James Rix, Wichita Snipe Fleet #93.



Photos: above, the first fiberglass Snipe out of the mold with the wooden plug in foreground. left: Frank Lofland and assistant prepare a Snipe for delivery.

*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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From the Rules Committee

Instructions to Measurer's

The Rules Committee and the Chief Measurer have considered it necessary to issue some guidance on the identification of measurers and some clarification of measurer's instructions, rights and responsibilities to better identify the levels and the limits which they have to act:

Fleet measurer: The fleet measurer shall be elected by fleet members (see Constitution, Section 9). He or she is entitled to measure sails, spars, blades and weigh Snipes; they shall verify decals and stickers and generally ensure the boats compliance to rules. The fleet measurer must re-weigh the fleets' boats, check for decals and safety equipment at the start of each season (Measurement Rule 37)

National measurer: A national measurer is a more experienced measurer, appointed or elected by the National Secretary and their respective board. This measurer has served as a fleet measurer and participated in a national or international measurer's clinic. The national measurer is responsible for measuring boats at events up to and including the national championship level. He or she should work and communicate with international measurers at international events and clinics. A national measurer is entitled to fully measure and check boats and equipment and issue SCIRA measurement stickers. He or she may complete MDS's and to permanently identify the hull and other items found to conform to the rules. The MDS on boats shipped as bare hull options from the factory should have as much of the MDS complete as possible.

Electronic Compass Approved

The SCIRA Board has approved to modify Section 52.13 of the Restrictions and

Measurement of the SCIRA Rulebook to read:

"Electronic devices that allow bearing and timer only are allowed." April 2005

The Rules Committee proposed to allow the use of the simpler model electronic compass (bearing and timer only) available on the current market onboard Snipes. The reason in favor are:

- works in both hemispheres
- many sailors, sailing more classes, already own an electronic compass
- the same instrument works also as a timer

International Measurer: An international measurer is a knowledgeable and one of the most experienced measurers in the country. He or she shall be identified by the International Chief Measurer and appointed by the Rules Committee. They will have participated in a international measurer's clinic, usually called every two years during the Senior World Championship. An international measurer is entitled to assist the professional builders, measure their plugs, moulds and the production boats as outlined in Certified Builders Rule, Section 3. The international measurers will report their comments on rules application to the Chief Measurer. The measurement committee called to serve at World, Western Hemisphere & Orient and European Championships shall include at least one international measurer.

MINIMUM MEASUREMENTS

Local Events:

- Each fleet shall organize a weight and boat check day for all fleet boats at the start of each season
- All sails, before use, shall be measured, and the royalty labels checked as required.
- Verify that the spars and blades have required stripes and stoppers to limit maximum dimensions.
- Verify the safety equipment: 2 life jackets, a paddle, and a towing line of 10 meters by 6 mm.
- Note that the current SCIRA sticker is fixed to the hull, on the starboard side just forward of the transom.

National Championship:

- Weigh boats, measure and stamp sails, verify safety equipment
- Verify SCIRA decal of the current year, measurement stickers, royalty labels and other measurement as required.
- At discretion of measurers of the event, check spars, rudder and centerboard
- No more than two suits of sails per boat may be measured. It is strongly suggested that the use of an ink stamp (water proof) of the championships be used to identify measured sails.
- The same boat and measured equipment must be used throughout the entire event
- Petitions for replacement of irreparably damaged equipment shall be addressed in writing to SCIRA Representative
- Assistance in applying the Rules of Conduct prescriptions as requested.

International Championship:

- Weigh boats, measure and stamp sails, measure spars (dimensions, weight, center of gravity, stripes, and stoppers), rudder (shape, weight, and gudgeon position), centerboard (shape, safety line, centerpunch, and perpendicular in the trunk)
- Randomly verify MOI. It is recommended to swing at least one boat per represented builder.
- Verify safety equipment per SCIRA rules and any local rules that apply.
- Full measurement of at least one hull of each builder
- Verify decals of the year, stickers and royalty labels
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2005 Dues Paid

as of June 23, 2005

Country	Boats Paid	Members
Argentina	9	20
Bahamas	12	11
Belarus	0	0
Belgium	20	37
Bermuda	3	2
Brazil	61	100
Canada	10	15
Chile	23	48
Colombia	24	27
Croatia	1	3
Cuba	0	0
Denmark	17	20
Finland	25	47
France	43	68
Germany	8	11
India	5	3
Italy	117	239
Japan	199	416
Moldovia	0	0
Norway	149	198
Poland	10	17
Portugal	62	92
Russia	49	65
Spain	184	204
Sweden	51	70
Ukraine	0	0
United Kingdom	16	24
United States	464	561
Uruguay	10	24
Total	1572	2395



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- Last 6 World Championships
- Last 6 European Championships
- Last 6 Western Hemisphere Championships
- Last 8 US-National Championships
- Last 10 Scandinavian Championships
- More than 200 National Championships – and many more to come

News for 2005

- Optimized hull design
- Now produced by Starmarine, Trieste, ITALY
- Danish quality and Advanced italian technology = very fast

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The most memorable been in 1975 where we were tied with each other before the last race and we did not get to sail against each other because we were in flights that did not meet in the last race. Cathy Black and I got lucky and won the last race in our flight. Buzz and Marge got second in their flight and thus we won the Wells that year – Great times with these two for many years.

—Ron Fox

It is a really sad moment for all of us who had the opportunity to meet him and Marge. Another historical stone of our SCIRA organization and family that is no longer with us.

—Giorgio Brezich

He was a wonderful person who did so much for sailing in general and the Snipe Class in particular. It is with great pleasure that I am sending a donation to the SCIRA US Perpetual Fund in his memory.

—Ding Schoonmaker

I was sorry to hear about Buzz. You were all such dear friends to my dad and my mom. I have such happy memories of travels with our Snipe 'family.'

