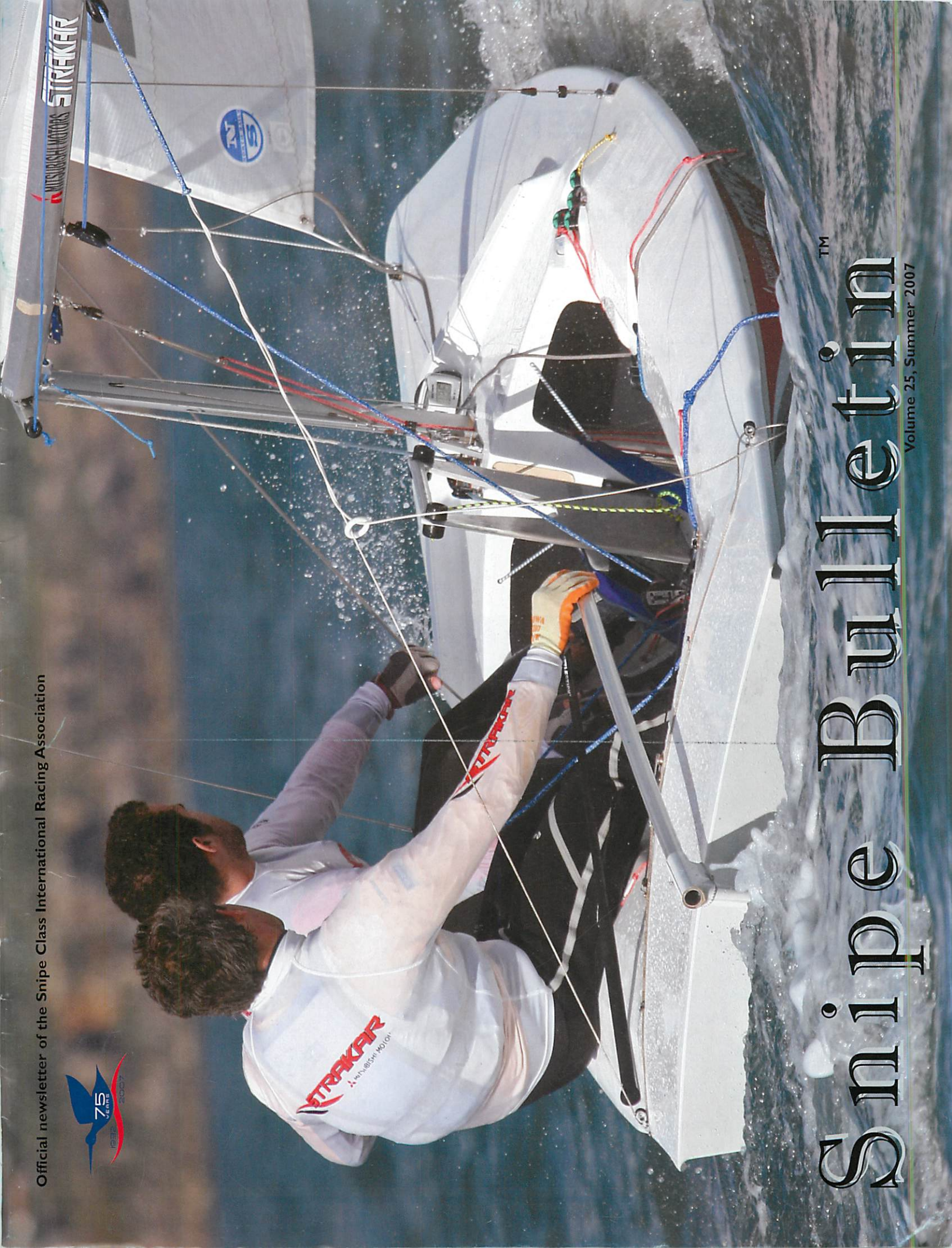


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The Count: 38 numbers have been issued since the last issue; Argentina - 2, Colombia - 2, Italy- 4; USA - 7; Brazil-5; Norway-1, Puerto Rico - 1, Japan - 3, Bahamas, 1, Denmark 2, and 10 to builders.

Numbered Snipes: 30639
Chartered Fleets: 882

Cover photo: Pedro Barreto and crew Antonio Góis fly downwind at the 2007 Portuguese Nationals. Photo by Francisco Lino ©.



Next Issue deadline:
September 1

From the Commodore --

A CLASS WITH GREAT TALENT

The more I sail at international events, the more I realize the talent there is in the Snipe Class and what a joy it is to a part of it. My most recent event was the North American Championships in Bermuda, held last month in conjunction with Bermuda Race Week. The organizing committee, spearheaded by Nancy and Ray Pitman and the Spanish Point Sailing Club did an amazing job providing us with "serious sailing and serious fun". The competition was fierce with the only thing that topped this was the partying every night to the wee hours of the morning! Additionally, the hospitality extended to all of us by the locals and especially their kindness in having us all stay in their homes made this event that much more enjoyable.

A couple of other events I recently attended were the Western Hemisphere and Orient Championships last October and the Snipe Winter Circuit (Miami and Nassau portions) last March. What became very apparent at these was the incredible talent pool present, not only in racing but in photography, writing, race management, and organization. Names that immediately come to mind are Fried Elliott, whom everyone agrees takes phenomenal pictures and writes great stories; Lynn Fitzpatrick, is a great organizer and a talented writer. In South America and Europe there are a number of sailors doing extremely creative video photography which they have made available to us on our snipe.org website through

YouTube Video. The names you will see associated with these great clips are Estaban Pettinari (ARG), Alex Juk (BRA), Martin Dovat (URU) and Enrico / Franco Solerio (ITA). It is talent like this that adds tremendously to the value of our class and these are just a few of the many very talented people we have. As this becomes even more apparent our favorite saying may well become "Serious Sailing, Serious Fun and Serious Talent".

To all of you who contribute by racing, organizing, running races, writing articles, shooting pictures and dancing or just socializing with us, we thank you. You are the ones who make this class what it is; a vibrant, well-organized, talented and fun class to be a part of.

Robert Keubly

PS. While in Bermuda I learned from the Bermuda Sailing Club Coach, Luis Chiapparro that they will be using the Snipe as their double-handed boat for the kids coming out of the Optimist Class. They have a number of old Snipe that members have donated boats for this purpose. We are considering doing the same in The Bahamas. I think that you will enjoy reading Luis's article in this publication and like me I believe you will see a great deal of merit in his approach. It would be wonderful if other countries would follow suit.

2006 Largest Fleets by registered boats

519-Chubu	Japan	88
428-Kanto	Japan	81
159-Snaroya	Norway	59
692 -Chugoku	Japan	58
832-Moscow	Russia	49
330-Atlanta	USA	47
561-Biwako	Japan	42
792-D. Pedro V.-Lisbon	Portugal	41
595-Kyushu	Japan	38
159-Rio de Janeiro	Brazil	33

Demystifying the Nominating Procedure

With the reorganization proposal before the Board of Governors this September, members of the Nominating Committee have been asked to summarize the SCIRA nomination process for election of our future officers.

The Constitution of SCIRA has a fairly clear outline of the procedure for nominating and electing officers. This system has been followed successfully for many years with a fair and open process for all. Below is a quick run-down of the calendar the Nominating Committee follows. Those items in **bold** are a direct copy of the wording in the SCIRA Constitution:

Section 25. Election of Officers

The Board of Governors shall have the sole power to nominate and elect the Officers of the Association for the ensuing term, such election to take place as soon as feasible after the general meeting held at the World Championship races.

August 1 **Commodore appoints nominating committee.** Typically the Commodore appoints members to this committee that travel extensively within the Snipe community and most possibly has been a Past Commodore. It is common for the Chairman of the Nominating Committee to be the immediate Past Commodore, as he has been the most active officer in recent years and is familiar with those who are working hard to serve SCIRA.

October 1 **Chairman or Executive Director notifies each voting member of the Board of Governors of the members of the nominating committee and calls for nominations to be received by October 1.** A letter or e-mail is distributed to all National Secretaries and members of the Board of Governors informing them of the period for submitting nominees for the various open positions. Only National Secretaries or members of the Board of Governors may submit names for nomination. **Nominations by the Nominating Committee may be supplemented by nominations by any member of the Board of Governors.**

November 1 **Executive Director mails, faxes or e-mails ballots to each voting member. If more than one name is placed in nomination for a given position, all names shall be shown on the ballot.**

December 1 **Completed ballots returned**
January 1 **Officers assume office**

Additional items that the Nominating Committee considers in evaluation of potential nominees for an officer position are: commitment to SCIRA; prior experience in leadership; hemisphere representation; ability to travel to SCIRA events; fluency and communication in English; prior positions held in the SCIRA organization; ability to work with people of all countries; knowledge of SCIRA history and organization; must be an active sailor!

At all times the Nominating Committee has accepted questions with regards to the process. SCIRA has been blessed over 75 years with committed individuals who have served as Commodore and the various officers of our Association. The knowledge with which our former officers set up the Constitution and the nominating process has served us well and fairly over the years.

We hope this brief summary demystifies the system!

Henrique Motta

Chairman

2007 Nominating Committee

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Stiamo ultimando i test della nuova **CRC+** evoluzione della ben nota CRC. La nuova Randa, più potente nella parte alta, è ancora più facile da usare e più performante. Ha già dato prova di sé vincendo sia il Pre-Panamericano che il Sudamericano. Restate sintonizzati sulle nostre frequenze!

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Why do We Sail Snipes??

I sailed many different classes since I was 8 years old, Snipes for over 10 years, many years ago. Then I grew up and I started to realize how good the Snipe was in my life as a sailor and now as a coach. I learned a great deal about many, many things, not just technical, also about life. The Snipe is not just a boat, is a worldwide family where everyone, besides willing to win over the others, wants to help and encourage everyone else regardless of age, gender, culture or race.

As all other classes the Snipe has its pros and cons but I believe the pros that out weigh the cons.

Some cons we have to admit; or pros?

•Yes, the Snipe is a slow boat but this is not actually something bad as it makes strategy and tactics what makes the

difference at the end of the day. So thinking, evaluation of different aspects and situations and decision making, becomes a very big factor in order to achieve success.

•Yes, the Snipe is heavy which is good too; lots of fiberglass that makes the boat strong as no other which ensures us we will have a boat for many, many years, as competitive as the first day.

•Yes, the Snipe is a quite old design but it goes faster and sails higher than many other boats, even with trap and spinnaker.

•Yes, the Snipe has too many lines and adjustments; the best she can have so sailors will learn about a lot of controls that affects sail shape, mast shape, etc. and as a consequence, the boat performance. All these adjustments are the ones sailors will use in most sailing/racing boats.

Let's go thru some of these adjustments: *(all of them really work and make a difference!!!!)*

Boom Vang: changes the mast curvature which changes the sail draft and leech shape, both very important for de-powering up wind and keeping a nice main sail shape when sailing off the wind.

Main and Jib Cunningham: changes the sails draft moving it further forward or back, changing the boat pointing and speed.

Pull/push mast: keeps the mast straight to have a deeper sail or allows it to bend to have a flatter sail.

The Mast: includes spreaders and shrouds, both adjustable depending on crew weight and wind strength (spreaders length, angle, shrouds tension, mast rake, and mast butt location).

