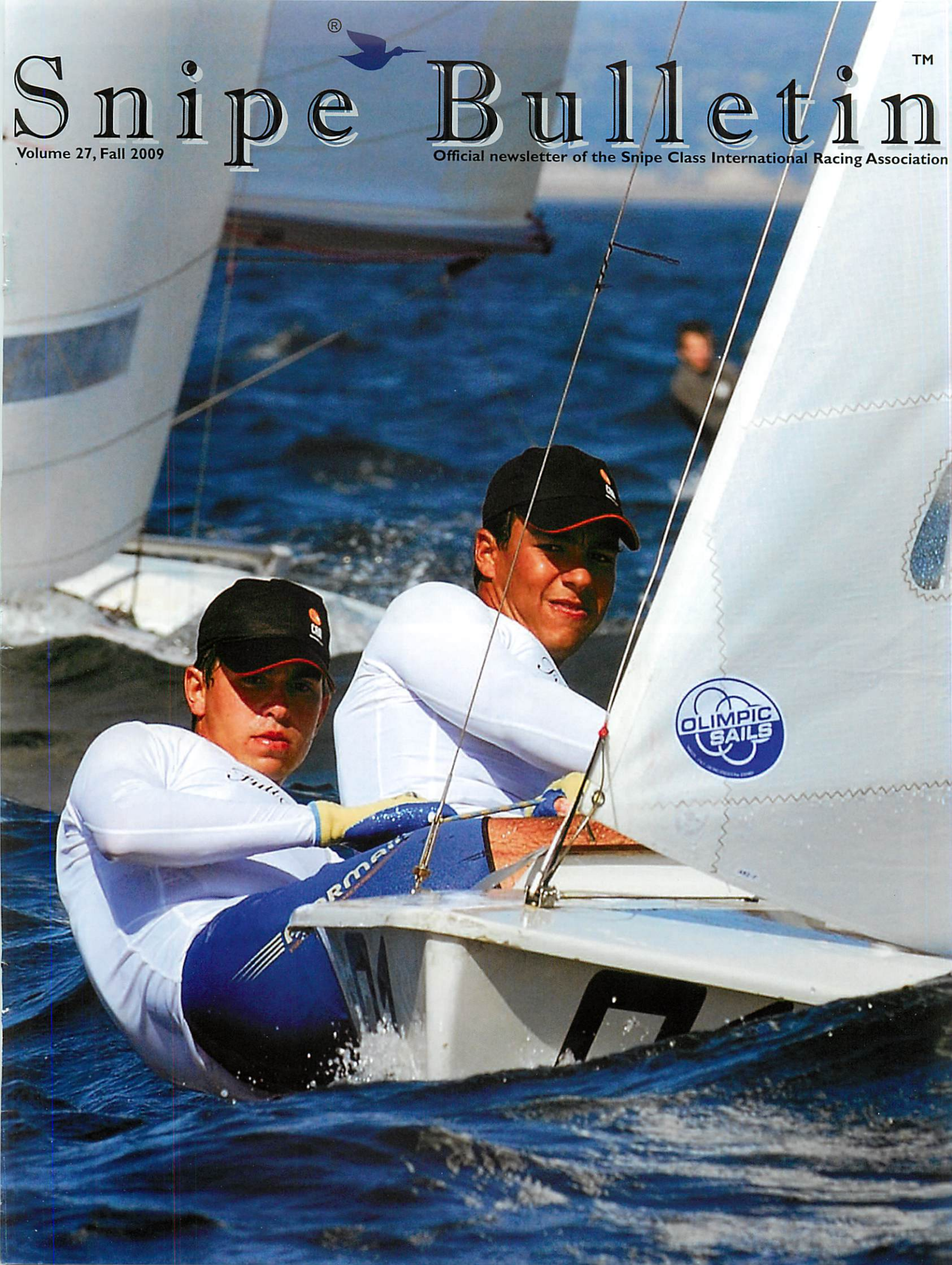


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From the Rules Committee - New Rules Changes in effect Jan 1, 2010

The Board of Governors recently met for their annual meeting at the World Championship and approved the following rules which will take effect **January 1, 2010**. Thanks to the Rules Committee members who contributed to long hours of discussion to ensure our sailors and our boat is represented properly.

DECAL: Annual boat registration fees will be raised from \$5 to \$10. The increased fee will be used to help the measurement process worldwide including the certification of builders moulds.

Verification of Membership: No longer will members be required to show a membership card as long as their current membership can be verified via the Online Database.

Centerboard Safety line: Rule 18: to use any kind of retaining system, the centerboard safety line length shall be long enough to permit, when completely tight, to raise the board up to 50 mm over the upper part of the board band to deck.

Jib Luff Wire/Line: Rule 51: The jib must have a wire or a **fiber line** (excluding PBO and Carbon) attached to the luff while racing.

Rudderhead: Rule 20: The rudder thickness above and below the water line, **excluding the tiller attachment area**, shall be 19mm minimum and 38 mm maximum.

Boom Gooseneck: Rule 31.5: The gooseneck shall measure from the aft side of the mast to the connection with the boom, 42mm maximum. The gooseneck at the boom connection may be round or square but shall have a diameter of 13mm if round or 13x13mm if square. The boom shall have the hole of 13x13mm.

Rule 31.3: The use of light elastic line (shock cord) **not adjustable while racing** to remove slack in the jib stay and between the shrouds and the mast is permitted

New sail measurement Rules:

Mainsail: Rule 47: delete mainsail grommet position requirements

All sails: Rule 49: adopt ISAF system of measuring to corners rather than center of grommets. The adoption of the new method of measurement, all actual legal sails will remain legal

Jib: Rule 51.2: The roach on the leech and foot shall form a uniform curve from grommet to grommet without any voids scallop or hollows in the uniform radius. The mid girth measured across the sail shall be 1035 mm maximum

Rules of Conduct: course may be shortened **after at least 2 windward legs are completed**.

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2009-2012 Official Rulebook



SCIRA Rulebook 2009-2012 update:

The SCIRA Board of Governors has given the go-ahead to print the Rulebook and will update with the recently passed rules (see article on this page.) Once ISAF approves the Class Rules (General Restrictions) that need to now be in the ISAF required format, SCIRA will reprint the Class Rules (General Restrictions section). ISAF has indicated this may be up to a 6 month process.

All sections are always available and updated on the SCIRA website for download: www.snipe.org>The Class>Rules

All National Secretaries have been asked to send the requested quantity to the SCIRA office. Each country will be billed for shipping costs.