—Anneliese Festersen Crawford



Keep sailing with a Tuki Mast

or, how to retrofit a broken mast

Maybe some of you, like us down here in Argentina, have noticed a few problems using Proctor masts. As a matter of fact we proved how in specific conditions the aluminium gives way and breaks, usually in the same places. The typical situation becomes a reality when we are sailing a fast reach with the vang on in 17 to 23 knots wind.

After dismantling the internal section of a few masts, along with Mariano, we discovered that the internal section of reinforcement was incomplete just in one of the biggest points of fatigue for the aluminium.

At first the idea was to recover the broken mast to make it seaworthy, so Mariano decided to carry out a conventional pipefitting or a sleeve (empatillado) but with a additional variant and this was complete the internal section top to top using other pieces of Proctor internal sections from mast already broken because of the unique overlapping profile. If you're nervous to try on your mast, an Optimist mast could be useful for the first try!

Moreover now appeared the biggest problem; to complete the mast to conform to its original measurement, because depending on how and where the mast broke and how many centimeters we needed to cut off from each half to reach the union flats. The calculation was not a problem but it was, in some way, to determine the place to put the additional piece of mast. Subsequently after a few tests, the conclusion was that the best spot for doing it was the base of the mast because at that point, the bend is minimum and the vertical pressure is well tolerated.

When we had the first mast ready it was the beginning of a long list of tests and the most important was with winds between 20 to 25 knots. At the end of the day the principal pipefitting didn't work very well because we didn't use enough rivets. So, we increased the amount of rivets and in the same conditions the test was fairly good. We were still not happy with the mast performance in strong winds in virtue of the excess bending from the middle to the top with normal vang pressure. The answer to this problem was to weld (solder) the aluminium at the joints.

After many championships and same good finishes (4,6 in the Argentinean's and city championship), we concluded that the new mast offered better results, namely: uniform bending, general resistance and a few dollars saved! One disadvantage, 400 to 500 grams added to the weight of your mast.

We didn't say that this mast could be better than others on the market but clearly it is compared to those left for us. At the moment there are 10 of these masts sailing in Fleet 629. Personally, I think that it is positive because many of our sailors after breaking their mast might not sail again because not everyone has 1000 U\$\$ to buy a new mast.

These masts have been renamed "Tuki Mast" in honor of the principal creator, Mariano Arroyo (Naval Architect).

-- **Agustín Zabalúa**

Capitán flota 629 (Rosario)



Photo:

Team Argentina at the 2004 WH & O Championship in Cabo Frio, Brazil. The Argentines are passionate about the Snipe and although they don't have access to equipment replacement parts, their ingenuity has resulted in ways to keep them sailing - and sailing fast while saving money!



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South European Championship Sanremo, Italy

What does a Snipe regatta need to call it a "Classic Event"? That's the question that comes to our mind when we took the organization in hand some years ago. After 40 years of successful events, in the 90s Snipe participation at this race was lacking both in numbers and technical level of participants, and Yacht Club Sanremo's board was thinking about the possibility of calling it quits. That's when Enrico and I thought that all the contacts and friendships we have made sailing Snipes around the world would be of good help, and decided to stop being just competitors and start having an active part in the organization.

A little look at the final standings of this years Championship is enough to have an idea of our results, but only attending the event one can understand what I'm talking about. You start with a nice staff working ashore and a great race committee at sea, and you still ain't half way to make it a Snipe classic. The secret ingredient is SSSAVV, which means Smart Snipe Sailors from Around The World(TM).

Every time in my life I met SSSAVV, it's been an event worth keeping in my "best days album". Well, there once was a girl from Israel at 420 worlds that... but that's another story... better stick to this year's events.

The atmosphere started building up on Sunday, when first foreign sailors began arriving to Sanremo. The Spanish guys, then Augie, Lisa and George, then the Paradedas. The airline companies immediately gave us the usual thrills, sending luggage with shrouds, compasses and spreaders to exotic locations where no Snipe fitting has gone before. But on Monday everybody was ready, and we had three days of fantastic discussion, under the direction of George Szabo, for the Snipe Festival Clinic. It was 3 great days, both for training and for learning, measuring, everybody was excited as we had the first Perssons built in Italy, which impressed everybody a lot!

On Thursday we had the warm up race, where the Spanish guys showed everybody that if they came here for the first time it wasn't just for seeing the place.

Finally we came to Friday, everybody charged up and ready for the fight, the committee early on the place, atmosphere, thrill, agonism, and a total lack of wind. We had to wait until 4pm, when finally our patience was rewarded with a nice race in light winds, won by Italians Paolillo-Cristofori, followed in order by Triay(ESP), Szabo(USA), Paradedas(BRA) and Tomsic(ITA).

Hopes for the next day weren't good, as forecasts expected no wind and rain, but on Saturday morning a big Levante (wind from 90°) was waiting for us at sea. It's been blowing around 20-22 knots, waves not as big as we are used to in Sanremo with the Levante, but enough for lots of fun and battle in the reaches. The Paradedas were not the fastest upwind, but with great reaches and constant presence in the first places went on the top of the standings without winning a single race

(5-2-4). The races were won by Szabo(USA), Solerio(ITA) and Saura(ESP). World champion Augie Diaz started to shift



Photo: European Championship in Sanremo 1964 - one of the 7 starts.

gears up, and after an 11th in Friday's race had a good 2-3-3 on Saturday.

On Sunday morning it appeared immediately the Levante of the day before had already given all he had to give, and the race committee had to wait until the afternoon to make a start with 5 knots of wind from 100°, but had to stop the race after the first lap when the wind died.

So the series ended with no discard, but the value of the sailors respected. First three crews in the world got in the first 4 places, with the only intrusion of Solerio (hey, that's me!), who will try to keep this performance level for the rest of the year ;)

I want to spend these last words for a big thanks to all our Snipe friends that came to Sanremo from Italy, from Europe and from the whole world,

It's you that make all these meetings something so special. We wait for you all next year in Sanremo, and to Luis: we PRETEND that you'll be here next year, my friend.