The Magic Box: changes the rig tension and the mast rake for different sailing conditions.

The Traveler: (no longer used by all sailors) helps to de-power keeping the mainsheet, leech and head stay tension.

Outhaul: changes the main sail draft at the bottom part of it.

The Snipe has all these controls that make a big difference individually but more important is the different combinations of them. Once the sailor learns how to use them and combine them, he/she has learned a great deal about the technical aspects of sailing. I believe there are not many boats teenagers can sail that will teach them so much at such a cheap price. If we take into consideration that an Opti sail costs around \$600 or more, \$1100 for a Snipe set of sails is not that much more; a ready to go sailing Opti cost some \$2,500 and will not be used by the sailors for more than 3 or 4 years while on the other hand a Snipe costs around \$10,000 and it is a boat for life. The Snipe hull doesn't get soft and doesn't need to be replaced each 3 or 4 years like International 420's or 470's or Lasers.

Another important aspect is that young sailors, who usually had been sailing on their own, will learn how to sail with someone else; will learn how to be part of a team and how to deal with being part of it, to share responsibility.

Many of today's famous sailors sailed Snipes, Torben Grael, Santiago Lange, Mark Reynolds, Augie Diaz, Mauricio Santa Cruz, etc., so obviously there is something sailors learn out of this boat that turns them into the best ones.

--Luis Chiapparro
Bermuda



Measurer's Corner

--Antonio Bari
Chief Measurer

One of the most annoying things when measuring the sails is to check the dimensions and verify in the Rulebook that they are correct. Oh, yes, you can learn all the dimensions, but if you don't, simply purchase an 8 meter metal tape (those 1 cm wide are perfect) and conveniently mark all the dimensions (you can use different colours for the main and the jib). Remember that all the dimensions are the maximum allowed, but make two marks for the battens: one for the batten itself and one for the pocket. Using this simple system you'll need 5 minutes to completely check out a set of sails. The longest procedure is to verify the head of the two sails, but using the templates I have prepared (the pdf is downloadable from vivoscua.it/us/brantn311/Rules_page) it'll become easy and fast: just print them on a transparent film and it's done!

To speed up the measurement, always remember that all the dimensions of the main are INSIDE the boltrope, except the quarter girth dimensions which are OUTSIDE the boltrope, all the dimensions of the jib (excluding the head) are subjected to a direct pull of 3,6 kg.

Measuring the sails is not difficult, but sometimes measurers have some doubts because the Rulebook can't list all the possible evolutions of sail design.

The most requested clarifications from our fleet measurers are:

Jib leech: a positive or negative leech can be done, but the leech must be an uniform curve (not an S-shape, for example); reinforcements can be applied, providing that they are not so stiff as to resemble a batten;

Main boltropes: they must be even with the top and the clew of the main, including older sails. If not, a piece of boltrope must be added;

Main cunningham: the boltrope at the tack may be cut and the distance of the cunningham hole must be taken from the center of the grommet and the projection of the boltrope (of course, inside the boltrope);

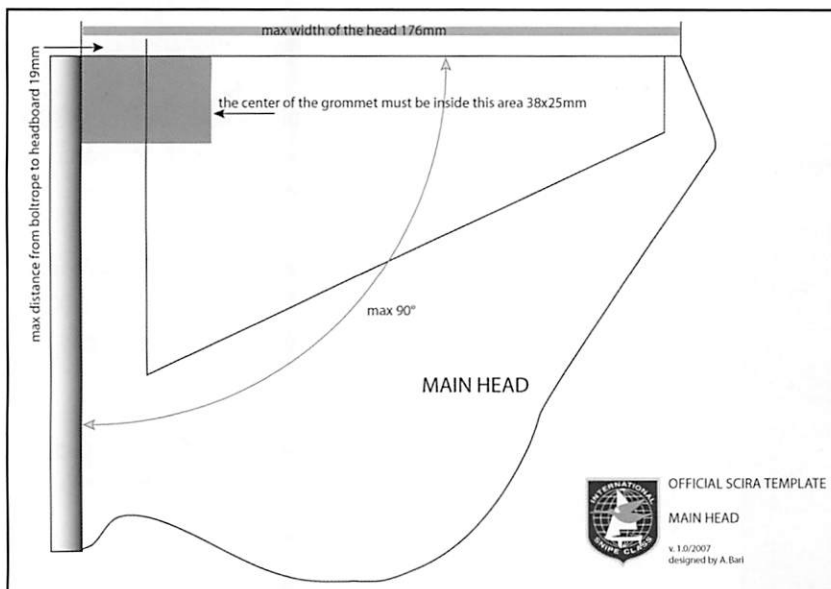
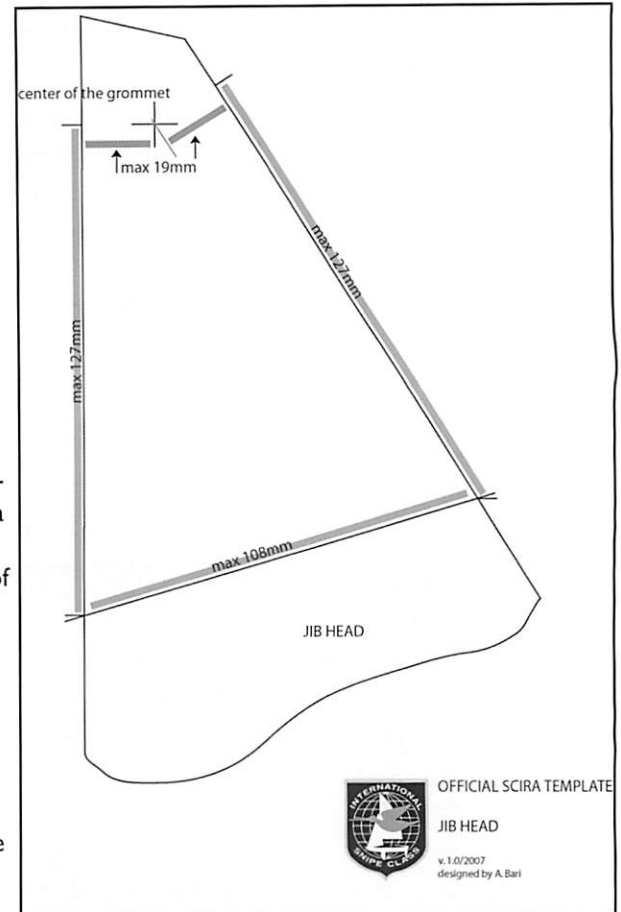
Jib grommets: sometimes the sailmaker cuts the cloth at the clew and it's difficult to take the distance of the center of the grommet to the end of the sail. Just mark on the measurement table the projection of the base and the leech and measure the distance. When the jib has a removable wire, its pocket can be cut higher than the tack grommet: mark the projection of the front side of the pocket and check the distance from the center of the grommet;

Jib midpoint at base: most of the jibs are smaller than allowed, so you don't need to fold it, mark the midpoint (a pencil is always the best) and check the length: using the tape marked as specified above, move it fore and aft along the base and when at the max length look if it is clearly far from the mid of the base; if in doubt check it carefully;

Main girths: the quarter girths are a quick way to check the battens positions. The center of the batten pocket is the midpoint of the distance between the inside of the two sewings;

SCIRA sail royalty & measurement stamp: all SCIRA certified measurers must have and use your personal stamp provided by SCIRA; to prevent the removal of the sail royalty, make the stamp and the signature across the royalty and the sail.

In the next issue we'll see how to check the hull (or, better, some items on the deck).



Proposals Submitted for Consideration & Vote at the 2007 Board of Governors Meeting

1. Increase the Junior Age Limit

Submitted by: Junior Committee & International Rules Committee
Motion: that Section 15 of the Constitution be amended as follows:

Section 15. Classes of Membership and Ownership

The Association shall recognize the following classes of Membership and Ownership:

Junior Member: Members who will not be ~~20~~ 22 years old in the membership year and who are authorized by the Association to skipper or crew registered Snipe Class sailboats;

Reason: After careful research and consideration among Snipe countries around the world and other international classes, it is the Jr. Committee's suggestion to raise the junior age limit. The Snipe Class should foster participation, exposure and entry into the Class rather than be limiting as well as remove the Snipe from direct competition of other junior classes supported by National Authorities. The following Deeds of Gift would have to be modified, if this motion passes:

Vieri Lasinio Di Castelvoro – Junior World Championship
Junior European Championship
Chuck Loomis Trophy – North American Championship
South American Junior Championship
Any other national Deeds of Gift

2. Retirement of Reichner Perpetual Trophy

Submitted by: International Rules Committee

Motion: that the Reichner Perpetual Trophy be retired.

Reasoning: Participation in the Reichner Trophy has dwindled severely in the past 20 years with only 1 country (USA) participating in the last 5 years. The US has their own high point trophy, so they may still compete for a high point series.

Restrictions & Measurement

3. Motion: Rule 26: Boom

Submitted by: International Rules Committee

36. Boom shall be essentially straight, and shall not be tapered nor have lightening holes. **The boom ends may be cutoff with a maximum angle of 45°.** The depth of the boom at either end may be reduced for access to blocks or boltrope. Only one boom may be used during a regatta unless irreparable damage has occurred.

Reasoning: the present rule is not clear. This will allow blocks to move freely.

4. Motion: Rule 31: Allow aramid or polyethylene (eg: spectra or kevlar) lines in the forestay.

Submitted by: National Secretary, Brazil

31. All boats must have a ~~jib~~ forestay and two side shrouds. No backstay may be used. ~~The jib forestay must be all metal, either wire or rod, or made of aramid or polyethylene line. The forestay shall be 2.5mm (3/32") minimum diameter; either wire or rod and must be fastened to a tang or other deck fitting. The length of the jib forestay shall be such that it does not allow the mast to touch the back of the partner when the mast is restrained only by the jib forestay with shrouds and the mast push/puller off. The length of jib forestay and shrouds must be incapable of being changed during a race.~~

Reasoning: Using aramid or polyethylene fiber lines, it would be much easier to roll the sails. Aramid or polyethylene fibers are cheaper and safe.

5. Motion: Rule 51: Allow aramid or polyethylene (eg: spectra or kevlar) lines in the jib luff.

Submitted by: National Secretary, Brazil

51. The use of jib hanks is optional. If used, there shall be a minimum of 5 and maximum 10 hanks, one at each end of the luff and the others evenly spaced between them. If glove fasteners are used a maximum of 254mm (10") of the forestay may be covered.

Jib may be sheeted inside or outside shrouds.

No battens whatsoever allowed in the jib.

All jibs must be capable of being attached without disconnecting the forestay.

The jib must have a ~~wire~~ jib luff wire or line attached to the luff while racing.

The jib luff may be made of wire or aramid or polyethylene line.

The jib luff ~~wire~~ must be attached to deck and it cannot be moved while racing.

Reasoning: Using aramid or polyethylene fiber lines, it would be much easier to roll the sails. Aramid or polyethylene fibers are cheaper and safe. The aramid or polyethylene line also does not cause rust on the jib.

Rules of Conduct

6. Submitted by: International Rules Committee

Motion: add a new sentence:

Entry, Eligibility, and Measurement Restrictions

3.6 At Championships, the measurement committee checks the conformity of boats. **The boat is not allowed to modify (i.e. reduce the ballast quantity if the boat is over the minimum weight.)**

Reasons: after a change, it is necessary to re-measure the boat and the procedures are quite different and longer in length.