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2009 Membership Numbers
2009-10 Racing Calendar

The Count: 26 numbers have been issued since the summer issue; Brazil 13; Italy 2; Norway 1; Spain 2; Argentina 1; Finland 1; Sweden 2 and 4 to a builder
Numbered Snipes: 30837
Chartered Fleets: 885

Cover photo: 2009 Junior World Champions Mario Tinoco and Mateus Goncalves of Brazil. Photo by Robert Dunkley



Pan American Games 2011

Country qualifiers will be announced soon. Snipes will have 9 entries - with host Mexico having an automatic entry. For more information: www.pasaf.org

Next Issue deadline:
December 1

From the Commodore -

Dear Snipe Sailors,

The 2009 World Championship in San Diego showed once again how strong, competitive and enjoyable our Snipe Class is. Besides the tough times for our World economy, forty nine crews from eighteen countries attended one of the most competitive, difficult and enjoyable championships in recent times.

Congratulations to the new champions, Bruno Bethlem and Dante Bianchi from Brasil, who out sailed every one of us in a great show of sailing skills, tactical resolution and temper. "Bebum" and Dante are also an example of commitment to follow, having missed by little several international championships for a while, now having nailed the WH&O and the Worlds all together.

In terms of our Organization, during the Worlds we held a four-session long, very productive Board Meeting. You will note in the minutes transcribed in the following pages that we passed some important initiatives. Those, together with the ones we've been approving over the last months (like the full adoption of ISAF's low point scoring), will introduce positive change to our Class.

We allowed the use of fiber lines in the jib, simplified sail measurement, standardized goosenecks (and therefore booms), etc.. We also decided, after a forum held to hear the opinion of the sailors, that we will not promote the reduction of the boat weight nor the use of the Black Flag before, at least, a third general recall.

The only change that I was not happy to introduce was the rise of the boat decal from \$5 to \$10 USD. We've been remiss to make this change when the time was appropriate. Now, in the wake of the global crisis, we had no choice. The rise is to cope with past inflation in USD and the increase in the costs to keep boat compliance on track, as well as the cost of designing and implementing the Online data Base (please refer to previous articles). I am sure that you will understand and note that the rise in the total membership package is still below the inflation in USD.

During the worlds I went again through the experience of something unique about our Snipe Class. There were many sailors fighting very closely for the top, putting everything on the table to reach their goals. In spite of this pressure, there was an atmosphere of admiration and respect for the top runners not easy to find within competitive circles. This balanced attitude towards performance makes for one of our greatest values to stand upon.

Enjoy the Snipe Class!

Kind regards,
Pedro



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Tinoco Wins 3rd Junior World Title

In an unprecedented scene, Mario Tinoco won his 3rd Snipe Junior World title: two as skipper and his first as crew. With Mateus Goncalves as his crew, the two repeated their 2007 win in Italy again in San Diego, but it did not come easy.

With 21 boats representing 12 countries and 4 continents, several teams gave Tinoco/Goncalves a run for the title. The duo seemed fast out of the gate each day, usually winning the first race, but local California and US sailors seemed to pick up the wins for the remainder of the day..

Constantly in the running and holding the top place several days, the Japanese team of sailed brilliantly and consistently and looked like the favorites after a few days, but a 7th dropped them down bowing to the Brazilians time in the boat. Their boat handling and tactics were noted by several of the onlookers and coaches as very impressive.

The American contingent of 3 teams, Judge Ryan/Chris Segerblom, Nick Voss/Nevin Snow and Tyler Sinks/Shone Bowman seemed a local force by being able to capitalize on some local conditions, but a few times they misread them and had to keep scores not in their favor.

Puerto Rican sailors Raul Rios/Antonio Sifre and Marco Teixidor/Ricardo Latimer were slow to start but their consistency in the last few days moved them up in the ranks as well. The remainder of the fleet had good and bad races. With 4 females on the course, the lone all-female team of Trixy Agusti and sister Yuyu from Argentina were a force not to be tangled with, as was noted at several mark roundings. Miho skippered the other Japanese boat and Birgette Riersen hiked her way around the course crewing for Erik Wroldsen of Norway.

With only 2 countries represented from Europe, the main language seemed to be Spanish with the Western Hemisphere & Orient strongly supported.

All but a few boats were chartered from local sailors and you can take a look at the statistical chart to compare equipment and weights of the teams. All teams seemed to easily adapt to their equipment and the conditions brought on by the Pacific Ocean. As usual, when there is a major championship, the local conditions seem to vary from the norm. As was the case here, high temperatures and stronger winds than normal greeted the sailors each day. Typically the first race was sailed in 14-16 knots sometimes building but then dropping off by the 3rd race. A few times a major shift was found, but not enough to stop the racing except on the final day. Only a few races were sailed in less than 10 knots.

As can be seen from former Snipe Jr. World Champions, we have high hopes to see many of these names not only in the Snipe world, but possibly the international and Olympic scene as the talent was very strong again for this competition.

For interviews, video and lots of photos, visit the regatta website: www.2009snipeworlds.org

All photos courtesy of Robert Dunkley. Right: Norihuko Kiyama and Kenichi Inada show winning form that took them to 2nd overall. Upper right: top 5 winners at the 2009 Jr World Championship



Final Results - 2009 Snipe Junior World Championship



Skipper/Crew	Country	Finishes	Total
1. Mario Tinoco/Matheus Goncalves	BRA	1-(8)-5-1-(16)-3-1-3-4-3-8	30
2. Norihiko Kiyama/Kenichi Inada	JPN	(7)-2-(7)-2-3-1-2-7-3-7-7	34
3. Raul Rios/Antonio Sifre	PUR	(14)-4-(9)-5-1-9-3-4-2-6-4	38
4. Nicholas Voss/Nevin Snow	USA	(9)-1-4-6-7-7-5-(14)-4-1-5	40
5. Judge Ryan/Chris Segerblom	USA	2-7-3-7-(15)-5-(12)-5-1-5-6	41
6. Tyler Sinks/Shone Bowman	USA	4-11-1-(15)-4-4-9-1-7-(osc)-1	42
7. Marco Teixidor/Ricardo Latimer	PUR	11-(dnf)-2-8-9-2-6-9-8-(ocs)-3	58
8. Federico Waksman/Paolo Sassi	URU	5-5-8-9-(13)-6-8-11-(dnf)-4-10	66
9. Nicolas Geico/Javier Matheu	ARG	6-12-(13)-3-2-11-7-13-10-(ocs)-11	75
10. Bernardo Pax Docampo/Oscar Lages Crespo	ESP	10-9-14-12-6-(16)-10-6-6-2-(20)	75
11. Nicolas Zerbino/Alejo Morales	URU	3-3-6-4-14-17-4-15-9-(ocs)-(18)	75
12. Nicholas Robertson Junemann/Antoniolarrazabal	CHI	8-10-12-13-10-(15)-(15)-2-12-9-9	85
13. Miho Masukawa/Ryota Tsujikawa	JPN	(17)-13-10-11-5-12-14-10-13-(ocs)-2	90
14. Guillermo Altadill Fischer/Jorge Ochoa Torres	ESP	13-6-11-(16)-(ocs)-8-11-8-16-10-15	98
15. Gabriel Lorenzo/Raphael Ribeiro	BRA	12-14-15-14-12-10-16-(20)-15-8-(19)	116
16. Trixy Agusti/Yuyu Agusti	ARG	15-16-16-10-11-14-(17)-12-11-(ocs)-13	118
17. Erik Olav Mo Wroldsen/Birgitte Reiersen	NOR	18-17-19-17-8-(20)-20-(22)-14-11-12	136
18. Tomas Middleton Zanartu/Luciano Juarez Dover	CHI	16-15-(18)-(19)-17-13-13-17-17-12-16	136
19. Matheus Vieira Figueredo/Alain Voilland	BRA	19-19-17-18-(dnf)-21-18-18-18-13-(dnf)	161
20. Arael Sanchez/Arturo Sanchez	MEX	(21)-20-20-(21)-18-18-21-19-20-14-14	164
21. Delio Delgado/Federico Concha	COL	20-18-(dsq)-20-19-19-16-19-(ocs)-17	167