--Franco Solerio

SCIRA Celebrates 75 Years

The International Snipe Class kicks off the celebration of 75 years since William Crosby published plans in Rudder Magazine in 1932. The first celebrations will occur at the 2005 Snipe World Championship in Gamagori, Japan, July 23-30, followed by the Junior Worlds in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, August 13-20. In 2006, the celebration will continue at the Women's Worlds in Punta del Este, Uruguay and the World Masters in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Snipe sailors worldwide will celebrate "One Boat for All" in fleet, regional and international racing.



European Cup / German Open

Caldonazzo, Italy

May 20-22, 2005

The European Cup / German Open, organized by the Associazione Velica Trentina on the lake of Caldono in northern Italy, was held over 3 days, from May 20th until May 22nd with the supremacy of Belgians, overtaking the 4 overall places out of 65 Snipes competing in the waters of the small Italian lake.

Boats from all over Italy, Belgium, Germany, Poland, UK and Brazil have sailed all the 6 races in the afternoon, as on this lake the wind rises always late. The high professionalism of the race committee, who has been able to move the course in accordance with the wind shifts, has contributed to the good result of the event. Three sunny and warm days with breeze between 8 and 16 knots have allowed to sail one race on Friday, 3 races on Saturday and 2 races on Sunday. Wind shifts and some holes have trapped many, but the best took a good lead.

The Belgian Snipers were to the fore from the very beginning and they have won all the races with no room for the remaining of the fleet. Only one second place for the Italians Gabriele Bernardis and Stefano Pontalti (3rd race), third places for the brothers Michele and Tommaso De Rosa (2nd race), Dario and Renato Bruni (3rd race), Stefano Longhi and Alessandra Papa (4th and 5th race). The last race proved to be the most exciting as the wind picked up with the Belgian once again taking 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. Thierry Den Hartigh and Greet Jansen,

closing in second place 4 of the 6 sailed races and winning the other 2, took a lead with a consistent advantage over Emanuel Hens and Thomas Van Schaftinghen who, thanks to one discard and winning the 1st, 5th and 6th race finished 2nd overall. These two skippers have gained the participation to the European Championship which will take place in 2006 in Pori, Finland, to which skippers can enter with previous qualifications.

German National Champions are the brother Robert and Martin Ström, 21st overall, silver to Gunther Hautmann with his daughter Sabine as crew, 45th overall and third Herbert Hoerterich and Marco Pisetta, 50th overall.

Many mixed crews, a tradition in the Snipe class and also many family crews with brothers or fathers and sons have participated to this event.

The regatta is valid also for the "Fancazzisti cup" (local Snipers who sail club regattas on Wednesday afternoon and on week ends) and for the Gardansipe Trophy (a newly born formula of 6 regional and district regattas of the area of the Garda Lake and surrounding smaller lakes) which next event will be a regatta on June 18th and 19th again on the waters of the Lake of Caldono.

Of upper level the organization both on the water and on earth, rich prizes and gadgets for all participants, cocktails and dinners with live music, tasting of typical regional products all in the perfect style of the Snipe Class, which motto is "Serious Sailing, Serious Fun".

Results

Country	Skipper/Crew	Total	Finishes
1 BEL 29251	Den Hartigh Thierry, Greet Jansen,	7,5	(2)-1-1-2-2-2
2 BEL 30356	Hens Emanuel, Van Schaftinghen Thomas,	11,3	1-(12)-5-4-1-1
3 BEL 30008	Peeters Jan, Van Daele Ann,	16,8	7-2-(18)-1-4-3
4 BEL 30311	Van Cawenbergh Ben, Deferm Nadia,	25,0	3-6-(7)-5-7-4
5 ITA 29355	Bernardis Gabriele, Pontalti Stefano,	29,0	9-5-2-7-(15)-6
6 ITA 30374	Longhi Stefano, Papa Alessandra,	32,0	10-(17)-9-3-3-7
7 ITA 29626	Dematte' Giuliano, Niccolini Silvia,	43,0	5-4-6-6-(23)-22
8 ITA 29774	Perini Corrado, Berto Daniela,	54,0	12-16-8-10-8-(18)
9 BEL 27789	Schoenmakers Alex, Wouters Martine,	62,0	4-8-20-14-16-(nc)
10 POL 29973	Knasiecki Janise, Ratajczak Bogdan,	62,0	(33)-14-4-21-11-12

Complete overall results at:
<http://www.snipe.it>

Photo: Snipes on a flying reach in Muggia, Italy



2005 World Championship

Gamagori, Japan

July 23-30

The World Championship this year will be held from July 23 to 31 in Gamagori, located in Aichi, Japan as one of the event of International Sailing Series, Celebration of Expo 2005. (See: <http://www.jsaf.or.jp/expo2005/>.)

This series is sponsored by Japan Sailing Federation and consists of 7 races, 2 experience events open to the public and I-Symposium, in the aim of giving people the opportunity to re-think about nature wisdom, the theme of Expo.

Currently, we, the organizing committee of the World Championship, are working hard to make this event a successful one with help from many contributors.

We will welcome all the Snipe families to daily parties from 25-30 July. Every participant is invited to the Expo 2005 Tour and the biggest fireworks in Pacific coast of Japan on 31.

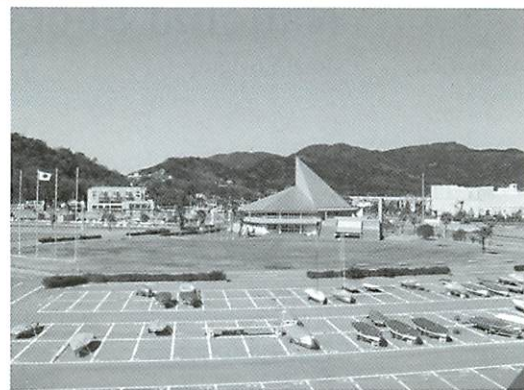
All the necessary information are available in the regatta website.