7. Motion: Modify Z flag rule adding new section to Rules of Conduct

Submitted by: International Rules Committee

Starting Systems and Procedures

8.3 Race Committee shall display at the first mark, or on the Race Committee boat in case of a general recall, the sail number(s) or bow number(s) of those boats that have infringed the rule.

Reasons: to help the OCS boats and protect boats properly starting.

8. Motion: modify the prescription concerning Course changes

Submitted by: International Rules Committee

Weather Limitations (Course and Starting)

9.2 If during a race the wind and or wave action increases to the point where a windward-leeward course or leg of a course would be inadvisable (See Course Selection Diagram), the Race Committee shall display Flag "T" at the windward any mark (per Sailing Instruction 13.3) **with the course selection depending on weather conditions passing from W and/or O to T, but also from T to O or W, indicating two triangular laps when displayed at the end of the first windward leg or one triangular lap if displayed at the end of the second windward leg.**

Reasons: the present rule is written with the intent to protect sailors from high winds but winds can also decrease during the race. It is unreasonable to sail a T course under light conditions.

9. Deed of Gift – all Junior trophies

Vieri Lasinio Di Castelvoro – Junior World Championship
Junior European Championship

Chuck Loomis Trophy – North American Championship
South American Junior Championship
Any other junior national Deeds of Gift

Submitted by: International Rules Committee

Motion: adopt universal weather limitations

Races may be started in winds up to and including 15 knots and a race shall be abandoned if the winds rise above 20 knots.

Reasons: to have universal weather limitations for all junior events.

10. Deed of Gift – all Master Events

World Masters Championship
European Masters Championship
Any National Master Events

Submitted by: International Rules Committee

Motion: adopt universal weather limitations

Races shall not be run in winds exceeding 15 knots.

Reasons: to have universal weather limitations for all master events.

11. Deed of Gift – all Master Events

World Masters Championship
European Masters Championship
Any National Master Events

Submitted by: International Rules Committee

Motion: allow a drop race upon completion of 5 races

Reasons: it was noted and experienced that it is not easy in masters events to complete the intended program so it will be fair to allow the use of a drop race at the completion of 5 races.

12. Deed of Gift – Hub E. Isaacks Trophy

World Championship

Submitted by: National Secretary of Brazil

Motion: include 4 entries: 2 for South American and 2 for North American champions and vice champions.

Reasons: to increase the number of entries in the Snipe Worlds using a more technical criteria, instead of using only the average number of registered boats per country.

13. Deed of Gift – Hub E. Isaacks Trophy

World Championship

Submitted by: National Secretary of Brazil

Motion: include an additional entry for each boat in the top 5 positions in the last World Championship. These additional entries will belong to the country and not to the skipper.

Reasons: to increase the number of entries in the Snipe Worlds using a more technical criteria, instead of using only the average number of registered boats per country.

14. CONSTITUTION

Submitted by: Long Range Planning Committee & Flag Officers

Motion: Restructure the SCIRA Board of Governors

Section 22. Officers

The officers of the Association shall be a Commodore, a Vice Commodore, a Rear Commodore and an Executive Director.

22.1 Commodore: Duties of the Commodore include: bi-annually appointing a Nominating Committee, a chairman of the Long Range Planning Committee and other standing committees. The Commodore shall be the chief executive officer of the Association and shall enforce its laws and execute the orders and policies promulgated by the Board of Governors.

22.2 Vice Commodore: The Vice Commodore shall be the chairman of the Promotion Committee and shall take over the duties of Commodore if the Commodore becomes incapacitated. The Vice Commodore will also oversee the location of future World championship regattas.

~~22.3 Rear Commodore: The Rear Commodore shall be the chairman of the Finance Committee.~~

Section 23. Board of Governors

23.1 Voting Members: The Association shall be governed in all matters except as provided herein by a Board of Governors comprised of the Commodore, Vice Commodore, ~~Rear Commodore, the Immediate Past Commodore,~~ the Chairman of the International Rules Committee, the General and Vice Secretaries—Secretary for Europe, including North and South, and the General and Vice Secretaries—Secretary for the Western Hemisphere & Orient, ~~the Secretary, Treasurer~~ the US National Secretary and six (6) members at large. All shall be voting members of the Association's Board of Governors and all elected officers of the Association shall be Senior Members of the Class.

~~23.2e~~ **23.1a Treasurer:** The Treasurer is responsible for the financial affairs of the Association. The Treasurer shall oversee the Executive Director's maintenance of the Association's books, financial records, securities and shall place funds in a depository approved by the Board of Directors. He shall also review financial statements for presentation to the Board of Governors and thereafter prepare a summary of these statements for publication in the Snipe Bulletin for the information of members.

23.1b Secretary: The Secretary shall keep the minutes of meetings and supervise the Association's system of forms and records for all members. The Secretary will oversee membership trends and patterns and report to the Board. The ISAF Representative will report to the Secretary.

23.2 Non-Voting Members: There shall be ~~eight (8)~~ three (3) additional members comprised of Legal Counsel, ~~Vice Chairman of the Rules Committee, ISAF Representative, Chief Measurer, Secretary for Eastern Europe, Treasurer and Chief Information Officer~~ and Executive Director.

~~23.2d Secretary for Eastern Europe: His main responsibilities shall be primarily promotion, growth and communication with Eastern European countries and providing an annual report to the Board of Governors.~~

~~23.2f Chief Information Officer: The Chief Information Officer shall be a non-voting member of the Board of Governors and of the Rules Committee. Duties include maintaining web site, Internet requirements and e-mail requirements of the Association. Review of all technology used or to be used by the Association, including but not limited to telephone, computer, hardware, software, measurement and rules. He supports the Rules Committee on technical issues by doing research on new technology for old methods. He supports the Association's Board of Governors on technical issues by explaining details on complex technology issues.~~

Section 25. Election of Officers

...Officers shall be elected ~~as follows for one year~~ or until their successors are duly elected. ~~Commodore will be elected for a 2 year term and cannot serve more than 2 consecutive terms. Vice Commodore will be elected for a 2 year term and cannot serve more than 2 consecutive terms. Chairman of the International Rules Committee will serve a 4 year term. The Treasurer will serve a 4 year term, re-electable only once consecutively. The General Secretaries shall be elected every two years to take office on even-numbered years at a meeting of National Secretaries at the European or Western Hemisphere & Orient Championship regattas. The Secretary shall be elected for a 2 year term. The Members at Large shall be elected by the Board of Governors to serve three year terms. Two Members at Large shall be elected each year. Generally, they will assume office as of January 1st of each year. The following are elected to four year terms of office: Rules Committee chairman and Vice Chairman, Treasurer (re-electable only once consecutively), Chief Measurer.~~

Section 28. Rules and International Rules Technical Committee

The Board of Governors shall appoint a Technical Committee consisting of the Chairman of the International Rules Committee, Vice Chairman, Chief Measurer, Rules Committee members and the Chief Information Officer. ~~International Rules Committee the chairman and vice chairman of which are members of said Board commencing January 2004~~



~~This~~ The Rules Committee shall maintain, study and make recommendations on all Class measurement rules and restrictions. This Committee shall have power to record or clarify any measurement rule or restriction whenever its meaning is deemed not clear or unfair. Proposed changes shall be circulated to all members of the International Rules Committee for comments and recommendations, and these shall be submitted to the Board of Governors for action. Measurement rules changes may take effect only on January 1 of each leap year (2000, 2004, 2008, etc.) and then only if submitted to the Board as agenda items by June 1 of the preceding year. Each proposed measurement rules change must appear on at least two agendas, with amendments offer able on the first circulation, and a vote on the amendments on the second or final vote on the change if no amendments were offered. Consideration at a properly called meeting of the Board may count as the second or third agenda appearance. Changes can be made at times other than the specified four-year intervals where the Board considers them to be of extreme urgency. An absolute majority of the Board is required for final passage.

Whenever a "circular Letter" from the International Rules Committee over the signature of the Chairman appears in the Snipe Bulletin, the corrections, interpretations or simplifications appearing therein shall become a part of the current Official Rulebook. Such corrections, interpretations or simplifications will also be posted on the Snipe web site, Rules section.

Section 29. Chief Measurer

The Board of Governors shall appoint a Chief Measurer. He shall serve a four year term with re-election possible after the first term. He shall be responsible for managing the Class Measurers worldwide. He shall be a member of the Rules Committee and shall advise that Committee on Measuring Rules problems.

~~23.24~~ **Chief Information Officer:** The Chief Information Officer shall be a ~~non-voting~~ member of the ~~Board of Governors~~ **Technical Committee** and of the Rules Committee. Duties include maintaining web site, Internet requirements and e-mail requirements of the Association. Review of all technology used or to be used by the Association, including but not limited to telephone, computer, hardware, software, measurement and rules. He supports the Rules Committee on technical issues by doing research on new technology for old methods. He supports the Association's Board of Governors on technical issues by explaining details on complex technology issues.

Section 33. Standing Committees

The Commodore shall appoint ~~Board of Governors~~ members to serve as on the following standing committees: Long Range Planning, ~~Finance~~, and Promotion. ~~Additional positions on these committees are open to all Snipe Class members, with appointments to be made by the Commodore.~~

New Section. Continental Officers

Each continent may choose to create continental officers that report to the General Secretary, for their respective continent. These may include: for Europe; Secretaries for North, South and East as well as Vice Secretary. For the Western Hemisphere & Orient; Secretaries for North America, South America and the Orient as well as Vice Secretary.

Reasoning: The Long Range Planning Committee presented the proposal last fall to reduce the size of the Board of Governors to a more effective/efficient size. After input from around the world, the LRPC has conducted additional researched and studied various other classes and is not 100% in agreement to add or not to add 2 additional Members at Large. The LRPC could not come up with clearly defined responsibilities for the Members at Large. However, if the Board chooses to add the 2 members at Large, the LRPC suggests that a re-evaluation after 2 years be conducted to discern if the positions have contributed to the Board of Governors.

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The Olympic Path

Interview with Santiago Silveira and Diego Stefani

There have been many Snipe sailors who took the leap from the Snipe to the Olympic classes, many with notable results atop the Olympic podium! For the 2008 quadrennium, we caught up with Santiago Silveira and Diego Stefani of Uruguay, who are campaigning a 49er.

Snipe Bulletin: Santiago and Diego, most Snipe sailors have moved into the 470 or Star; what made you decide to go into the 49er?

SS_DS: We chose the 49er over the 470 mainly because of our combined weight of 148kg which is too much for a 470. After pretty good success in the Snipe, (we began sailing together in 2004) and after the 2005 Worlds in Japan, we decided to go for it. But we needed to gain 5kg to be competitive in the 49er. But we also chose the 49er because it is the cheapest class for us – it's a strict one-design. We're only allowed 2 suits of sails and the boats last longer than the 470. Our European boat is 1 year old and cost 11,000€.

SB: Was this a hard transition – going from a heavy, hiking boat to a planning double-trapeze?

SS_DS: The big change for us was the double trapeze. We're still getting used to it, especially in breeze over 20 knots.

Diego: I don't miss the hiking on the Snipe!