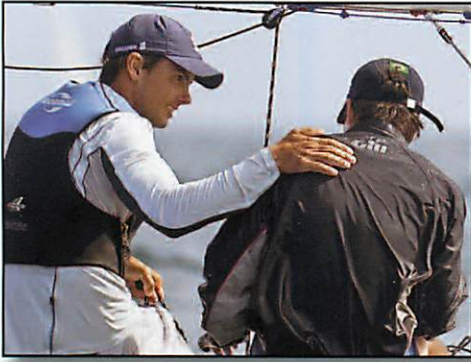
Photos: bottom left clockwise: Miho Masukawa and Ryota Tsujikawa; Erik Olav Wroldsen and Birgitte Reiersen on a breezy day; Tyler Sinks and Shone Bowman lead into the weather mark; light air racing off Pt Loma; boat handling was key. Upper right: Tinoco & Goncalves celebrate on the tow in.



Finish		Skipper/Crew	SAIL #	HULL #	Wt kg	mast	sails	hull
1	BRA	Mario Tinoco/Mateus Goncalves	29497	29197	138	Proctor	Olimpic	Persson
2	JPN	Norihiko Kiyama/Kenichi Inada	30679	28468	115	Sidewinder	North	Persson
3	PUR	Raul Rios/Antonio Sifre		30473	127	Sidewinder	Olimpic	Persson
4	USA	Nicholas Voss/Enrique Quintero	28814	28814	140	Sidewinder	Quantum	Persson
5	USA	Judge Ryan/Chris Segerblom	28854	28854	133	Proctor	Quantum	Persson
6	USA	Tyler Sinks/Shone Bowman	28687	28687	124	Sidewinder	North	Persson
7	PUR	Marco Teixidor/Ricardo Latimer	29312	30888	136	Sidewinder	Olimpic	DB Marine
8	URU	Federico Waksman/Paolo Sassi	30484	29108	129	Sidewinder	North	Persson
9	ARG	Nicholas Geico/Javier Matheu	28963	29112	143	Sidewinder G	North	Persson
10	ESP	Bernardo Pax Docampo/Oscar Lages Crespo	29585	29585	142	Proctor	Velas/Zaoli	Persson
11	URU	Nicolas Zerbino/Alejo Morales	30463	30109	150	Proctor	North	Persson
12	CHI	Nicholas Robertson Junemann/Antonio Felip Gonzalez Irrazabel	28847	29614	125	Sidewinder	North	Persson
13	JPN	Miho Masukawa/Ryota Tsujikawa	29749	30569	130	Sidewinder G	Quantum Jpn	Jibe Tech
14	ESP	Guillermo Altadill Fischer/Jorge Ochoa Torres	30616	30616	142	Sidewinder G	Quantum/North	Proto
15	BRA	Gabriel Lorenzo/Raphael Ribeiro	30609	30113	135	Sidewinder	Olimpic	Persson
16	ARG	Trixy Agusti/Yuyu Agusti	29340	30359	114	Sidewinder G	North	Starmarine
17	NOR	Eirik Olav Wroldsen/Birgitte Reiersen	29152	29152	140	Proctor	Olimpic	Persson
18	CHI	Thomas Middleton/Luciano Juarez Dover	28643	29104	137	Proctor	North	Persson
19	BRA	Mateus Vieira Figueredo/Alain Voilland	30639	29013	160	Proctor	Santa Cruz	Persson
20	MEX	Arael Sanchez/Arturo Sanchez	27515	29511	133	Proctor	North	Persson
21	COL	Delio Delgado/Federico Concha	29353	29151	130	Sidewinder G	Olimpic/North	Persson



Brazilians Bethlem & Bianchi the Best!



Bruno Bethlem and super crew Dante Bianchi finally accomplished their dream of winning the Snipe Worlds. The title has eluded them for the past few Worlds, but hard work, time in the boat and smart sailing gave them the title with a race to spare.

Forty-nine teams representing eighteen countries traveled around the globe to determine the 2009 Champions. Past world and hemisphere champions as well as the 3-time junior world champions were on the

race course where the competition was as tough as the conditions — light and shifty winds off San Diego and the Pacific Ocean with its own curves to throw with swells, current and the ever present kelp.

The Junior World competitors seemed to have the better part of the wind conditions as the Senior World sailors conditions were in the 8-14 knot range for the week. Spaniards Gustavo del Castillo Palop and Felipe Llinares Pascual opened the regatta leading after 3 races with a 5-5-3. The rest of the leaders scored at least one double digit race for the day. Day 2 brought southerly winds that decreased during the day but the hemisphere champions from Europe and the western hemispheres were at the top of the leaderboard: del Castillo/Pascual and Bruno Bethlem and Dante Bianchi of Brazil.



The third day found 2 more races and figured in a drop race, moving Bethlem/Bianchi into a 25 point lead over the 49 boat fleet. More breeze, kelp and swells were the challenge on the course for the day. Day four produced more consistent wind in the 12-15 knots range with a few puffs to 16 and Bethlem/Bianchi again increasing their lead. The race was forming in the next tier where only 10 points separated 2nd through 6th place with 5 countries battling for the podium.

The final two races of the regatta saw a few positions in the top 10 shuffle around, but Bethlem/Bianchi were able to secure the title with a race to spare. Del Castillo/Llinares sailed a drop and a 4th to give them 2nd overall while Ernesto Rodrigues/Megan Place of the US and Takumi Nakaura/Junichiro Shiraishi of Japan, battled it out for 3rd. The Japanese who had sailed a solid regatta only to have a bad last race, settled for 4th overall. Rounding out the top 5 were Alexandre Tinoco and Victor Mendes of Brazil.