<http://www.jsaf.or.jp/expo2005/snipeworld/>

We are looking forward to seeing you in Gamagori!

--Akibumi Shinoda

Regatta Chairman, Snipe World Championship 2005



Kaiyoh Yacht Harbor, Gamagori, Japan



2005 Junior Worlds

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

August 12-20

NOTICE OF RACE

Vieri Lasinio Di Castelvero Trophy

August 12th - 20th, 2005

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY & PROMOTION

late Clube do Rio de Janeiro supported by SCIRA fleet 159, Snipe Class National Secretary for Brazil, SCIRA, FEVERJ (State Sailing Federation) and FBVM (National Sailing Federation).

2. HOSTING CLUB & CHAIRMAN

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3. RULES

The current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2005-2008, the SCIRA Rules of Conduct for Conducting National and International Championships Regattas, the Deed of Gift for the Vieri Lasinio Di Castelvero Trophy, the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions shall be in effect.

In case of conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instruction the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

4. ADVERTISING:

This regatta is classified as Category "C" in accordance with the ISAF and SCIRA Advertising Prescriptions.

5. ENTRY AND ELIGIBILITY

This regatta is open to SCIRA registered boats, skippers and crews in good standing for the current year subject to Deed of Gift for the Vieri Lasinio Di Castelvero Trophy restrictions

6. REGISTRATION

The completed entry form and the registration fee of one hundred U.S. dollars (\$100.00) must be received no later than Saturday, August 13th, 2005. The entry fee will cover the entry and festivities for the skipper and the crew.

All competitors must complete the entry process prior to 18.00, Saturday August 13th, 2005. No boat's entry will be complete until it has checked in with Registration, all forms are received and all fees are paid.

7. SCHEDULE

Registration and check-in will be in the Sailing Department of the late Clube Rio de Janeiro, on August 13th, 2005 from 09.30 to 18.00.

12th August - Friday

Measurements 09.30

Entries and Registration finish 18.00

13th August - Saturday

Measurements 09.30

Practice Race 13.00

Opening Ceremony 16.00

Entries and Registration finish 18.00

14th August - Sunday

Skippers meeting 11.00

Races 13.00

15th August - Monday Races 13.00

16th August - Tuesday Races 13.00

17th August - Wed Day off 13.00

18th August - Thurs Races 13.00

19th August - Friday Races 13.00

20th August - Sat Races 13.00

Closing Ceremony 19.00

8. MEASUREMENT

8.1 Measurement is scheduled for Friday 12th through Saturday 13th August, 2005 from 09.30 - 18.00.

8.2 All boats will be weighed and measured according to SCIRA Rules and inspected for safety equipment and decals. All sails will be measured. A maximum of two (2) suits of sails will be measured for any entry.

8.3 All boats are subject to additional measurement at any time at the reasonable discretion of the Class or Race Committee.

9. BOATS

9.1 A total of 15 (fifteen) similar boats will be provided by the organization for those juniors not bringing or chartering their own boats.

9.2 A Committee composed by the Commodore, the National Secretary of Brazil, the Official SCIRA Measurer for the event, plus other 2 (two) representatives of the other Countries participating of the event may decide by majority of votes the application of the criteria that the event shall be sailed as a round robin as per "Deed of Gift".

9.3 Boats will be available by 09.00 Wednesday, August 12th, 2005 or earlier at the owner's choice.

10. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The regatta Sailing Instructions (SI) will be available at registration.

11. COURSES

The courses to be sailed are the Class approved courses for International regattas as published in the current SCIRA Official Rulebook and SCIRA web site.

12. SCORING

12.1 The SCIRA Low Point scoring system will apply.

12.2 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

12.3 The Race Committee shall attempt to complete eleven (11) races

12.4 When from six (6) to eight (8) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. If 9 (nine) or more races are completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her 2 (two) worst scores.

If 5 or fewer races are completed, all shall be counted.

13. SUPPORT BOATS:

Support boats shall be credit to Organizing Committee that will assign an identification flag.

14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

15. PRIZES

15.1 Vieri Lasinio Di Castelvero Trophy for the boat winning the Regatta.

15.2 Prizes will be awarded to the skipper and crew of the boats finishing first through fifth (1-5) in the Regatta.

16. HOSPITALITY AND SOCIAL

Local hotels within a short walking or driving distance of the Club are also available. For additional information contact SLALOM TURISMO (Ms. Regina Pecego - regina@slalom-tour.com)

The authority organized will provide lodging and food to the first crew of each country, and if possible, for the second crew.

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Iberian Championship

Last weekend 29th and 30th April and 1st May, the Iberian Championship - Gran Trofeo de Valencia was hosted at Royal Nautic Club of Valencia. Three days of intense racing gathered 70 boats. The fact that there was no entry fee and the Club provided lodging for all competitors coming from other cities helped to reach this number of boats. The Club also offered a dinner where all sailors shared a nice evening.

In addition to Spanish and Portuguese teams, other countries showed their sails: 4 snipes from Italy, 3 from France along with Brazil and USA. Some of them were in Valencia because they are involved in the America's Cup while others traveled from their countries. Names like Augie Diaz, Alexandre Paradera, Enrico and Franco Solerio, Tomsic, Francisco and Marina Sánchez, Vasco Empis were at the entrants list.

Light easterly winds which started at 13:00 -13:30 hours, building until 16:00 and coming down later were the norm. The strongest winds were some peaks of 12 knots on Saturday during the second race of the day. The chop was also an important factor, moreover after the wind came down. We had 2 races on Friday, 3 on Saturday and 1 on Sunday. All of them run on Olympic course.

The fleet was very leveled and many boats reached the first mark in a short time interval. Many sailors had good places in some races and poor ones in others. While Paradera was most of the time on the first places, Augie sometimes had to pass a large number of boats to reach the leading groups.

Francisco and Marina Sánchez could not sail on Friday, but their wonderful results show they would have been fighting for the first place.