SB: How did sailing the Snipe help in your transition to the Olympic arena?

SS_DS: Definitely the tactics in the Snipe Class helped us in the 49er fleet. There's a big difference between sailors who competed previously in highly tactical classes and those that didn't. Our Snipe tactics help us both upwind and downwind. The difference also is the 49er has a much bigger course area to cover. You can't tack too much! Also it's more about getting shifts and your position. In a Snipe you can still gain little by little by making smaller tacks at pertinent areas. You can't do that in the 49er, so you have to be wise about your tactical game.

SB: Is there an area where you're more confident – where your Snipe skills have given you a solid background?

SS_DS: Downwind our Snipe tactics are key. At the start though, we can't use our Snipe starting tech-

nique: 49ers are very wide and it's difficult to find a hole! Plus, you can't stop a 49er, you have to move all the time!



SB: The 49er has chines like a Snipe—do you use them?

SS_DS: No, we have to keep the 49er very flat all the time. With the blades, the slightest movement of the rudder causes a big change, so our boat handling is very important.

Diego: As a crew, in the Snipe, hiking & pulling the pole are the main focus. In the 49er, the trade off is the crew is now on the wire and holds the mainsheet, raises the spinnaker (and pole) and trims the spinnaker. It's a full upper body workout!

SB: Do you find your teamwork & communication the same in the 49er as the Snipe?

Diego: With me holding the mainsheet, there's a lot more communication with Santiago. We're constantly talking all the way around the course. We also find that the boat work on the 49er is much more intensive than the Snipe. For every 4 days we sail, we spend 1 day working on the boat.

SB: Will you continue to race Snipes in the future?

SS_DS: Definitely! The 49er is serious – the Snipe is much more relaxed and everyone has fun!



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Bermuda International Race Week

Diaz/Tocke edges Rodriguez/Quintero to win North Americans

Bermuda is always a treasure to visit and sail on its beautiful waters. This years edition of BIRW included the North American Championship. The competition was stiff in the 24 boat fleet and it came down to a close regatta between Augie Diaz/Kathleen Tocke and Ernesto Rodriguez/Enrique Quintero to decide who would take home the trophy.

Bermudian and Canadian sailors renewed their old Snipe rivalry and showed up in force accompanied by a flock of US boats and the lone Bahamas representative, Commodore Dunkley.

Put Bermuda on your travel list for future Snipe regattas! Its an Adult Disneyland for sailors!



Photos:
Upper right: Canadians gather at Spanish Point Boat Club.
Right: Commodore Dunkley and Lori Lowe.
Left: Ernesto Rodriguez and Enrique Quintero.

Snipe North American Championship Bermuda International Race Week

1.	Augie Diaz/Kathleen Tocke	USA 30228	(3)-1-1-1-2-3	8
2.	Ernesto Rodriguez/Enrique Quintero	USA 30473	1-(5)-3-4-1-1	10
3.	George/Stacey Szabo	USA 30337	2-3-(5)-5-3-2	15
4.	Brian Bissell/Carlos Lens	USA 29750	6-7-2-3-(9)-8	26
5.	Gonzo Diaz/Adrienne Korkosz	USA 29995	9-4-6-2-5-(11)	26
6.	Lee Griffith/Andrea Nilsen	USA 30404	5-6-4-7-(8)-5	27
7.	Stephen Dickinson/???????	BER 25864	11-2-(19)-6-7-4	30
8.	Hal Gilreath/Andrea Griffith	USA 30444	4-8-7-8-6-(9)	33
9.	Eric Reinke/Bridget Crenay	USA 30391	7-(ocs)-14-13-4-6	44
10.	Gavin O'Hare/Gus Wirth	USA 29016	8-12-11-11-(21)-7	49
11.	Robert Dunkley/Lori Lowe	BAH 29899	12-(14)-9-14-10-12	57
12.	Jerry Thompson/Mandi Smith	USA 24702	10-10-12-12-(20)-13	57
13.	David/Susan Odell	USA 30608	19-9-8-10-12-(ocs)	58
14.	Stephan/Monica Irgens	USA 28470	15-11-10-9-13-(17)	58
15.	Luis Chiapparro/Maria Stefani	BER 27275	13-18-13-(dnf)-11-10	65
16.	Gweneth Crook/Shevaun Aicardi	CAN 25843	(20)-16-15-15-18-14	78
17.	JohnLally/Kerry O'Brien	USA 20470	14-13-(21)-19-16-19	81
18.	Brian Hetherington/Bob Coyle	USA 30500	(23)-19-18-16-14-16	83
19.	Lance Fraser/Catalina Sposato	BER 25707	16-15-17-22-(dnf)	87
20.	Tim Lynch/Lynn Fitzpatrick	BER 27135	18-17-(20)-20-17-15	87
21.	Christopher Hains/Don Hains	CAN 27534	17-20-16-(21)-19-18	90
22.	Leo Murphy/Watt Duffy	USA 28282	21-21-22-18-15-(dns)	97
23.	Guy DeSilva/Tasha Lunsford	BER 24275	22-22-(23)-22-23-20	109
24.	Ray/Melissa Pitman	BER 19708	(dnc)-dnc-dnc-dnc-dnc	125

Poles Celebrate World Snipe Day

One day preceding the 75th Snipe Class anniversary the Polish Snipe Class Association organised an open-air event to celebrate this memorable day. The weather was excellent both for regatta and for fun. On this occasion, in order to popularise the class among sailing clubs the Snipe Association organized a regatta for mixed teams. Each boat was sailed by a man and a woman, or a boy and a girl. Not all of the teams that set off in the regatta sailed in the season. All in all, 3 races took place at a strong wind blowing on the Kiekrz lake in Poznań. After the regatta the Polish Snipe Class Association invited a group of children, patients



of a local hospital-sanatorium, to participate in entertainment and get familiar with sailing. This initiative was called "**Sails for Everybody**". We managed to acquire sponsorship and help of numerous companies, the Polish Snipe Class Association and the authorities of the province. We also organized a display of model sailing boats. Each child had a chance to sail on our lake and finally was awarded a diploma of participation and a prize. In the evening the participants of the regatta, the invited guests, members of the Polish Snipe Class Association and their families gathered at an organized picnic and a barbecue. The atmosphere was wonderful and all the participants of the regatta were given a souvenir. During informal conversations it was settled that that the event known as the World Snipe Day will be included in the Polish Snipe Class Association calendar of events and will always be scheduled on the 20th May and its formula and manner of organization will be agreed annually. See you next year on the next World Snipe Day.

Zbigniew Rakocy
Poland



2007 Snipe Racing Calendar

International Championships

European Masters Championship	June 7-10	Lake Caldonazzo, Italy
East Brazilian	June 29-July 1	Cabo Frio, Brazil
Nordic Cup	July 5-7	Hanko, Finland
Pan Am Games	July 13-29	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Primavera Polish Cup	July 27-29	Poznan, Poland
Junior World Championship	August 6-12	SanRemo, Italy
SCIRA Jubilee	August 5-7	Tonsberg, Norway
Scandinavian Open Masters	August 9-11	Tonsberg, Norway
European Cup	August 24-26	Scharendijke, Netherlands
Pre-Worlds Open	September 1-2	Oporto, Portugal
South Brazilians	September 7-9	Florianopolis, Brazil
Snipe Worlds	September 8-15	Oporto, Portugal
Rio State Champs	Nov. 24-Dec. 2	Niteroi, Brazil

National Championships

Germany	June 1-3	Lake Caldonazzo, Italy
Colombia – Junior	June 2-3	Portillo, Colombia
Norway	June 29-July 1	Risør, Norway
Canada	July 7-8	Guelph, Canada
United States	July 28-August 3	Dillon, Colorado
Poland	July 27-29	Poznan, Poland
Finland	August 17-19	Tampere, Finland
Belgium	August 24-26	Scharendijke, Netherlands
Italy	August 28-Sept. 1	Gaeta, Italy
United Kingdom	September 1-2	Stone Sailing Club
Sweden	September 17-19	Saltsjobaden
Colombia – Senior	Oct. 20-21, 27-28	Muña, Colombia



2007 Dues Paid

as of June 1, 2007

Country	Boats Paid	Members
Argentina	27	54
Bahamas	12	21
Belgium	0	0
Bermuda	9	20
Brazil	107	180
Canada	12	20
Chile	0	0
Colombia	25	41
Croatia	3	4
Cuba	0	0
Denmark	9	15
Finland	28	67
France	23	35
Germany	10	14
India	0	0
Italy	0	0
Japan	88	218
Mexico	3	4
Norway	6	6
Paraguay	0	0
Poland	13	28
Portugal	0	0
Puerto Rico	0	0
Russia	0	0
Spain	0	0
Sweden	45	61
United Kingdom	16	24
United States	390	509
Uruguay	16	39
US Virgin Islands	0	1
Total	842	1143

2007 Worlds Quota System

These are the final entry quotas for the 2007 Worlds in Portugal as per the Deed of Gift. Entry quotas are based upon the average of the boats registered in each country over a 2-year period preceeding the World Championship.

The Hub E. Isaacks Deed of Gift sets for the quotas:

2 year average of

Registered boats

5-60	2
61-110	3
111-180	4
181-250	5
251-300	6
301 and up	8

Entries

REGISTERED BOATS PER COUNTRY

	2005 Boats	2006 Boats	total	base quota	entries 2007 Worlds	addit'l entries	qualified champions
Argentina	22	31	53	26.5	2		
Bahamas	12	13	25	12.5	2		
Belgium	23	28	51	25.5	2		
Bermuda	3	6	9	4.5	2		
Brazil	75	116	191	95.5	3	2	2 Jr-Worlds
Canada	10	16	26	13	2		
Chile	23	9	32	16	2		
Colombia	24	23	47	23.5	2		
Croatia	1	1	2	1	2		
Cuba	0	1	1	0.5	2		
Denmark	15	11	26	13	2		
Finland	25	32	57	28.5	2		
France	46	41	87	43.5	2		
Germany	9	8	17	8.5	2		
India	0	0	0	0	2		
Italy	144	146	290	145	4		
Japan	317	512	829	414.5	8		
Mexico	0	4	4	2	2		
Norway	149	125	274	137	4		
Paraguay	0	2	2	1	2		
Poland	10	12	22	11	2		
Portugal	114	119	233	116.5	4	2	country & fleet host
Puerto Rico	8	11	19	9.5	2		
Russia	49	49	98	49	2		
Spain	226	176	402	201	5	1	European
Sweden	51	49	100	50	2		
United States	538	517	1049	524.5	8	1	World
Unt. Kingdom	19	16	35	17.5	2		
Uruguay	10	16	26	13	2	1	WH&O
Virgin Islands	0	3	3	1.5	2		
Total	1923	2087		82	84	7	
				7	add ons		
				91	possible competitors		



Carlos Wanderley and Eduardo Chavez South American Champions

The 2007 South American Championship took place from the 2nd to the 8th of April at the Maldonado Bay of Punta del Este, Uruguay.

The regatta was organized by Yacht Club Punta del Este, a club which has always been a great supporter of our Snipe Class and has been recently assigned the 2008 WH&O Championship.

47 boats out of 8 countries (Argentina, Bermudas, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, Uruguay and USA) made this regatta was one of the most competitive and popular South American Championships.