The social scene found *Serious Sailing*, *Serious Fun* the theme. The locals organized



2009 Snipe World Championship
Final Results
 San Diego, California, USA
 September 4-12

<i>Skipper/Crew</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Finishes</i>	<i>Total</i>
1. Bruno Bethlem/Dante Bianchi	BRA	4-3-(13)-1-3-1-2-3-(14)-5-1	23
2. Gustavo del Castillo/Felipe Llinares	ESP	5-5-3-9-11-(16)-6-7-2-(23)-4	52
3. Ernesto Rodriguez/Megan Place	USA	13-2-(28)-(23)-1-3-10-9-4-3-13	58
4. Takumi Nakmura/Junichiro Shiraishi	JPN	(ocs)-7-4-6-2-10-5-8-6-1-(19)	59
5. Alexandre Tinoco/Victor Mendes Martins	BRA	(18)-(18)-9-4-16-2-4-10-1-11-5	62
6. Alexandre Paradedda/Gabriel Kieling	BRA	11-4-(26)-5-4-5-18-6-(raf)-6-16	75
7. Manu Hens/Enrico Michel	BEL	15-9-2-10-5-6-12-(30)-3-922)-20	82
8. Nicholas Voss/John Fretwell	USA	(rdg 19)-14-10-7-10-15-13-(22)-10-4-9	92
9. Augie Diaz/Kathleen Tocke	USA	14-13-1-8-14-12-9-(16)-11-(ocs)-15	97
10. Pablo Defazio/Manfredo Fink	URU	(21)-11-18-14-8-9-(raf)-12-13-15-3	103
11. Jordi Triay Pons/Arturo Barrancos Salamanca	ESP	12-8-19-(cnf)-30-11-11-18-(24)-2-2	104.9
12. Rayco Tabares Alvarez/Gonzalo Morales	ESP	8-1-22-(ocs)-20-18-3-5-9-21-(raf)	107
13. George Szabo/Carol Cronin	USA	(zfp33)-(30)-16-11-6-23-8-2-22-8-12	108
14. Jorge Murrieta/Alejandro Murrieta	MEX	(22)-7-(27)-2-13-4-16-20-8-19-21	110
15. Alfredo Gonzalez/Christian Sanchez Barreto	ESP	(33)-6-15-13-(dsq)-27-17-11-7-7-11	114
16. Javier Ocariz/Nicolas Ocariz	ARG	(26)-10-7-24-24-(26)-7-13-19-16-7	127
17. Brian Bissell/Kate Sheahan	USA	zfp12-22-12-3-12-19-15-(29)-20-17-(24)	132
18. Mario Tinoco/Matheus Goncalves	BRA	zfp20-24-(38)-21-22-8-1-14-17-(26)-10	137
19. Rafael Gagliotti/Rodrigo Coelho	BRA	9-29-8-(ocs)-32-(36)-21-1-18-12-8	138
20. Tiago Roquette/Luis Pessanha	POR	6-12-17-12-21-(34)-(ocs)-24-5-30-25	152
21. Kenji Abe/Takuro Tanaka	JPN	zpf13-15-(33)-15-7-28-20-31-(36)-18-6	153
22. Agustin Zabalua/Mariano Arroyo	ARG	7-26-(36)-19-36-7-19-4-(raf)-13-30	161
23. Aureliano Negrin/Oliver Herrera	ESP	32-(37)-20-16-17-17-(dnf)-19-23-9-14	167
24. Mateus Tavares/Luiz Edurado Perez	BRA	20-(36)-11-(29)-23-29-14-21-26-10-22	176
25. Doug Hart/Eric Wilcox	USA	1-(34)-24-22-19-14-22-17-31-(ocs)-32	182
26. Hal Gilreath/Clayton Dixon	USA	(37)-23-31-27-15-25-24-(39)-27-14-18	194
27. Pedro Garra/Diego Henon	URU	(36)-19-14-20-18-(35)-31-26-12-35-23	198
28. Roberto Vidal Torrente/Jose Ramon Pardo	ESP	28-27-5-26-26-20-(dnf)-(dsq)-25-29-27	213
29. Dario Bruni/Sofia Bonomi	ITA	27-20-(40)-34-9-38-34-28-15-(ocs)-31	236
30. Christian Andersen/Andreas Lowenborg	DEN	17-(43)-30-18-(34)-32-27-cn31.9-29-20-34	238.9
31. Joao Pedro Santos Barreto/Diogo Nuno Lopes	POR	24-16-31-25-(42)-(39)-35-15-34-24-38	242
32. Paolo Lambertenghi/Antonio Bari	ITA	zpf35-(38)-34-28-(37)-24-25-33-16-31-17	243
33. Birger Jansen/Lise Gehrken	NOR	(zfp39)-32-6-37-35-31-rdg17-25-(39)-36-26	245
34. Pietro Fantoni/Marinella Gorgatto	ITA	16-33-25-(dnf)-29-21-29-38-(41)-38-29	258
35. Yoshimune Yasumori/Yoshiyuki Morimoto	JPN	(zfp41)-28-23-31-31-22-(41)-32-28-28-37	260
36. Gavin O'Hare/Worri Duffy	USA	42-31-37-(ocs)-25-30-23-23-40-25-33	267
37. Jimmie/Lori Lowe	BAH	38-(44)-44-(ocs)-27-13-32-42-32-34-28	290
38. Don Bedford/Gus Wirth	USA	(zfp50)-21-29-(dsq)-38-37-26-37-21-ocs-40	299
39. Jean Jacques Frebault/Gilles Boisaubert	FRA	35-25-(46)-32-33-43-33-34-33-(ocs)-36	304
40. Miguel Graca/Teresa Inacio	GER	(41)-40-32-33-39-33-28-35-37-27-(41)	304
41. Robert Dunkley/Michell Lakin	BAH	34-35-35-30-28-(40)-40-36-38-33-(42)	309
42. Alessandro Rodati/Barbara Bonini	ITA	30-39-39-35-(41)-(44)-30-40-30-32-35	310
43. Claus Carpelan/Riku Vaariskoski	FIN	39-(49)-(49)-36-45-41-37-41-35-37-45	356
44. Douglas/Melanie Broeker	USA	43-(45)-41-39-40-42-42-(48)-42-43-39	371
45. Jorn Haga/Laura Lantier	NOR	44-41-(48)-38-48-46-36-44-44-39-(dnc)	380
46. Mats Gothlin/Marten Gothlin	SWE	(zfp50)-46-45-(ocs)-44-45-39-43-45-41-43	391
47. Fredrik Marius Selvig/Hans Fredrik Ingeberg	NOR	(zfp50)-(47)-43-42-43-47-44-45-43-42-46	395
48. Harri Palm/Kirsten Palm	CAN	(48)-42-47-40-46-(49)-43-47-46-40-47	398
49. Hanna-Leena Lehtinen/Juha Lehtinen	FIN	47-(48)-42-41-47-(48)-45-46-47-44-44	403

tastes of local flavor including wine tasting, local swordfish grill, tacos and a visit to Old Town San Diego. The prizegiving after party was epic. Joyous celebration as only the Brazilians can do – was contagious for all. The party spilled onto the deck of SDYC where a band played under the stars into the night with sailors and fans dancing into the wee of the night.

On to Denmark where the 2012 Worlds will be held in Rungsted. Sailors and fans can bet the European and Western Hemisphere events will be very competitive in the coming year!