*photo:
Augie Diaz
is a picture
of concentration.
Fried Elliott
photo*

The winner was Alexander Paradera/José Peña while Augie Diaz/Mark Ivey were second. The first Iberian (Spanish or Portuguese) team was Martín Bermúdez/Inés Rubio who were 3rd.

The hosting Club had also arranged a visit to the Alinghi team base for Saturday, but races finished too late. Anyway, we could see some AC boat or the training boats on Friday and also on Thursday for the Snipe sailors who trained that afternoon.

The Race Committee was led by Manolo Torres. He and his team did a wonderful job.

The last task is to thank R.C.N.Valencia especially its President Manuel Casanueva, and members José María "Nano" Belda and Paco Balaguer for their support of the Class, clearly seen for the particular attentions given in this trophy.

Just to remember: R.C.N.Valencia has applied for hosting next year's Master World Championship. I'm sure they can do it a great way. The club has superb facilities and knows how to organize great events. This circumstance along with the fact that the America's Cup will take place on 2007 and during 2006 all the teams will be training at full. It is not usual a Snipe championship can count with such a large number of America's Cup sailors because many of them would be interested in racing at World Masters. The media coverage on America's Cup would also cover the Snipe event, which would give us free advertising.

-- **Fernando Tajuelo**

Results: top 35 of 68

	<i>Skipper/Crew</i>	<i>Country/Sail #</i>	<i>Total</i>
1.	Alexandre Paradera/José Peña	BRA 2982	13
2.	Augie Diaz/Mark Ivey	USA 30288	32
3.	Martin Bermudez/Ines Rubio	ESP 29984	33
4.	Pablo Fresneda/Cesar Travado	ESP 30239	35
5.	Manuel Bermudez/Nacho Jimenez	ESP 29116	37
6.	Javier Sales/Natalia Gomez	ESP 30142	38
7.	Enrico/Franco Solerio	ITA 30269	48
8.	Javier Coello/Agustin Panalver	ESP 30289	50
9.	Alejandro Fresneda/Begona Gazquez	ESP 29930	52
10.	Paolo Tomsic/Andrej Mocilnick	ITA 1	56
11.	Paco Ibanez/Juan Mereyo	ESP 29870	61
12.	Francisco Palacio/Fernando Rodriguez	ESP 30060	64
13.	Tiago Talone/Joao Martins	POR 29434	67
14.	Peter Saura/Joan Segui	ESP 30243	68
15.	Manuel Madrid/Daniel Fructuoso	ESP 2961	71
16.	Vasco Empis/Margarida Aguiar	POR 29371	75
17.	Francisco Sanchez/Marina Sanchez	ESP 29724	81
18.	Manuel de Toams/Guillermo Ros	ESP 28262	82
19.	Victor Izquierdo/Javier Milara	ESP 30140	86
20.	Stefano Longhi/Alberto Piccinni	ITA 30374	95
21.	Jaime Miranda/Antonio Solino	ESP 30242	95
22.	Victor Perez/Rafael Benitez	ESP 2933	97
23.	Fernando Tajuelo/Meggy Barcelo	ESP 30245	104
24.	Martin Bermudez/Anxo Rodriguez	ESP 29846	110
25.	Jordi Triay/José Escudero	ESP 29689	114
26.	Miguel Costa de Xena/?	ESP 30371	132
27.	Jose Vicent/Romina Ros	ESP 3014	132
28.	Chimo Botella/Casto Martinez	ESP 29507	132
29.	Fernando Muro/Juan Avellan	ESP 29780	136
30.	Eric Berrone/Jean Pierre Didier	FRA 28690	145
31.	Jaime Higuera/Joan Romaguera	ESP 28897	148
32.	Matia Ros Navarro/José Pascual	ESP 29520	148
33.	Guillermo Poyan/Carmen Mateo	ESP 30053	150
34.	Francisco G. Perez/José Salazan	ESP 29365	160
35.	Miguel Graca/Hugo Teixeira	POR 29570	168

2005 Snipe Racing Schedule

International Championships

World Championships	July 23-30	Gamagori, Japan
Ladies Europeans	June 28-July 2	Rosignano Solvay, Italy
Scandinavians	August 4-7	Vestfjorden, Norway
North Americans	August 5-7	Oakville, Ontario, Canada
East Europeans	August 9-14	Moscow, Russia
Junior Worlds	August 13-20	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Yves Le Bour – UK	August 27-29	Broadstairs, Kent, UK
VM Snipen	September 3-4	Stavanger, Norway
Viking Snipen	September 17-18	Oslo, Norway

National Championships

Russia	June 21-26	Moscow, Russia
Norway	June 30-July 3	Asgardstrand, Norway
Brazil Easterns	July 1-3	Brazil
United States-Junior	July 9-10	San Diego, California
United States-Senior	July 11-15	San Diego, California
Finland	July 29-31	Pori, Finland
Spain	August 10-13	Los Alcazares, Spain
United Kingdom	August 27-29	Broadstairs, Kent, UK
Colombia	October 1-2, 8-9	Lake Tomine, Bogata
USA Masters	October 25-27	Atlanta, Georgia

2006 Calendar

South Americans	Easter	Mar del Plata, Argentina
Open Nordic Championship	July 28-30	Pori, Finland
European Championship	July 31-Aug. 5	Pori, Finland
Women's Worlds	November 19-26	Punta del Este, Uruguay
Master Worlds		to be determined



Boat Shows -

Ideas on How to Promote the Snipe in Your Country

A New Organization??

The following is an excerpt from the UK newsletter "The Snipe" and an article penned by Liz Crouch and her experience at a boat show "Sailboat" in England- we think you'll find it interesting...