The wind conditions were between 14 and 20 knots, and allowed to complete 9 out of 11 planned races. Brazilian crews proved to be the fastest by taking the South American championship and 4 out of the 5 top places.

Carlos Henrique Wanderley and Eduardo Chaves from Rio de Janeiro managed to stay on top of the chart most of the regatta by winning the third race and having one 2nd, two 3rd and two 5th places. The new South American champions were racing at Uruguayan waters for the third time in international championships, always finishing in top positions. At the 2001 Worlds of Punta del Este they finished in 6th place, and at the 2003 South American Championship of Montevideo they were second.

Xandi Paradera and Pedro Tinoco (BRA) who had been 2001 World Champions also at Punta del Este, finished second only 3 points behind of Wanderley/Chaves, whereas Rafael Gaglioti and Henrique Wisniewski also from Brazil finished in third

place.

The local team and current WH&O Champions Pablo Defazio and Eduardo Medici from Montevideo finished fourth tied with Gaglioti/Wisniewski, improving their results as the championship went by.

Foglia Sisters South American Women's champions

In the women's category, two time World Champions Andrea and Mariana Foglia (URU) were South American champions. Marissa Maurin and Fernanda Gomez from Chile were second and Trixy Agusti and Yudith Agusti from Argentina were third.

Mario Tinoco and Victor Mendes Junior Champions

The actual Junior World champions Mario Tinoco and Victor Mendes from Brazil were the fastest in the junior fleet of 13 boats as well as finishing 5th overall.



Federico Waksman and Rodrigo Cestau (URU) also had a great performance, given their short experience on Snipes, finishing second, whereas Martín Fernandez y Marcelo Cortese from Argentina, were third on this category.

Pablo Defazio and Melissa Quesada were mixed champions and Carlos Rodriguez and Mariela Sappia were masters champions

Previously to the Senior, Junior, and Women's category, the races for the Mixed and Master South American Championship took

place. After 5 regattas during two days, Pablo Defazio and Melissa Quesada (URU) won in the mixed category followed by Andrea Foglia and Martín Puricelli also from Uruguay, and Alexandre Tinoco alongside with his girlfriend Carmen Rosas were third.

In the Masters category, Carlos Rodriguez and Mariela Sappia were first followed by Francisco Agusti and Cecilia Maroglio, both teams from Argentina.

—Rosina Rodriguez





Results: SUDAMERICANO SNIPE 2007

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Pos	Sail#	Skipper/Crew	Finishes	TotPts	Pos
1	BRA 29822	CARLOS WANDERLEY/EDUARDO CHAVES	6-5-0.75-(18)-3-2-3-5-(8)	24.75	1
2	BRA 29821	ALEXANDRE PARADEDA/PEDRO TINOCO	0.75-9-(10)-5-2-5-(17)-4-2	27.75	2
3	BRA 30513	RAFAEL GAGLIOTTI/HENRIQUE WISNIEWSKI	3-12-(13)-8-(14)-7-0.75-2-5	37.75	3
4	URU 29251	PABLO DEFAZIO/EDUARDO MEDICI	9-(27)-(14)-13-7-3-2-3-0.75	37.75	4
5	BRA 28821	MARIO TINOCO/VICTOR MENDES	10-3-(12)-0.75-(20)-11-4-9-9	46.75	5
6	BRA 30322	ALEXANDRE TINOCO/CARMEN ROSAS	2-(DNF)-8-6-5-10-7-10-(DNC)	48.00	6
7	ARG 30456	ADRIAN MARCATELLI/FRANCISCO BONAVENTURA	(28)-6-7-4-0.75-8-12-14-(19)	51.75	7
8	URU 29785	DIEGO GARCIA/RAFAEL LORIETO	11-7-11-3 -8-(13)-(DSQ)-8-4	52.00	8
9	URU 29828	PHILIPP UMPIERRE/MARTIN PURICELLI	5-15-(19)-10-10-6-(DSQ)-11-7	64.00	9
10	URU 29826	ROBERTO FABINI/JUAN BORDA	(31)-(29)-3-11-22-0.75-11-13-17	77.75	10
11	CHI 30367	ANTONIO PONCELL/NICOLAS VALDIVIESO	(22)-8-16-15-6-9-(23)-7-22	83.00	11
12	BRA 9877	GEISON MENDE/GUSTAVO CANAL	19-(DNF)-18-24-(28)-4-15-0.75-6	86.75	12
13	URU 29891	PEDRO GARRA/MARTIN TARIGO	13-10-(OCS)-2-(DNC)-DNC-8-6-3	89.00	13
14	ARG 28696	JORGE IGNACIO FERNANDEZ/LUCAS MONTANARO	17-11-17-7-9-(25)-13-19-(23)	93.00	14
15	MEX 2575	JORGE MURRIETA/ANDRES AKLE	4-24-(35)-17-(MAN)-(43)-6-15-12	98.00	15
16	ARG 28985	FEDERICO PIERSON/LEONARDO RIVERO	(42)-18-25-(26)-4-16-9-16-11	99.00	16
17	ARG 28984	AGUSTIN ZABALUA/MARIANO ARROYO	18-22-(29)-16-(33)-14-5-17-10	102.00	17
18	URU 30464	FEDERICO WAKSMAN/RODRIGO CESTAU	8-(28)-9-21-15-12-(25)-20-18	103.00	18
19	URU 29829	ANDREA FOGLIA MARIANA FOGLIA	(35)-(30)-24-12-18-15-10-12-14	105.00	19
20	URU 29824	NICOLAS STEFANI/MARTIN BORRALLO	20-0.75-5-27-30-(34)-24-23-(DNF)	129.75	20
21	ARG 29339	LELIO DI SANTO/FERNANDO ISA PAVIA	(30)-4-20-25-25-27-(30)-21-13	135.00	21
22	URU 29825	MARTIN DOVAT/MARTIN GONZALEZ	25-(44)-4-20-27-17-(43)-24-26	143.00	22
23	BRA 29971	ALEX BUNESE/GAETAN BORBA	7-(34)-6-31-(43)-20-29-32-20	145.00	23
24	CHI 28794	FELIPE ROBLES/JOSE LOPEZ	24-26-2-9 -(DSQ)-31-14-(DNC)-DNC	153.00	24
25	ARG 28644	MARCOS ANTOGNINI/ESTEBAN PETTINARI	26-(35)-27-14-(36)-19-21-33-16	156.00	25
26	ARG 28646	ADOLFO BENAVIDEZ/GUIDO MORLACHETTI	15-25-28-22-(37)-21-19-(DSQ)-29	159.00	26
27	ARG 29338	MARTIN FERNANDEZ/MARCELO CORTESE	12-19-15-28-26-28-32-(40)-(40)	160.00	27
28	BRA 30393	LUCIANO GUBERT/AUGUSTO ALVES	(45)-32-(36)-19-23-18-22-22-24	160.00	28
29	ARG 28963	PABLO GIECO/JAVIER MATHEU	29-17-26-(43)-16-(41)-41-18-15	162.00	29
30	COL 30048	DANY DELGADO/ANTONIO TAMAYO	21-(39)-(34)-29-12-22-27-30-27	168.00	30
31	URU 30462	CRISTOPHER SCHEWE/ALESSANDRA BUGGE	14-23-30-23-(34)-(44)-28-26-25	169.00	31
32	CHI 2883	MARCOS FUENTES/CAROLINA VERGARA	(44)-21-33-33-24-24-16-28-(DNC)	179.00	32
33	URU 28633	MARIA EMILIA TATO/PABLO PERDOMO	33-33-21-(DSQ)-29 -(39)-18-35-21	190.00	33
34	ARG 28701	EMANUEL AGHEM/GASTON BALGUREVICH	16-36-32-34-17-26-(39)-(39)-31	192.00	34
35	ARG 30492	ALEJANDRO TRIGGIANO/GERARDO CORTESE	36-2-31-(42)-(41)-32-40-27-32	200.00	35
36	ARG 28697	LUCIANO JUAREZ/MAXIMILIANO JUAREZ	(39)-14-(39)-36-13-33-33-36-37	202.00	36
37	CHI 30298	DANIEL IRRAZABAL/DANIEL J IRRAZABAL	27-31-22-30-(38)-37-31-31-(DNF)	209.00	37
38	ARG 29344	ESTEBAN FOURQUET/CARLOS RODRIGUEZ	(47)-(37)-37-32-11-36-34-25-35	210.00	38
39	CHI 30491	MARISSA MAURIN /FERNANDA GOMEZ	23-(41)-(41)-39-32-23-38-29-28	212.00	39
40	BER 25707	LANCE FRASER/CATALINA SPOSATO	37-20-(38)-37-31-29-36-(38)-33	223.00	40
41	US 29782	GABRIEL PORZECANSKI/ALEJO MORALES	(46)-(45)-43-40-35-30-20-34-30	232.00	41
42	URU 30461	MATIAS GARCIA SANTIAGO GONZALEZ	32-13-42-(DNC)-39-(DNC)-35-43-36	240.00	42
43	URU 28891	MANFREDO FINCK/JOSE BOUZA	41-38-(DNF)-(44)-21-38-26-41-39	244.00	43
44	BRA 27209	PABLO FURLAN/ROBERTO SALEES	40-16-40-38-(42)-40-(42)-37-34	245.00	44
45	ARG 30452	TRIXY AGUSTI/YUYU AGUSTI	38-40-(44)-41-19-35-37-(42)-38	248.00	45
46	URU 29887	RODRIGO AZCURREIN/DIEGO AZCURREIN	43-43-23-35-40-42-(DNC)-(DNC)-DNC	273.00	46
47	ARG 29340	FRANCISCO AGUSTI/CECILIA MAROGLIO	34-42-45-DNF-44-(DNC)-44-(DNC)-DNC	302.00	47

Principal Race Officer: ALVARO ROBAINA GIOSCIA

Jury Chair: FERNANDO SANJURJO

Bessanova & Sokolova win 2007 Ladies European Championship

Swedish reflections from Ladies European Championship in Moscow
May 21-27 2007

We arrived to Moscow to evening temperatures of 25-30°C, reportedly all time high for May, wondering why we brought so many fleece jackets!

The morning after we arrived we got our boat for the week, a new Persson Snipe which was included in entry fee, and which we soon found to be a delight to sail.



At the beginning of the regatta we were very confused by the frequent and large shifts in both wind direction and strength, but we soon started to regard these conditions as what we in Sweden call a "smorgasbord" of possibilities. For this reason the expression "it ain't over 'til it's over" has got a new implication for us, not the least as our final placing in the regatta were settled by the finding of a small gust the last 25 meters of the 7th and last race.

In spite of the shifting conditions, the race committee succeeded in providing very good courses.

The atmosphere on the race course were good, as was the case ashore. We felt very welcomed and were very well taken care of. By the flexible service from the Moscow Sailing School we had several opportunities to explore the city of Moscow, which we from these few days found to be a very fascinating city.

To add the finishing touch, the regatta was completed with a fantastic regatta party with lots of champagne!