Finish	Skipper/Crew		Sail #	Hull#	wt kg	Mast	Sails	Hull
1	Bruno Bethlem/Dante Bianchi	BRA	30546	30800	138	Sidewinder Gold	Zaoli	DB Marine
2	Gustavo del Castillo/Felipe Llinares	ESP	29718	29718	140	Sidewinder	North/Quantum	Persson
3	Ernesto Rodriguez/Megan Place	USA	30473	30473	131.5	Sidewinder Gold	Olimpic	Persson
4	Takumi Nakamura/Junichiro Shiraishi	JPN	30233	30233	138	Sidewinder	North JPN	Persson
5	Alexandre Tinoco/Victor Mendes Martins	BRA	30703	29811	132	Sidewinder Gold	Zaoli	Persson
6	Alexandre Paradedá/Gabriel Kieling	BRA	29821	30761	145	Sidewinder Gold	Zaoli	DB Marine
7	Manu Hens/Enrico Michel	BEL	30714	30704	135	Sidewinder Gold	Olimpic	DB Marine
8	Nicholas Voss/John Fretwell	USA	28814	28814	137.5	Sidewinder Gold	Quantum	Persson
9	Augie Diaz/Kathleen Tocke	USA	30288	30888	131	Sidewinder Gold	Quantum	DB Marine
10	Pablo Defazio/Manfredo Finck	URU	29251	30762	135	Sidewinder Gold	North	DB Marine
11	Jordi Triay/Arturo Barrancos	ESP	30754	30754	131	Proctor	Zaoli	DB Marine
12	Rayco Tabares/Gonzalo Morales	ESP	30805	30805	140	Sidewinder Gold	Quantum	Zeltic
13	George Szabo/Carol Cronin	USA	30337	30337	142	Sidewinder Gold	Quantum	Persson
14	Jorge Murrieta/Alejandro Murrieta	MEX	25715	29511	136	Sidewinder Gold	Quantum	Persson
15	Alfredo Gonzalez/Christian Sanchez	ESP	30147	29545		Sidewinder	Quantum/North	Persson
16	Javier Ocariz/Nico Ocariz	ARG	28647	30359	132	Sidewinder Gold	Zaoli	Persson
17	Brian Bissell/Kate Sheahan	USA	29222	29222	131.5	Sidewinder Gold	North	Persson
18	Mario Tinoco/Mateus Goncalves	BRA	29497	29197	138	Proctor	Olimpic	Persson
19	Rafael Gagliotti/Rodrigo Coelho	BRA	30513	29104	140	Sidewinder	North	Persson
20	Tiago Roquette/Luis Pessanha	POR	29967	29967	136	Sidewinder Gold	North JPN	Persson
21	Kenji Abe/Takuro Tanaka	JPN	30622	30622	128	Sidewinder Gold	Zaoli	Persson
22	Agustin Zabalua/Mariano Arroyo	ARG	28786	29112	143.5	Sidewinder Gold	Quantum/Zaoli	Jibtech
23	Aureliano Negrin/Oliver Herrera	ESP	29145	30780		Sidewinder Gold	Quantum	AX Astilleros
24	Mateus Tavares/Luis Eduardo Perez	BRA	30693	30113	142	Sidewinder	Olimpic	Persson
25	Doug Hart/Eric Wilcox	USA	29941	29941	129	Sidewinder	North	Persson
26	Hal Gilreath/Clayton Dixon	USA	8653	30638	134	Sidewinder Gold	Quantum	Jibtech
27	Pedro Garra/Diego Henon	URU	29891	30759	135	Sidewinder Gold	North	DB Marine
28	Robert Vidal/Jose Ramon Pardo	ESP	29093	29093	142	Sidewinder	Quantum	Persson
29	Dario Bruni/Sonia Bonomi	ITA	30706	30109	129	Sidewinder Gold	Zaoli/North	Persson
30	Christian Anderson/Andreas Lowenborg	DEN	29916	29108	145	Sidewinder Gold	Quantum	Persson
31	Joao Barreto/Diogo Nuno	POR	30554	30554	135	Sidewinder Gold	North	Persson
32	Paolo Lambertengi/Antonio Bari	ITA	30009	28854	138	Sidewinder Gold	Olimpic	Persson
33	Birger Jansen/Lise Gehrken	NOR	30840	30217	145	Sidewinder	Quantum	Persson
34	Pietro Fantoni/Marinella Gorgatto	ITA	15790	30088	117	Sidewinder Gold	Quantum	Persson
35	Yoshimune Yasumori/Yoshiyuki Morimoto	JPN	30623	30623	128	Sidewinder Gold	Zaoli	DB Marine
36	Gavin O'Hare/Watt Duffy	USA	30629	30550	146.5	Sidewinder Gold	North	Jibtech
37	Jimmie/Lori Lowe	BAH	30511	29702	123.5	Sidewinder	Quantum/Ullman	Persson
38	Don Bedford/Gus Wirth	USA	30618	30618	138	Sidewinder	Quantum	Jibtech
39	Jean-Jacques Frebault/Gilles Boisaubert	FRA	30757	30569	148	Sidewinder Gold	Starvaes	Jibtech
40	Miguel Graca/Theresa Inacio	GER	30666	30666	128	Sidewinder Gold	Zaoli/North	Persson
41	Robert Dunkley/Michelle Lakin	BAH	30630	30611	131	Sidewinder Gold	Olimpic/Quantum	Jibtech
42	Alessandro Rodati/Barbara Bonini	ITA	30530	30364	134	Proctor	Ullman	Persson
43	Claus Carpelan/Riku Vaariskoski	FIN	29965	29200	151	Sidewinder Gold	Quantum	Persson
44	Douglas/Melanie Broeker	USA	29602	29602	132.5	Sidewinder	Quantum/Olimpic	Persson
45	Jorn Haga/Laura Lantier	NOR	13923	29710	132	Proctor	Olimpic	Persson
46	Mats Gothlin/Marten Gothlin	SWE	30050	29151		Sidewinder Gold	North	Persson
47	Fredrik Marius Selvig/Hans Fredrik Ingenberg	NOR	30394	28679	162	Sidewinder	Quantum	Persson
48	Harri/Kirsten Palm	CAN	29317	29317	104	Sidewinder Gold	Quantum	Persson
49	Hanna-Leena/Juha Lehtinen	FIN	30502	30833	134	Sidewinder	Quantum	Jibtech





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page 10: pre-opening ceremonies
 page 9: Spanish sailors mug for the camera
 page 8: upper left: Bruno congratulates super crew Dante Bianchi; Bethlem & Bianchi lead into the 1st mark.
 Mid-page 8: busy rounding.
 lower page 8: Kenji Abe and Takuro Tanaka with Doug Hart and Gus Wirth behind in bow 45.

Above: BRA Gagliotti/Coelho pop out of a tack, in front of Alessandro Rodati and Barbara Bonini.
 Right: Celebrating as only the Brazilians can!