...The decline of the Snipe in the UK has been going on for some time... As Richard and I were wandering around the show, we were thinking that maybe we should form some sort of alliance with another class. One that would seem a natural progression into the Snipe, or one that would compliment but not compete with it. We came across a stand with about 5 similar types of boats on it that completely changed our thinking – the Fastsail stand. I had no idea then what this organization was about. We got chatting with a couple of people on the stand, who just so happened to be instrumental in setting up the organization. To summarize a fairly lengthy conversation, this is an umbrella organization for 7 classes (soon to be 9) that all have spinnakers and a trapeze. They were also feeling the affects of the manufacturer dominated classes. A couple of years ago they joined together to start the "Symmetric Grand Prix", they are now holding some joint events throughout the year and by forming the Fastsail Association have a louder voice, bigger presence, even attract sponsorship but have maintained the integrity of the individual classes and are able to sail at venues that individually they would not have been able to go to. They even offered to help us where they could if we could get like minded classes together.

This sounded exactly what we were looking for! So we went through the list of exhibitors, looking for similar types of 2 person boats with no trapeze. Initially we looked for ones without spinnakers either, but that was fairly limited. We then went round to the stands and talked to the classes, the national secretary or someone on their committee. We told them what we thought, suggested that we should talk

about getting together, hold a big event somewhere maybe this year and asked them what they thought. Out of the 7 classes we highlighted, we approached 5, and the response was very enthusiastic. Some were suffering more than us in terms of members and turnouts, others were doing better but recognized that they could not be complacent. All were passionate about their class, they loved sailing their boats, and the main thread was that these were family oriented boats, where the social side was as equally important as the sailing.

So the next step is:

- Contact all of the associations that we spoke to, plus the others that we didn't get around to
- Try to organize a meeting with the other associations
- See if we could jointly organize an event later on this year
- See what the response to the suggestion of an umbrella organization for hiking boat is

For some people making the commitment to another regatta will be quite easy, to others more difficult. This could be our opportunity to show off our boat and what it can do. So we should all make an effort if it comes about. It will be a sad day if our class and others like it are eventually swamped by manufacturer backed boats and we spend our time reminiscing about the good old days; so if an initiative as radical as this stand a chance of preserving our Class and giving us all wider scope, more places to sail, more people to sail with and more friends to drink beer with at an open meeting...

This is not likely to result in additional members, it's not about stealing people from other classes – but if we did excellent! The aim is to promote our type of sailing; to reach people outside of the classes and show that just because we don't stand on the edge of a boat hanging off a wire, we too can have a blast!

—Liz Crouch

Finlands Successful Boat Show Formula

Here are some ideas

- we have been participating over 10 years, always February in Helsinki (also at second fair in Åbo in March)
- first independently in our own stand, and last two years at common stand of Finnish Sailing Association
- FSA has given very low priced small place to put boats from different classes

Stand 2005

- brand new Skipper Snipe
- two walls 4x2 m for photos and other announcements
- one octacon in the end of one wall (eight walls in round shape)
- on the walls: race and activity calendar, photos, "Snipe in a nutshell", www.snipe.fi
- on the table: brochures, Finnish Snipe Bulletins, Skipper Snipe advertisement
- one display situated on back deck of Snipe to show alive photoshow from Snipe Europeans 2004
- one representative at stand every day to meet the "customers"

Themas 2005

- Womens' sailing, ladies can sail Snipe competitively - alone or with men
- Snipe one of the only classes suitable for both sexes
- Europeans 2006 in Pori, Finland
- It's cool to sail Snipe (nice photos from France support the agenda)
- Try Snipe (offer to test Snipe)

Important to remember

- good pre-advertisement to catch the right persons in the expo (we sort of failed in this issue)
- something to give (attached the Finnish brochure; easy to adapt to Norwegian needs)
- good support team when "demand increases" (inquiries for testing, where to find boats, etc)
- we have created a good team spirit and therefore support promotion has been possible (one guy at photo company, one at pc services,...)

Kai Saarhelo
FIN 30030
National Secretary

Colombia Nationals

SKIPPER SNIPE 2005

19-20 febrero 2005

Pl	B#	Skipper	Fm	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Race 6	Race 7	Total
1	36	S. Uzcategui	CNM	0,75	2	0,75	3	4	7	0,75	18,25
2	52	A. Quintero	CNH	2	5	4	2	0,75	3	3	19,75
3	39	D. Delgado	CNM	9	0,75	2	5	6	0,75	4	27,5
4	33	P. Vasquez	CNM	4	6	5	0,75	3	2	7	27,75
5	51	G. Tamayo	CNP	7	4	8	9	7	5	6	46
6	99	S. Bermudez	CNP	3	3	6	4	20\RET	4	9	49
7	5	J. Herkrath	CNM	10	8	7	7	5	6	8	51
8	8	W. Kemenes	CNH	8	10	3	6	2	22\OCS	2	53
9	38	J. Uzcategui	CNM	5	14	10	8	9	11	5	62
10	44	J. Castillo	CNM	6	9	9	11	11	12	13	71
11	6	S. Cardenas	CNH	12	12	11	10	12	10	15	82
12	47	M. Isaza /Isaza	CNM	14	7	13	20\DNS	10	9	11	84
13	31	C. Yamin	CNM	11	13	14	13	8	13	12	84
14	19	Laignelet/Mejia	CNP	17	16	20\DNS	12	13	8	10	96
15	76	J. Tamayo	CNM	15	11	12	16	20\DNS	14	14	102
16	25	C. Alvarado	CNH	13	15	16	15	20\DNS	16	16	111
17	21	A. de Mulder	CNM	20\DNS	20\DNS	15	14	14	17	17	117
18	2	J. Castillo	CNM	16	20\DNS	17	20\DNS	20\DNS	15	18	126
19	11	F. Hernandez	CNM	20\DNF	20\DNS	20\DNF	20\DNS	20\DNS	18	19	137



Photos from the Colombian National Championships, Bogota, Colombia.