--Linda Wibom and Sara Bäck

RESULTS

	<i>Skipper/Crew</i>	<i>Country/#</i>	<i>Finishes</i>	<i>Total</i>
1.	Ekaterina Bessonova/Alexandra Sokolova	RUS30124	(4)-1-2-2-4-1-1	10.25
2.	Julia Geraseva/Maria Lartseva	RUS30137	1-(4)-1-1-3-2-3	10.25
3.	Mariya Paromonova/Tatiana Lartseva	RUS30126	2-3-3-4-2-4-(dnf)	18.00
4.	Anna Astasheva/Natalia Reshetova	RUS30125	6-(7)-6-5-1-6-2	25.75
5.	Victoria Riabinkina/Ekaterina Shestopalova	RUS29490	3-2-10-3-7-(zfp)6	31.00
6.	Sara Back/Linda Wibom	SWE27452	(11)-5-8-7-8-9-5	42.00
7.	Vera Ignatenko/Olga Gurbo	BLR29247	7-6-5-(14)-10-10-7	45.00
8.	Marina Kasatova/Galina Kirilyuk	RUS30116	8-12-(130-8-5-5-8	46.00
9.	Anna Pirogova/Evgeniya Kuznetsova	RUS30121	10-8-(raf)-17-6-3-4	48.00
10.	Mariya Rudskaya/Anna Bikova	RUS30117	(12)-10-4-6-9-12-10	51.00
11.	Viktoria Shuvalova/Natalia Gromykin	RUS30123	5-9-7-(dnc)-13-8-14	56.00
12.	Irina Gorodetskaya/Elena Mishina	RUS29471	14-(15)-9-9-11-zpf-11	68.60
13.	Alena Pankratova/Natalia Antonova	RUS29481	9-11-11-10-(17)-17-13	71.00
14.	Valeriya Pospelova/Ludmila Lihacheva	RUS29105	(15)-13-15-15-14-14	80.00
15.	Tatiana Suslova/Viktoria Veselova	RUS29488	16-(17)-14-12-12-15-16	85.00
16.	Dariya Yustinova/Valeria Brester	RUS29485	13-(18)-12-16-dnf-18-12	89.00
17.	Anna Sherbina/Lyubov Chuniyovskaya	UKR26880	(17)-16-17-11-15-13-17	89.00
18.	Anna Olhovskaya/Maria Novoselova	RUS29480	(dnf)-14-16-13-16-16-15	90.00

Palm d'Or Regatta

Guelph Lake
Ontario, Canada
May 26-27

To some the Palm d'Or Trophy might look like nothing more than a slab of cherry with a piece of "found art" epoxied to it but to the eight Snipe teams that gathered at Guelph Lake, Ontario, Canada on the weekend of May 26-27, it represented the first regatta of the season and the right to write your name on the back of that polished chunk of wood. No one, in it's seven year history, has ever won the Palm d'Or twice in a row.

Saturday morning broke with little wind. After a quick consensus the race committee sent the sailors out and without too much difficulty, managed two races in the light but sail-able wind. A short line and tricky shifts, made for interesting racing with may lead changes and tight roundings. With two more races completed after lunch, the day ended with Caspar Young and Jennifer Ayres fl of a point ahead of Harri Palm and Molly Kurvink. Chris Hains and Duncan McKinnon lurked in third.

The evening provided beautiful spring weather for the outdoor steak dinner. Later the now traditional bocce-ball game was won by "Team Blonde" (Molly Kurvink/Jannifer Ayers). During the match, Kurvink feigned a fingernail injury and distracted her opponents enough to squeak out the win.

Sunday brought cloudy skies and ample wind. Young and Palm knew that it was between them for the regatta and the prestart maneuvers rivaled anything going on in Valencia. Young came out ahead and started the day with two bullets. Palm answered with a win in the seventh race. Going into the eighth and final race, Palm needed to beat Young by three points to clinch. All looked promising for Palm as he led at the start and Young trailed in fourth place. Enter Chris Hains, who decided to play the spoiler by nailing a big righty and passing Palm. He hung on for the gun. This gave Young the regatta by one point over Palm. A rematch is in the works at the upcoming Ontario Open/Canadian Championship which are being held at Guelph on July 7-8.

—Harri Palm
Fleet 877

Skipper/Crew	Sail #	Finishes	Total
1. Young/Ayres	26399	2-1-2-3-1-1-3-(4)	12.25
2. Palm/Kurvink	28045	1-4-3-1-2-(4)-1-2	13.25
3. Hains/McKinnon	27534	(5)-3-1-4-4-3-2-1	17.50
4. Carrol/Carrol	7055	3-5-6-(6)-3-2-4-3	26.00
5. May/Johnsen	24683	6-2-4-5-5-6-5-(dns)	33.00
6. Dangerfields	27469	4-6-5-2-6-(8)-7-6	36.00
7. Schlaf/Brown	27055	7-7-7-7-7-(8)-7	49.00
8. Munroe/McKinnon	24802	(dns)dns-dns-dns-8-5-6-564.00	



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Photos: Top right: competitor gather.
Right: Hains/McKinnon in the rain.



Diogo Cayolla and Rui Castilho

2007 Portuguese National Champions

The Portuguese National Championship 2007 will be remembered forever as one of the most competitive because the champions were only known at the end of eleven regattas and the winners could have been one of four teams. At the end, the regularity of Diogo Cayolla and Rui Castilho has led them to the first place and to the qualification for the Snipe World Championship 2007.

Fourth Day

The last day of regattas was very emotive with the national championship being decided in the last upwind of



First Day

The first day regattas had been totally dominated by Tiago Roquette and José Távora, with two first places and a second. Diogo Cayolla and Rui Castilho, the winners of the first Portuguese Qualification Series in Lagos had also sailed very well reaching the second place at the end of the day. The sailing team from Cascais, Pedro Barreto and António Góis, had recovered the bad performance in Lagos, winning the first regatta of the 2007 Championship.

Second Day

On the second day, the Oporto team Diogo Talone and Pedro Pintão was the best when summing the results of the three regattas and had got closer to the first places. Tiago Roquette and José Távora had won one of the regattas maintaining the first position. This day was also good for the Lisbon team Diogo Pereira and José Barros, who won the sixth regatta and had reached the fourth position at the end of the day.

Third Day

The third day was the hardest one due to the wind conditions, which had reached the 25 knots limit during some moments in the regattas, having provoked damages in some Snipes, particularly in Diogo Pereira's Snipe, who broke his mast in the second race of the day, while he was "surfing" in the second reach. At the end of the day, the glory was again to the Talone/Pintão team, who won the two races and went to the second place overall and just one point after the Roquette/Távora team. Diogo Cayolla and Rui Castilho and Martinho Fortunato and Tiago Marcelino did also good results maintaining their hopes to the National Championship title.

the last race, with four teams beating for the title. At the end of the first race, everything was perfect to the Roquette/Távora team. They ended at the third place, Talone/Pintão suffered an early start, and Cayolla/Castilho had finished at fourth. The second race has reversed everything, Cayolla/Castilho won the race and Talone/Pintão and Roquette/Távora finished only in the 7th and 10th places, respectively. Fortunato and Marcelino with a third place on the second race had got closer to the podium positions and mathematically they could even win the championship on the last race. The last race was fantastic, with the four teams giving all they could for the title. In the last downwind mark, Martinho/Marcelino, Cayolla/Castilho and Talone/Pintão were in the first positions and Roquette was only on the 10th place. The last upwind was very tactic with the glory and merit being given to Cayolla and Castilho. This team had finished in the fourth position, two places before Roquette and Távora, winning the national title and being the first Portuguese team with passport to the World Championship in Oporto.



CAMPEONATO NACIONAL 2007

Cascais, Clube Naval de Cascais

	Sail #	Skipper/Crew	Club	Total	Finishes
1	29541	Diogo Cayolla /Rui Castilho	CNC	37	7-(3) -2 -7 -3 -3 -3-7 -4 -1-4
2	30045	Tiago Roquette /José Tavora	YCP	39	2-1 -1-(10)-1 -7 -6 -2 -3 -10 -6
3	29967	Martinho Fortunato /Tiago Marcelino	CVLagos	40	5-(13)-4- 3 -2 -9 -5 -6 -2 -3 -1
4	29958	Diogo Talone /Pedro Pintão	CVA	42	6 -2 -9 -1 -6 -4 -1 -1-(10) -7-5
5	28368	Joaquim Moreira /Ana Champalimaud	CVA	59	4 -7-(17)-6-5-12-4 -5-1-5-10
6	30554	Pedro Barreto /António Gois	CNC	60	1-6-13 -2-9-6-2-4-(24) -6-11
7	29371	Vasco Empis /Margarida Aguiar	CNC	70	14 -12 -6 -9 -4 -2 -13-(15) -6-2 -2
8	30144	Diogo Pereira /José Miguel Barros	ANL	75	3 -4 -12 -5 -8 -1 -15-(24) -11-8-8
9	27541	Frederico Cerveira /João Liberato	CNC	80	8 -11 -5 -8 -10-(16)-8 -3 -5 -13 -9
10	29916	Vasco Serpa /Piedade Colaço	CNC	87	13 -5-11-4-7-11-12-(14)-12 -9 -3
11	30183	Gonçalo Guerra /Tiago Guerra	CVA	100	11-15-3-12-13-5-9-11-9-12-(19)
12	29333	Luis Passanha /Tomas Oliveira	CVA	106	10 -8 -8 -14-16-13-14-9-7-(19) -7
13	30275	Carlos Azevedo /Carlos Dias	CNC	117	12-9-14-11-12-10-10-8-16-(17) -15
14	29434	Tiago Talone /Luis Vasconcelos	CVA	136	16-18-15-15-14-(19)-16-12-13-4-13
15	3004	Nuno Machado /José Luis Gomes	SCP	142	15-19-10-17-15-8-17-(24)-14 -11-16
16	29570	Filipe Machado /João Botto	CVA	143	9 -16-(18)-16-17-18-11-13-15-16-12
17	30666	João Durão /Miguel Graça	ANL	147	18-14-7-13 -11-14-(24)-24-8-14-24
18	28681	Luis Queiroz /João Fernando	CNC	149	(19)-17-16-18-18-17-7-10-17-15-14
19	25979	Nuno Bulhão Pato /Teresa Pessoa	CDPA	186	(21)-20-19-20-19-20-18 -16-18-18-18
20	29959	Henrique Pinto /João Corrêia	CNC	199	20-21-(24)-19-20-15-24-24-19-20-17
21	29946	Jorge Lima /Francisco Andrade	CNC	219	17-10-(24)-24-24-24-24 -24-24 -24-24
22	27670	Manuel Vilela /Paulo Pereira	CDPA	219	(24)-22-24-24-21-24-19-24-20-21-20
23	25981	Francisco D'Orey /Pedro Arriaga	CNC	240	24-24 -24-24-24-24-24-24 -24 -24



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Page 20:

upper left & right: National Champions Diogo Cayolla and Rui Castilho sail & celebrate.

middle: Diogo Talone and Pedro Pintão surfing downwind

lower: Luis Pessanha and Tomas Oliveira concentrate upwind.

Page 21:Tiago Roquette and crew José Tavora give it all they have

Grodem's win MajSnipen

May 5-6

Gothenburg, Sweden

Congratulations to Pelle Edwall and his team with Chief Race Officer Calle Wolmersson at the helm. They made fantastic arrangements both on the water and on shore. Lunch was served both days at the Royal Gothenburg Yacht Club restaurant just by the racing area. A nice dinner on Saturday evening was arranged at a popular Chinese wok restaurant.