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San Diego, California, USA

1. The meeting was called to order Saturday, September 5, 2009 at 9:20am at the San Diego Yacht Club by Commodore Pedro Garra. Those in attendance were: Luis Pessanha, Vice Commodore; Harri Palm, Canada; Alessandro Rodati, Italy; Dante Bianchi, Brazil; Jiro Yamamoto, Secretary; Christian Skjoldvang Andersen, Denmark; Don Hackbarth, USA; Gilles Boisaubert, France; Juha Lehtinen, Finland; Kenji Abe, Japan; Birger Jansen, Norway and Jereilyn Biehl, Executive Director. Observers included Gene Soltero and Mary Buckley, USA.

2. Greetings from US National Secretary Don Hackbarth. Don welcomed everyone to the US and commented on the long history of the Snipe in San Diego. He wished everyone an excellent time on and off the water.

3. Approval of minutes from 2007 National Secretaries meeting: Don Hackbarth motioned to accept as distributed. Harri Palm seconded. Motion passed.

4. National Secretaries Meeting

ARGENTINA: A report was read by Commodore Garra from NS Pancho Agusti. ARG has 50-70 boats. Our calendar has 6 regattas held in different parts of the country and includes rankings to promote various championships. We promote our events and have a good relationship with the FAY. In 2009 we were happy with the return of our measurer Alejandro Viacava. We have slow and sustained growth and we have many junior crews. Suggestions: improve the number of junior competitors at the Junior Worlds. ARG approved organizing the Junior and Senior Worlds together – this helped in efficiency of organization, coaching, boats, etc.

BAHAMAS: no report

BELGIUM: SCIRA Belgium is in good shape. During the Championship we had 28 starters. We are now, apart from the Optimist, the biggest Racing class. This was confirmed by the Federation. We travel a lot through Europe to attend races. The only problem to grow is to find good priced second hand boats.

BRAZIL: Dante Bianchi reported that Brazil is a big country and that 4-5 years ago there were only 2 big cities actively sailing: Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo. The Class has changed and we have been moving the Nationals to areas to grow fleets. Salvador was the latest venue and there are now 56 boats in the region. In the following years – 2010 and after we will go to southern Brazil to grow. Our new builder is strong and helps promote sailing Snipes. Junior – mostly from Optimist sailing, move to Snipes or Lasers. We will

hold the Master Worlds in 2010 in Rio, Sept. 19-26 when there is not too much wind. Races will be held in the morning. We don't have many Master sailors in Brazil right now but many will come back to race. Clube dos Jangadeiros will host the 60th Anniversary of the Worlds by holding a Masters event in October.

CANADA: Harri Palm noted that most sailing is centered in Guelph on the Lake. We now have 12-13 boats with 12 at the Nationals. Many new sailors are coming to the Class. Some Star sailors are moving to the Class, but we need boats to grow the fleet. There are 17-20 boat and 20-30 members. We host 2 major regatta a year, our Spring event and nationals in the summer. The 2010 WH&O Championship will be held at Buffalo Canoe Club. Harri is working on getting younger sailors into the Snipe. Toronto has submitted a bid to host the 2015 Pan Am Games.

DENMARK: Christian Anderson reported that the Class is status quo. Wiibro Cup is our main event and also serves as our Nationals. 12 boats sailed for Denmark in the Wiibro Cup. Our fleets are mainly Espergaerde and Faaborg.

FINLAND: Juha Lehtinen reported that Finland has had 59 sailors in major regattas, with 29 boats registered in 6 active fleets: Helsinki, Lappeeranta, Turku, Pori, Tampere and Oulu. There were 22 boats at the Finnish Nationals in Tampere. Our ranking system has 6 regattas and 63 sailors participate. Ville Aalto-Stealla is our new Champion and he is sailing with his 12 year-old son. A discussion was held on the European Deed of Gift and age limits. Finland old old timer Classic regattas with boats built in the 50-60s and 60-70s with an emphasis on Serious Fun. Finland had 1 competitor at the Winter Circuit and 1 in the Swedish Nationals and 2 boats at the Worlds.

FRANCE: Gilles Boisaubert reported that the situation in France both for Snipes and for other classes (with maybe the exception of the 505) is getting critical. At the beginning of the season, the number of entries in many races was dramatically low, hardly ever exceeding 6 boat at best. Even the events organized by the French sailing Federation, which should have been a highlight in the season, failed to attract more than 3 Snipes – this might prove very detrimental to the image of our Class. For the first time in 40 years the race at Audierne had to be cancelled. Only 2 races attracted more than 10 boats: The Le Havre competition in June and the Nationals in Lorient in July. This entails that some clubs are getting reluctant to organize races for such a poor attendance. Why such a low turn

out? The calendar offers a nice variety of races but members seem to have other points of interest that keep them away from their boat. Clocking a whole weekend for a competition might look too much to some of them. Older members are getting older and younger ones have new families to keep them busy or houses to improve during their leisure time. The main point being that driving 600 km in the night to and from a race is not appealing to people any longer, not to mention the increased cost of such outings. The Anney fleet has practically disappeared again but there is good hope of building a new one in the northwest of Paris where a sailor has moved. We can only hope that the last part of the season will be better with several races around Paris which usually draw a number of competitors. To finish on a brighter side, let's not forget we still have sailors who are very dedicated to the class and who keep going abroad (Belgium, Spain, Italy) and sail races where competition is high. We must also mention the website maintained by Gilles Boisaubert which is still very successful in and outside the class. It is very complete with information, a history of the class, the calendar, results, etc. The French Bulletin is published 3 times a year.

GERMANY: no report

ITALY: Alessandro Rodati reported that Italy is very strong with 160-170 boats. We have active fleets mostly in the Northern and middle of the country. We hold 4 National events, 1 National Championship and 1 medium event with 40 boats. The Piada Trophy, held in Cervia, is one of the most attractive events in Europe. Everyone is invited to participate and we stress Serious Fun with a go-kart race, pasta and wine. We'd like to extend this invitation to all and we will provide accommodation. We currently have 10 junior boats. In 2010 we are working on a Circuit from Cervia, Venice, Monfalcone and Croatia.

JAPAN: Kenji Abe reported that Japan has 1100 members. Japan has 10,000 sailors and SCIRA Japan has 10% of the Japanese sailing. We have 7 active fleets that hold local championships. Our Nationals had 65 boats. In 2008 we had many younger and experienced teams and the young team won. In 2008 we had 9 teams attend the WH&O Championship; 1 in the Piada Trophy and in 2009, 3 in the Worlds, 1 in Piada and 2 at the Junior Worlds. The economy has prevented us from sending full teams. The age increase of the Juniors has been very good for Japanese younger sailors who are much more active. SCIRA Japan has applied that ALL sailors must be members, not just from the Nationals up.

NORWAY: Birger Jansen reported that Norway is in a stable situation. There were 50-60 boats at the Nationals, spread across 4 active fleets. Many sailors travel around the world. It is difficult to purchase new boats in Norway.