2005 South American Championship

Algarobbo, Chile

March 20-17

Pl	Name	From		1	2	3	4	5	Tot
1	SANTIAGO SILVEIRA	URU		3	1	1	1	12	18
2	BRUNO BETHLEN	BRA		1	7	5	5	1	19
3	ANTONIO PONCELL	CHI		4	3	4	13	3	27
4	FEDERICO CALABRESE	ARG		8	6	6	2	9	31
5	PABLO DEFAZIO	URU		9	5	10	3	7	34
6	PHILIPP UMPIERRE	URU	JUNIOR	18	4	14	4	5	45
7	AGUSTIN ZABALUA	ARG		2	10	17	9	8	46
8	LESLIO DI SANTOS	ARG	JUNIOR	5	12\DNF	18	10	2	47
9	GUSTAVO SEUL	ARG		6	12\DNF	13	6	18	55
10	MATIAS ARRANBIDE	ARG		16	12\DNF	7	16	10	61
11	MARCOS FUENTES	CHI	MIXTO	7	12\DNF	20	17	19	75
12	ROBERTO MALSCH	CHI	MIXTO	22	2	9	25	20	78
13	SOLEDAD GONZALEZ	CHI	FEMENINO	15	12\DNF	8	26	17	78
14	ANDREA FOGLIA	URU	FEMENINO	11	8	19	18	25	81
15	ALEXANDRE TINOCO	BRA		10	12\DNF	15	12	34\DNF	83
16	JOSEFINA GONZALEZ	CHI	MIXTO-JUNIOR	14	12\DNF	27	11	21	85
17	ALEX JUX	BRA		24	12\DNF	23	14	14	87
18	JORGE GONZALEZ	CHI	MIXTO-MASTER	12	12\DNF	22	21	22	89
19	IGNACIO FERNANDEZ	ARG		21	9	2	43\BFD	15	90
20	ALEJANDRO PEREZ	CHI		30	12\DNF	16	22	13	93
21	FELIPE ROBLES	CHI		34	11	3	43\BFD	4	95
22	JAVIER MOYANO	ARG		43\DNF	12\DNF	24	8	11	98
23	GERARDO BRONDINO	ARG	MIXTO-MASTER	13	12\DNF	26	29	23	103
24	TATIANA GETRNER	URU	FEMENINO	27	12\DNF	28	7	34\DNF	108
25	DANIEL IRARRAZABAL	CHI		43\DNF	12\DNF	29	19	6	109
26	ARTURO KUSTCHER	CHI	MASTER	25	12\DNF	34	24	16	111
27	MAG. GONZALEZ	CHI	FEM-JUNIOR	28	12\DNF	12	34	30	116
28	VERNON ROBERT	CHI	MIXTO	26	12\DNF	25	27	26	116
29	MILLARAY PALMA	CHI	MIXTO-MASTER	36	12\DNF	30	15	24	117
30	RODRIGO GUMUCIO	CHI	MIXTO-MASTER	33	12\DNF	21	23	29	118
31	MARTIN CASTRILLO	ARG		23	12\DNF	11	43\DSQ	34\DNF	123
32	FELIPE GUERRERO	CHI		20	12\DNF	31	31	31	125
33	PABLO CISTERNA	CHI	MIXTO	19	12\DNF	33	30	34\DNF	128
34	CARLOS PEREZ	CHI		31	12\DNF	35	20	32	130
35	BERNARDITA GREZ	CHI	MIXTO-JUNIOR	17	12\DNF	32	43\BFD	28	132
36	CLAUDIO LEON	CHI	MASTER	32	12\DNF	36	28	27	135
37	THIAGO MELLO	BRA	JUNIOR	29	12\DNF	37	33	34\DNF	145
38	MAITE BEJIDE	CHI	MIXTO	35	12\DNF	39	32	34\DNF	152
39	ENRIQUE BRUÑOL	CHI		37	12\DNF	40	35	34\DNF	158
40	RICARDO SEELMANN	CHI		43\BFD	12\DNF	38	36	33	162
41	TOMAS RODRIGUEZ	CHI	MASTER	38	12\DNF	41	37	34\DNF	162
42	JAVIER SANDE	CHI		43\DNF	43\DNF	42\DNF	39\DNF	34\DNF	201

Trophy winners gather at the South American Championship in Algarobbo, Chile



2005 Winter Circuit

Midwinters - Clearwater, Florida

Sixteen boats gathered in Clearwater Fla. for the 67th Annual Snipe Midwinter Championship, the first stop of the 2005 Winter Circuit. Crews traveled from as far away as Norway, California, Wisconsin, and Rhode Island.

Racing started on Sunday under clear skies and mild temperatures. The wind came in from the west, light and shifty, which kept the race committee busy with numerous course changes. Two races were sailed with Nicolas Granucci and Patricia Fonovich jumping out to an early lead with two firsts.

Monday was another picture perfect day. After a short postponement, three races were sailed in a building southerly breeze. Peter and Sheehan Commette had a very good day with a sixth and two firsts and were leading the regatta after five races.

Peter Commette moderated a debriefing of the days racing on both Sunday and Monday. This Q & A covered tuning, tactics, sail trim, and just about anything relating to making a Snipe go faster. It was very well received by the sailors and I think everybody learned from it.

Unfortunately, racing was cancelled for Tuesday due to approaching storms and wind in the twenties, therefore everyone packed up early and got ready for the awards banquet.

The Clearwater Yacht Club once again did a great job hosting the event with excellent race committee work and the traditional rum and pizza party. Thanks to CYC and its members. We are all looking forward to next year!

--Mike Blackwood



Photos:

Top - tight action at the start of the Don Q!!
Left: Nicolas Granucci and Patricia Fonovich share a laugh during the race.