The racing on Saturday just outside the club house offered light to moderate winds. The Norwegian brothers Grodem took the lead from the beginning and won the first race with superiority. Behind them it was tight sailing both days and every rounding at the leeward mark was a frightful sight but always almost fair. A couple of 360's was noted. Four races were completed on Saturday in order to sail just two races on Sunday so that far away travelers could reach home in reasonable time. Henrik Jorhov/Lina Hamel put up some steam the longer the regatta and could in the end keep last years winners Birger Jansen/Cecilia de Faire behind them in the final results list. Grodem's kept their superior lead throughout the regatta and only had 6 points after 6 races. It is going to be interesting to see what they can do at the Worlds in Portugal!

	Country	Skipper/Crew	Finishes	Total	
1.	NOR 3018	Jostein/Asbjorn Grodem	1-1-2-1-(5)-1	6	—Bernhard Rost National Secretary SWE 29236
2.	SWE3019	Henrik Jorhov/Lina Hamel	(6)-2-1-3-4-3	13	
3.	NOR2994	Birger Jansen/Cecilia de Faire	2-8-3-(ocs)-3-2	18	
4.	SWE2769	Ola Sjostrand/Mats Gustavsson	11-4-8-2-1-(dsq)	26	
5.	SWE2997	Ulf Johansson/Jonas Augustsson	3-5-7-9-2-(12)	26	
6.	SWE3006	Per Edwall/Ebba Friis	5-3-4-(10)-9-7	28	
7.	SWE3058	Bo/Bodil Lindsjo	7-(12)-6-7-6-6	32	
8.	SWE2745	Tomas Berg/Patric Wollmersson	4-(13)-10-6-7-8	35	
9.	SWE3005	Mats Gothlin/Annika Gard	8-6-(13)-13-10-5	42	
10.	SWE3056	Nicklas/Beata Tolegard	(13)-7-9-4-12-11	43	
11.	NOR2942	Karsten Eskelund/Eli Asplund	9-(14)-5-5-13-13	45	
12.	NOR2667	Halvor/Edel Poulsen	10-10-(11)-8-8-9	45	
13.	SWE3004	Johan Stromdahl/Anders Olausson	(15)-9-12-11-11-4	47	
14.	SWE2923	Bernhard Rost/Karin Pettersson	12-15-14-12-(ocs)-10	63	
15.	SWE2923	Tobias/Charlotta Chroner	14-11-15-14-14-(dnf)	68	
16.	SWE2744	Tony Ribbas/Therese Ribbas	16-dnf-16-15-(dns)-dns	81	

Wiibroe Cup

May 26-28

Top 20 of 59

	Skipper/Crew	Country/Sail #	Finishes	Total
1.	Bart Bomans/Jill Ponet	BEL30357	2-1-2-(dsq)-1	6
2.	Manu Hens/Enrico Michel	BEL30356	1-2-3-3-(4)	9
3.	Jostein/Asbjorn Grodem	NOR30186	3-3-1-(11)-3	10
4.	Per/Axel Edwall	SWE30068	13-6-11-(dsq)-2	32
5.	Birger Jansen/Cecilia de Faire	NOR29940	5-(24)-7-4-16	32
6.	Niel Martin/Randi Stray	GBR30229	7-17-4-7-(40)	35
7.	Ulrik Sandvig/Henrik Grythe	NOR30498	9-4-5-(dsq)-24	42
8.	Mads Truelsen/Tina Kopseng	NOR29438	11-(21)-12-10-12	45
9.	Torstein Pedersen/Rold Storoy	NOR29650	(37)-9-16-13-8	46
10.	Henrik Jorhov/Lina Hamel	SWE30197	17-(29)-9-12-10	48
11.	Jan Peeters/Ann Van Daele	BEL30008	8-22-6-16-(dsq)	52
12.	Giovanni Galeotti/Floris Motrelmals	BEL30388	8-22-6-16-(dsq)	52
13.	JohanMajlaender/Cecilie Irgens	NOR30613	(dsq)-5-19-26-6	56
14.	Bo/Bodil Lindsjo	SWE30584	16-11-14-18-(27)	59
15.	Guy Celis/Nathalie Hambrouck	BEL30344	6-16-13-(dsq)-30	65
16.	Jakob Sorensen/Soren Thomsen	DEN26660	14-(26)-20-14-18	66
17.	Ulf Johansson/Dennis Fagerudd	SWE27809	20-20-(dsq)-2-25	67
18.	Nicklas/Beata Torlegard	SWE30560	32-(40)-8-21-7	68
19.	Ola Sjostrand/Mats Gustafsson	SWE27696	19-12-17-23-(37)	71
20.	Christian/Katrine Petersen	DEN26301	31-(41)-21-8-13	73



The Snipe in Russia

The Russian Federation is the largest country worldwide and Snipe is becoming more and more popular among Russian sailors. The first few boats were acquired by the Moscow Sailing School in 1998 and since then Snipe has undergone continuous development. Though the majority of the boats are based in Moscow, nowadays the class is expanding over some remote parts of Russia.



Feature of our fleet is that any interested person having the right to operate a yacht (e.g. licence) who is a member of SCIRA, may be provided with a Snipe by the Moscow Sailing

The number of participants in the regattas last year has exceeded 80 persons from 10 regions of Russia.



School free-of-charge and use it for training and races. With a view to help class expansion in other parts of Russia, SCIRA Russia has undertaken the following steps:

- 3 yachts have been presented to a sailing school in St. Petersburg;
- the possibility of construction of wooden Snipes in Siberia (Bratsk town) is under discussion. The shipyard in that remote Russian city expressed its interest in constructing boats from larch and cedar. In this case a new fleet may appear on the Russia map.

We keep inviting visitors and mass-media to attend Snipe regattas. For this purpose the Moscow Sailing School keen on erecting new buildings in order to provide comfortable and affordable accommodation. The Moscow Sailing School is one of the leading sailing centers in Russia, e.g. in 2005 it hosted the 49er World Championship and the Finn Gold Cup. This year the Finn Junior World Championship will be held there.

Moscow constantly conducted the following Snipe regattas:

- First water competition;
- Moscow Championship;
- Russia Championship;
- 832 Fleet Championship;
- Masters Race.

The First water competition and the Moscow Championship are qualification for the Russia Championship. All the regattas are open, i.e. we do not have any qualification requirements for foreign sailors.

Moreover, the Master Race is very popular and is the biggest gathering of senior sailors. It should be mentioned that the oldest crew participated in the Masters Race has age 129 years in total!

This May Moscow welcomed the Snipe Ladies European Championship which was an extremely competitive. Having won the tie-breaker, Ekaterina Bessonova and Alexandra Sokolova won the championship with Julia Geraseva and Maria Lartseva came in the second. Bronze was given to Maria Paramonova and Tatiana Lartseva. Sara Back and Linda Wibon from Sweden are on 5th place (their report on the event see below).

We would naturally be pleased to invite everybody to Russia!

Andrey Astashev
National Secretary SCIRA Russia



A Step Back in Time....

Snipes in Hungary

Capt. Zsolt Regenyi of Hungary recently wrote to the SCIRA office for the 75th Anniversary. He writes:



"The first Snipe was built here in 1948 by József (Joci) Reichstetter who is now 84 years old. Born in 1923, he began sailing when he was 12. "Ketyi" was the nickname of his sailing instructor. In 1940 he was able to obtain the drawings for the Snipe from abroad with the assistance of a journalist. He is a handicapped man and in spite of that he made very good work all his life. He built the first Hungarian Snipe by himself in 1948, and was Hungarian Champion in the Snipe. The name of the boat was "Bukfenc" which translates to "tumble or somersault." Later he built 4 more among others, and another Snipe for himself in 1985 which is still in use today. The workmanship was very good on all his boats, especially taking into consideration his paralyzed leg (one was absolutely useless). Regattas began in Hungary in the Snipe in 1949 which he won and was 2nd in 1950. He finished actively sailing in 1955. He is now a painter and a model boat maker. He was emotionally influenced by his first instructor



"Ketyi" and a painting of his instructor is enclosed as well as a photo of the first Hungarian Snipe "Bukfenc" and Snipe #2.

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Racing Snipe, \$210

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Order No.		Length	Width	Depth	Weight	Price
147	Racing Snipe	15 1/2'	5'	20"	250 lbs.	\$210.00
148	DeLuxe Snipe	15 1/2'	5'	20"	450 lbs.	\$275.00

De Luxe Snipe, \$275

Official Crosby Design

Stem white oak. Frames mahogany. Planking 3/4-inch thick, the bottom planking is made of selected cedar and the side planking is made of selected mahogany. Good strong deck beams, planked with cedar and covered with canvas which is finished with cream color deck paint. The entire inside of the boat, the floor and trim and the side planking is finished in the natural wood. The bottom is finished with Hard Racing bottom paint. All fastenings and fittings, copper or brass. A carefully made, hand roped wamsutta sail with Genoa Jib (115 square feet area) is furnished with the De Luxe Snipe as standard equipment.

STANDARD EQUIPMENT

Modern Marconi sloop rig. The boom and hollow mast complete with all standing and running rigging. Aeroplane wire stays and shrouds. One piece rudder and hot dipped galvanized center board are standard equipment with both the Standard Snipe and the De Luxe Snipe.

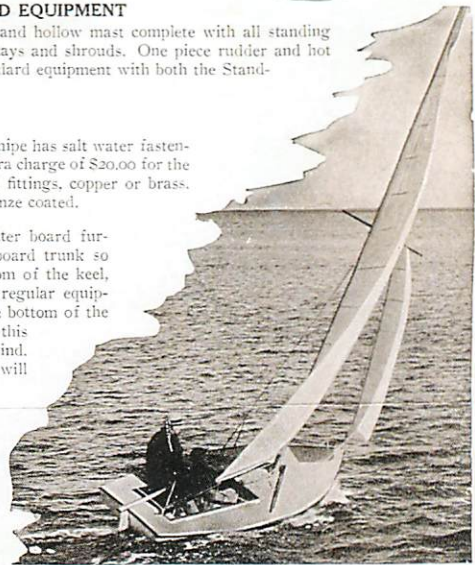
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FOR SALT WATER—The DeLuxe Snipe has salt water fastenings and fittings, but there will be an extra charge of \$20.00 for the Standard Snipe with all fastenings and fittings, copper or brass. Centerboard, hot dipped galvanized, bronze coated.

FOR SHALLOW WATER—The center board furnished will swing up into the center board trunk so that it does not project below the bottom of the keel, but the one-piece rudder furnished as regular equipment projects about 16 inches below the bottom of the boat and you will require water of this depth to run in with a rudder of this kind. A pivot rudder made with a blade that will swing up and enable you to run in about six inches of water, can be furnished instead of the one-piece rudder for \$3.00 extra. The price of a pivot rudder if ordered separately will be \$6.00.

GENOA JIB—A Genoa Jib is furnished with the De Luxe Snipe as regular equipment. If a Genoa Jib is furnished with the Standard Snipe instead of the one regularly furnished, the extra charge will be \$5.00. The price of a Genoa Jib for the Standard Snipe if ordered separately, will be \$4.00. V shaped cockpit cover extending up over the boom, \$16.00.