POLAND: The following report was sent by Zbigniew Rakocy. Snipes in Poland are very successful. In 2007 we had 18 boats old and new. In the year 2008 arrived 2 Skipper and 1 Persson. In 2009 as well we have 2 new Perssons. This represents an increase in the period between the Worlds (2007 & 2009) of 28%. I consider it a big success and I hope that it will continue to grow in Poland as dynamic as it is or better. Our competitors took part in many international events. We participated in the 2007 Worlds in Porto, the Jr. Worlds in Italy, European Championships in Las Palmas, Women's Worlds in Spain and the World Masters in Trieste. In addition, every year we take part in numerous regattas in Italy, Belgium and Benelux. Please note that Poland is in Eastern Europe and the minimum distance is 1200km although with sponsors we can compete with the best in Europe and worldwide. We regret that we could not send a team to these Worlds. In Poland we annually conduct the Polish Championships with Primavera Polis Cup regatta. A combination of both can provide support from well-known beverage manufacture San Benedetto. During the year we conduct a series of regattas for the Polish Cup. This is usually 10 regattas at various open expanses. Our best crew is two young guys – Piotr Manzak and Tomek Waszak. In 2009 we organized also the European Cup 2009 sponsored by San Pellegrino brand owned by Nestle Group. That event was a huge success with 26 crews of 4 countries. I would like to bring it up about sponsorship in the public of Snipe Class because my previous activities with sponsors led to development in Class in Poland and a very broad interest in sailors from other classes.

PORTUGAL: Luis Pessanha reported that activity in Portugal decreased after the Worlds in 2007, but in 2009 we saw many Olympic sailors coming to the Class. We have 30 boats and 60 members. We share our Champions with the Spanish in the North and South. Our fleets are in Oporto and Lisbon and we are building a fleet in the Algarve. We plan to catch junior sailors with a strategy with fleets and clubs. We have 3 masters crews which is new for our class.

SPAIN: Fernando Tajuelo submitted the following report: The generational change firstly announced at 2003 keeps on. At present there are a lot of young people around 20 years old. The number of juniors is increasing. The lack of girls is still observed, but more girls are sailing now, especially among the younger sailors. We have gathered around 880 boats at both qualifying regatta: Spanish Cup and National Championship. Although our Nationals continue to be closed, we admit up to 8 foreign teams as guests. We have applied for the 2011 Worlds and are interested in the 2012 Master Worlds.

SWEDEN: The Snipe situation in Sweden is as it has been for the last few years with about

50 boats and 80 members. The Swedish Championship was arranged by the new Snipe fleet in Vastervik. There were 23 boats starting, but the best thing was that we were 20 Swedish boats this time which is good compared with last year. During this season we have also launched a new website that has made it easier to update and to communicate with the members. Same web address as before but with a new look. We have also noticed more interest for the Snipe Class due to the fact that EC will be arranged in Norway 2010. Sweden will have 1 boat competing at this Worlds. We haven't had any junior teams competing this year. Hopefully the WC 2011 will be held in Denmark because we believe that is very positive for the Snipe Class in northern Europe.

USA: Don Hackbarth reported that USA membership and boat registration is struggling to maintain a level of 700 and boat registrations of 500. We expect to end up in 2009 with between 675 to 700 members and 485-500 boats. We have been maintaining a historically high number of juniors (approx. 8-100). Our Masters category is now over 50% of our membership and a much higher % of our boat owners. Numerous older fleets are dying out, largely on the inland lakes but several new fleets or revivals of previously dormant fleet is being experienced. This year's registrations indicate a significant increase in the number of beginner sailors or people with a moderate amount of sailing experience but new to the Snipe. There has been a notable increase in the registration of older boats which have been dormant for several years. Also, at Jerelyn's suggestion, USA has been promoting the Classic/wooden Snipe. There appears to be a significant number of older/retired sailors out there that have strong emotion regarding their past years sailing Snipes and/or a keen interest in restoring wooden Snipes. John Rose is leading the charge to cultivate this market for membership and it is working, but slowly. We will host a class Snipe rally in conjunction with the US Masters Championships. The finances remain quite adequate. We have not needed to raise our basic dues for the past 5 years. We are operating on a very tight, breakeven budget but at the same time funding several promotional and Class development projects. The factors in our ability to maintain financial strength have been 1) adoption 5 years ago of a volunteer based model; 30% of our membership pays a premium (voluntary) membership fee; a portion of our promotional expenses are funded by the earnings of a fund established by member donations and a donor who contributed to help fund clinics and other activities designed to recruit new members. Participation has been down

at our major events, however at the same time the events that are shorter and involve less travel time are seeing greater participation. USA introduced a new DVD "Tuning and Better Boat Handling" It is for sale on the USA website. US maintains its own database which contains much more information re our members than SCIRA Int. collects. From our database we not only mail our US Snipe Sailor but also send email communications to designated portions, or all of our membership. We have on our website a searchable pdf file of all our current members and registered boats. It is updated at least weekly and is available to any person managing/verifying registrations for events. We do not use the ODB for any purpose other than to provide the membership cards to our members attending international events. Our Board has formed a committee which has reviewed the USA database and the ODB and it has concluded that double direct entry of membership and boat data into a nations' database and the ODB is an inefficient use of the overall class resources. They strongly recommend that a method to download the information that SCIRA Int. wants from each nation's database be established immediately. USA has offered to help in its development and possibly its costs. USA also considers the rule re membership cards to be redundant and inefficient use of overall class resources when an ODB of members and boat registrations is being used. USA also requests that in the case where a nation has an administrator, in addition to a national secretary, that the Executive Director work more directly and effectively with the nations administrator, while at the same time keeping the National Secretary informed of communications. Many US members were shocked to see the SCIRA Low Point scoring system dropped without extensive discussion at the national level. USA will be considering recommending to event organizers the modification of the SI's rules re: DNF, DNS and TLE to conform to the prior SCIRA Low Point approach.

URUGUAY: Pedro Garra read the report submitted by Maria. We started in 2008 with the preparation of WH&O in Punta del Este, an excellent championship which promoted the snipe sailing in Uruguay throughout the 2008. Unfortunately, this year the membership has decreased to 8 boats & 18 members, which represents a 34% decrease in comparison to 2008. Such situation is due to, on one hand, fewer places to classify for the World Championships and on the other, the appearance of 420, and



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laser as Olympic class for women, which are easier boats to get in Uruguay for sailors after Optimist. However, the Juniors sailors have gone on with the training for the world championship as well as the Seniors who classified. We are still looking forward to maintain the ranking system to attract sailors, encouraging juniors to sail with the seniors and sail with others fleets near Uruguay to increase our competency. For the next year, because of my duty as the new NS, the proposal is to motivate our fleet with championships like the South American and the WH&O, and show the Snipe to the Optimist sailors, who are our future.