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	Sail #	Crew		1	2	3	4	5	Total
USA	30089	Peter/Sheehan Commette	Master	6	2	6	0.75	0.75	15.5
USA	30195	Nicolas Granucci/Patricia Fonovich	Open	0.75	0.75	3	5	7	16.5
USA	8653	Hal Gilreath/George Gibbs	Open	8	3	0.75	3	2	16.75
USA	24702	Jerry Thompson/Morgan Commette	Master	2	4	2	8	4	20
NOR	29940	Birger Jansen/Cecilia De Fiare	Master	9	8	4	6	3	30
USA	29628	Mike Blackwood/Dan Gautraud	Open	11	6	7	2	6	32
USA	30299	Andrew Pimental/Julia Landsford	Master	4	7	5	4	16\DNC	36
USA	29992	Gonzalo Diaz Sr./Greg Saldana	Master	5	5	11	10	5	36
BRA	29143	Bibi Juetz/Marcos Mascarenhas	Master	7	9	8	7	8	39
USA	30221	Don Hackbarth/Josie Williams	Master	3	10	10	11	9	43
NOR	30355	Henning/Heinz Balzer	Open	10	11	9	9	12	51
NOR	29973	Halvor/Edel Poulsson	Master	12	13	12	12	10	59
USA	30262	Stephan/Monica Irgens	Master	13	12	13	13	11	62
USA	9966	Bob Foster/Anne Rogers	Master	15	14	14	14	13\DNF	70
USA	30223	Nancy/John Fox	Master	14	15	15	15	16\DNC	75
USA	29955	Steve/Ashley Lippincott	Open	16\DNC	16\DNC	16\DNC	16\DNC	16\DNC	80



2005 Winter Circuit

Don Q - Miami, Florida

XXXIX ANNUAL

DON Q RUM KEG SNIPE REGATTA

MARCH 11-13, 2005

Peter Commette and Barb Evans won the XXXIX Annual Don Q Regatta after 3 days of perfect weather in Biscayne Bay. The Sea breeze (Southeasterly winds) showed up every day! Weatherman could not have treated us any better! With 32 boats participating including our 2004 National Champion Ernesto Rodriguez, our World Champion Augie Diaz and 2003 US National Champion Andy Pimental there was plenty of competition for Peter and Barb. Outstanding performance with a 3rd place by Lee Griffith and Lisa Griffith on their new Jibe Tech Snipe.

Many thanks to Coconut Grove Sailing Club and the Race Committee headed by Bruce Schneider with the

help of Club members and friends: Jaime Ramon who also donated the use of his boat as the signal boat, Bill Beavers, Marvin Schenker, Denise Schneider, Jeanne Bunten, Rick Rahm, John Degan, Susan Walcutt, Tricia and Megan Reeder, Kathy Peak, Carl Opdyke, Roy Hellman. Protest Committee: Mike Weber, Rob Quinlivan and Vlad Stroleny. SCIRA Rep, Brainard Cooper Jr. This was an excellent team that ran great races for us. Again, many thanks to all of them.

We had a great Don Q Rum Keg party Saturday night followed by the now traditional Cuban Dinner. Thanks to Carmen Diaz and her helpers for their hard work in the party and the dinner.

Our Vice Commodore Vlad Stroleny presented trophies to the first 10 crews right after the last race on Sunday

This will be a Don Q to be remembered. Next year will be the 40th Don Q. Come and sail with us.

--Gonzalo Diaz, Sr.



Above: Where would the Don Q be without The Old Man?

PI	Crew	1	2	3	4	5	Total
1	Peter Commette/ Barb Evans	4	0.75	3	2	10	19.75
2	Ernesto Rodriguez/Leandro Spina	2	4	2	5	12	25
3	Lee Griffith/Lisa Griffith	3	2	8	9	4	26
4	Andy Pimental/Julia Langford	8	3	4	13	5	33
5	Mike Blackwood/Patty Mueller	5	9	6	3	11	34
6	Hal Gilreath/Andy Culver	18	5	5	11	3	42
7	Nick Granucci/Patricia Fonovich	9	6	19	7	2	43
8	Charlie & Michele Bustamante	7	14	12	10	9	52
9	Tomas Hornos/Morgan Commette	6	18	9	4	16	53
10	Gonzalo Crivello/Lynn Fitzpatrick	0.75	OCS	14	6	8	59.75
11	Bill Schoenberg/David Heibert	11	10	17	15	7	60
12	Birger Jansen/Cecilia Defaire	16	7	7	12	21	63
13	Jerry Thompson/Zack Kelchner	10	20	20	8	6	64
14	Augie Diaz/Pam Kelly	DNC	DNC	0.75	0.75	0.75	66.25
15	Henning Balzer/Heinz Balzer	21	11	11	18	17	78
16	Claus Carpelan/Freddy Wegelius	20	8	18	24	18	88
17	Don Hackbarth/Jim Janda	15	16	13	21	26	91
18	Bibi Juetz/Marcos Mascarenhas	23	17	15	17	19	91
19	Ken & Kay Voss	13	12	29	19	20	93
20	George Gibbs/Leonard Dodrill	12	21	27	20	14	94
21	Gonzalo Diaz/Kristi Patterson	17	13	22	27	15	94
22	Enrique Quintero/Simon Sanders	OCS	DNF	10	14	13	95
23	Robin Baker/Janet Plitt	14	19	16	23	23	95
24	Stephan & Monica Irgens	19	15	24	16	29	103
25	Halvor & Edel Poulsen	25	24	25	30	22	126
26	John & Nancy Fox	24	22	28	28	28	130
27	Nick Voss/David Hernandez	DNC	DNC	21	22	24	131
28	Tom Peterson/Tim Putney	22	26/CNF	26	26	31	131
29	Ray Schmit/Wendy Frank	26	25	31	29	25	136
30	Greg Saldaña/Grace Fang	DNC	DNC	23	25	27	139
31	Bob Panza/Joseph Panza	27	26	30	31	30	144
32	Bill Blechman/ Crew ?	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNF	164



Right: Competitors and trophy winners gather for the annual group photo.

2004 South Americans 1,2,3,4*
2004 Japan Championships 1,2,3,4,5
2004 Womens Worlds 1
2004 SCYA Midwinters 1
* partial



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