N. B. It is not permissible to use pivot rudders in officially sponsored races for Snipe sail boats.



The SCIRA on-line registration system will also have a look-up for Measurement Data Sheets on file in the SCIRA office. In updating the records, we ran across this advertisement for Thompson Boats of Peshtigo, Wisconsin, USA. Thompson built many wood boats that were primarily sold in the US and Canada from the 30's to the 60's.

Photo below: Per Skjønberg of Norway (lighter hat), an honorary SCIRA member of Oslo fleet 195 launches the first Snipe in Norway in 1938.



SCIRA Reichner Perpetual Trophy

<u>Skipper</u>	<u>Fleet</u>	<u># Races</u>	<u>Total</u>
Robert Rowland	Cowan Lake	21	1738.00
Patrick Flood	Iowa/Nebraska	21	1711.92
Pat Keane	Lincoln	18	1681.56
George Rood	Iowa/Nebraska	32	1679.38
Jim Russell	Lincoln	15	1672.33
Art Rousmaniere	Winchester	15	1671.90
Chad Coberly	Gull Lake	30	1670.50
John Buckley	Lincoln	13	1645.85
Charles Courtsal	Newport YC	8	1640.75
Ted Horvath	Newport YC	12	1635.92
John Lally	Winchester	25	1617.80
Jay Carey	Cowan Lake	18	1611.00
Charles Hagedorn	Winchester	18	1606.30
Jim Richter	Gull Lake	25	1605.40
John Crookston	Gull Lake	25	1603.44
William Worster	Cowan Lake	19	1591.00
Wendy O'Toole	Cowan Lake	20	1588.00
Matt Disch	Newport YC	11	1583.09
Harry Levinson	Winchester	11	1578.80
John MacRae	Cottage Park	9	1578.30
Peter Festersen	Iowa/Nebraska	15	1565.23
Michael O'Toole	Cowan Lake	12	1560.00
Eric Ulbrich	Gull Lake	34	1542.29
Mike Recker	Iowa/Nebraska	20	1540.83
Stanley McKay	Gull Lake	31	1535.90
Charles Higginson	Lincoln	18	1535.72
Charles Young	Gull Lake	31	1534.42
John Tagliamonte	Cottage Park	11	1528.50
Susan Lodico	Winchester	5	1525.60
William Thomas	Lincoln	6	1518.50
Norm Dahl	Newport YC	11	1514.91
Rick Scofield	Iowa/Nebraska	20	1512.47
Charles Oman	Winchester	11	1507.50
Larry Briggs	Lincoln	12	1506.50
Bob Coyle	Cottage Park	7	1505.00
Chris Scofield	Iowa/Nebraska	31	1497.77
Andrew Davis	Winchester	10	1494.10
Jack Wagener	Lincoln	12	1488.58
Philip Morse	Newport YC	12	1478.50
Glenn Ruff	Iowa/Nebraska	19	1471.93
Chuck Lewis	Lincoln	9	1470.00
Andrew Klein	Winchester	8	1468.30
Peggy Bertsche	Lincoln	10	1455.40
William Vaughn	Newport YC	9	1452.22
Mac Jacob	Cowan Lake	7	1441.00
Joe Frey	Lincoln	9	1439.56
Steven Rice	Cowan Lake	13	1435.00
Marshall Caggiano	Cowan Lake	8	1431.00
Carey Nelson	Cowan Lake	11	1428.00
Jack Gannon	Winchester	5	1427.80
Bill Gustafson	Lincoln	16	1416.94

<u>Skipper</u>	<u>Fleet</u>	<u># Races</u>	<u>Total</u>
Robert Whitman	Cowan Lake	16	1415.00
Bob Ewoldt	Lincoln	6	1405.33
William Swanton	Winchester	15	1404.40
John Lees	Winchester	8	1377.50
Jim Foreman	Cowan Lake	8	1359.00
Richard Lazarus	Winchester	8	1317.60
Randy Nelsen	Lincoln	14	1298.57
John Layman	Lincoln	6	1297.83
Doug Winkler	Lincoln	9	1276.89
Alan Spring	Cowan Lake	9	1270.00
Lance Darrough	Lincoln	8	1254.25
Mark Schultz	Iowa/Nebraska	6	1231.17
Peter Crawford	Lincoln	7	1188.29
Howard Beeck	Lincoln	5	1129.60

The Reichner Perpetual is the high point competition as outlined in the Rulebook, pages beginning on page 96. The Reichner is the oldest Perpetual trophy of SCIRA, which unfortunately, has diminished in popularity in the last 10+ years.

The point score system was originally based on the US Power Boat Associations system as a way for Snipe sailors to compare their scores against other Snipe sailors. This was the precursor to the World Championship.

In the past, all countries would submit their point scores, but only 1 country has continued to submit their point scores annually.

65 entries representing 7 fleets and 1 country participated for 2006.

Congratulations to Bob Rowland of Cowan Lake as the 2006 Reichner Perpetual winner!



ISAF Spring Meeting Report

The mid year meeting of the International Sailing Federation in Paris over the long week-end of May 3-6 produced a mixed bag of news for the Snipe Class, some positive, some not-so positive.

The Events Committee was the only ISAF committee to hold a meeting in Paris, and I attended it as an observer. Goran Petersen, president of ISAF spoke for 20 minutes or so, outlining the main points of interest for this meeting.

He spoke at some length about the Olympic Committee's goals for sailing representation in upcoming Games. One such goal is to have a minimum of 70 nations competing. Another is to trim the number of sailing events from the current 11 to 10, and another is to have a maximum of 360 sailing competitors.

And while he told the committee that the Olympic committee wants "traditional" classes represented, they also want "excitement" for the TV audience.

He said the IOC does not want mixed-gender events or multiple medal winners. It would seem to be unfairly signaling sailing out for this last restriction since track and field and swimming, to name just two, have promoted their multiple medal winners for years.

The ISAF is heavily invested in promoting the "ISAF Sailing World Championships," and has budgeted 500,000€ to fund television coverage of the event. The intent of spending this much money, approximately half from the ISAF treasury and half from sold sponsorships, is to help develop a revenue stream other than the Olympics.

An Equipment Committee proposal was presented to limit the number of World Championships that international classes may hold. Bjorn Unger, chair of the Events Committee pointed out that there are over 200 world championships currently approved by ISAF, and that every time another class is approved for international status they are automatically allowed to have a world championship. The discussion became heated because the International Classes Committee had never been consulted about this proposal, and the chair and vice chair (who were present) were very much against it. Dick Batts, chair of the Equipment Committee said that perhaps international status approval might be de-linked from automatic world championship approval in the future, in essence "grandfathering" world championships already approved, such as ours.

The committee approved and passed on to the Council for action a proposal from the Canadian Yachting Association allowing regional games to alter the ISAF-mandated regatta format as follows:

One throw-out race after 5 races.

If medal races are to be conducted the boats shall be scored with double points in the 'medal race'.

The fleet size for a medal race can be reduced to 5 boats since fleet sizes are typically smaller than those in the Olympics.

A proposal from the Canadian Yachting Association and US Sailing that "where sailing is included in Regional Games, the competition format, scoring, and race management procedures shall follow to the extent possible.... the ISAF policies for Olympic Sailing Competition" was passed to be reconsidered at the November ISAF meeting.

For the 2012 Olympics Events recommended and Council will take under advisement to have 6 men's events and 4 women's events. A lot of discussion on this one, pitting gender equality against the sheer numbers and the perceived quality of men and women sailors. There seemed to be general consensus that 50-50 was a worthy goal.

The Regional Games pendulum swung again. At the Council meeting it was brought up that the ISAF president had written the organizers of the Regional Games encouraging them to adopt Olympic Classes. This is, of course, in direct opposition the position that was attributed to the president in the Helsinki Regional Games Committee meeting in November. Two Council members, Abe Rosenberg of Brazil and Eric Tulla of Puerto Rico spoke with great passion against this, citing Snipe strength in South America as one of their main arguments.

As I reported last fall, in the Events Committee there was objection to including equipment approved for regional games in Regulation 16 which deals with the Olympics. This issue was deferred again in Council and there will be an effort to include regional games equipment in Regulation 18. This is a loss for us in that having the Snipe Class included in an Olympic Regulation was a great help in keeping us in the South American Games this year and 4 years ago.

There was a presentation to the Events Committee concerning in-house measuring of sails. According to a paper published on the ISAF web site, several sailmakers are either signing up to be licensed for in-house measuring of sails or are "lining up to be involved," including several who make Snipe sails.



Brainard Cooper
ISAF Representative



SCIRA Measurement Clinic

Porto, Portugal
September 7, 2007

Introduction: SCIRA will organize a measurement clinic Friday, September 7, 2007 at Clube de Vela Atlântico in Leixão, Portugal.

Venue: Clube de Vela Atlântico, Av da Liberdade - 4450-718 Leça da Palmeira. Telf. +351 229963547 - Fax: +351 229952825.
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Travel: Each participant is responsible for their travel costs to and from Porto. Transfer to and from the airport in Oporto can be coordinated in groups. Limited travel stipends are available to help defray measurer's attendance, especially those traveling from outside Europe. Contact the SCIRA office for inquiries: scira@snipe.org

Purpose of Clinic: The purpose of the measurement clinic is to inform and instruct SCIRA measurers on the proper way to measure a Snipe, including spars, sails, blades and the hull using the new measurement jig. Moment of Inertia will also be instructed. The clinic is purposely scheduled the day before the World Championship measurement begins to enable measurers to observe and possibly participate in the measurement of boats competing in the 2007 World Championship.

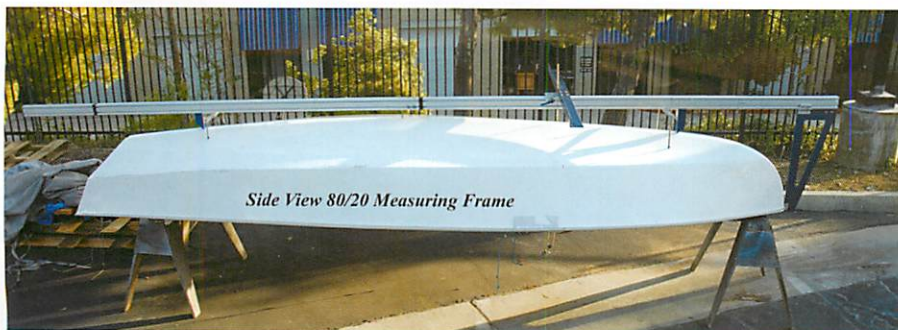
Accommodation: Information on accommodation can be found on the 2007 World Championship website: <http://www.world-snipe2007.org/swc.htm> Participants are responsible for their own accommodations.

Meals: breakfast, lunch & dinner will be provided by SCIRA for all participants.

Registration: Measurers interested in participating in the clinic must send their entries to the SCIRA office by July 1, 2007.

Agenda and Schedule Friday, September 7, 2007

<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Speaker(s)</u>
0830	Opening remarks, distribution of learning tools	Brezich
0930	Description of tools	
1030	Method for hull measurement	
1230	Lunch	
1330	Method for MOI	
1430	Method for mast measurement	
1500	Method for boom/centerboard/rudder	
1630	Method for weighing	
1700	Method for measuring sails	
1800	End of session	
2100	dinner	



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