5. European Report: Stefano Longhi submitted the following report:

The situation is stable even if some countries are growing up like Poland and Croatia and for some is impossible for me to contact the NS of Belarus, Russia and Ukraine so we cannot know the situation. It will be useful to control again if the email is correct. I ask to Zibi Rakocy, as East European Secretary, to contact them if possible. This year we had the first edition of Sergio Michel Trophy for the winning crew of the South European Championship held in Caldonazzo with 33 boats representing four nations Italy, Germany, Poland and Brazil. Rochelli-Semec won a very nice trophy made in wood from an artist from Trieste donated by Sergio Michel's family. This is a perpetual Trophy and next year the SE Championship will be held again, after many years, in Croatia.

This year we had again in Croatia a nice regatta in Omisalj (Krak Island) to test the race area for next year. The regatta was won by Rochelli-Semec and we hope Croatia will have an increase in the future because the NS Damir Vranic has a good Snipe spirit for "serious sailing but serious fun" and wants to organize events.

Poland organized the European Cup, the first regatta with money prizes, on Poznan lake where the first two places qualify for the next European Championship. There were on the water 26 boats representing 4 nations Belgium, Italy, Great Britain and Poland. All the regattas had won by Belgium teams and the overall winners were Jansen-Jacobs.

Italy organized for the third year the Piada Trophy where we had 60 boats from 11 countries, a little "World Championship", with teams of very high level like Augie Diaz or Bruno Bethlem. This is and will be in the future an international event very important to give possibility to the people can't be qualified for the Worlds or Europeans to sails with big championships and to have a great fun after regattas with all due respect of our motto "Serious sailing but serious fun". Bethlem-Paradeda won the regatta.

Denmark organized the Wibroe Cup, another "classic" regatta, with the participation of 51

boats from 6 countries. This is another international regatta that gives the opportunity to sail with the best snipe sailors. Hens-Michel won the regatta.

Spain organized the Copa de Espana in the Mar Menor with 86 boats and 3 countries represented.

Italy, in Sanremo, organized the Euro masters but unfortunately the title wasn't assigned because the number of countries represented wasn't sufficient.

Italy, in Trieste, organized the World Masters with 66 boats representing 14 countries. The event was very unlucky due to weather conditions with too much wind or no wind so only 1 race was sailed and wasn't possible to assign the Trophy entitled to Id Crook. Even if we had no races the organization in the 2 clubs STV and YCA was perfect with food, drink and parties every night. In Italy this year we had again the Junior Championship with 10 boats and also Spain had the Junior Championship with 26 boats. I haven't news about Junior Championship in other countries.

Proposals

I have 2 proposals to change the DoG of Junior European and European Championship. I heard the owners (UK and Italy) before doing the proposals and they agreed with me. For the Juniors my idea is to delete all the limits in participation if we want to increase the junior sailing. I have also another suggestion to NS regarding the organization of Junior events. In Italy and Spain the organization of Junior event must be always few days before a national championship and with this system this is the fourth year, in Italy, we can have a junior championship.

The other change concerns the DoG of European Championship to delete the rule that the skipper and crew must be of the same country. In The Worlds and WH&O Championship only the skipper must be of the country he represents. I think the actual rule is also against the Bosman sentence where is written must be a free circulation of athletes in the countries of Europe and to equalize the European DoG with the others.

During the meeting in Oporto I was charged to study a system for an international ranking list. In these two years I studied many possibilities but it's not easy to have a fair system. The first problem is to decide a different weight for the score of different level regattas. The weight could be fixed (1 for Worlds, 0,8 for Europeans and WH&O, 0,6 for Nationals and International regattas) or, like tennis, depending who will race. This second idea has the problem to find a system to assign to every sailor a

score (perhaps we can study the ISAF system but it's very plodding).

The second thing to decide is the number of regattas for the ranking list (Worlds or Continental, the Nationals and some international regattas, Wibroe, Piada, Copa de Espana o Campeonato Iberico) and the number of discards.

The third problem is to find an easy system for all the World to have the same software for the regatta results. The NS of the country where the regatta is held must be responsible to send to the coordinator of the ranking list the file in the right format. The idea for the international ranking list was Belgian because at the time they had few regattas in Belgium and they wanted to have a system to reward who sails also in other countries.

If you want I can continue to study a system. I can be helped by Daniela Semec, wife of Fabio Rochelli.

Future regattas

For next years we need from Europe bids for these regattas:

- 2011 Euro Master
- 2011 European Cup
- 2011 East Europeans
- 2011 Ladies Europeans
- 2012 Yamaguchi Women's Worlds (North Europe)
- 2012 Europeans (South Europe)

I need also to know where and when the Nordics will be held next year.

Lastly there is a possibility for next year to have a summer circuit in July, like the winter circuit in USA, in Italy and Croatia with Piada Trophy, a regatta in Trieste and the South European Championship in Croatia for 10 days. Alberto Perdisa and Pietro Fantoni are studying this opportunity

6. Western Hemisphere & Orient Report – no report

7. East European Report – no report

8. Championship Bids – confirmation of various events with approval at the Board meeting

9. New Business – none

10. Old Business.

Online Database: the ODB is currently being used by just about all countries with success. Minor adjustments continue to be made to improve the usability and function.

Rulebook: The SCIRA Rulebook has not been printed to date as the Board of Governors voted to delay due to ISAF's requirement to conform our class rules to their template. The Rulebook in its current entirety is posted on the website for viewing and download or printing. The individual sections are also available in these formats. As soon as the Board, the Technical Committee and ISAF have a better idea on the timing, the members will be informed.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:40am



Snipe EURO CUP 2009

Bart & Eva Janssens from Belgium win 1000€ in POZNAN (Poland)

As usual in Poland a great event with 26 Boats, 5 boats from Belgium, 1 Italian and 1 British.

7 races with lots of wind on the little, but very pretty lake. Poland is getting stronger every year, especially the young team Piotr Manczak and crew Tomasz.

In the Polish Open, which I also sailed just a few days before the Euro Cup, they became Polish Champion, with Nadia and myself finishing 2e.

Back to the Euro Cup, it was Bart and Eva who were sovereign, even with lots of wind they were going to fast, never the less it was a small battle between the Belgians.

Fabio and Daniela from Italy sailed very good and finished 4th, Piotr Manczak and crew Tomasz, were still sailing good but lost to much energy in the Polish Open, finishing 5th.

Jan Peeters and Marjan did some strong sailing and had a deserved 2nd place. Myself and Nadia were very happy with a 3rd place.

As we all know Zbigniew Rakocy (Ziby) is doing a lot of work for Scira Polen, and I have personally a big respect for



this. For all foreigners he organized a big bus to do a sightseeing, offered all of us many meals ect...

He managed to find good sponsors, in this case **S.Pellegrino**, which gave the possibility to have a nice Gala Dinner with live Music with nice prices, for ex. 1000€, bicycles, coffee machines, and so on.

Especially the very nice hospitality from the Polish peoples was amazing, they were so kind and happy that we all came and visit them.

Thank you again Polish friends and Ziby for all your work.

Ben Van Cauwenbergh

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The 2009 Piada Trophy, organized by Italy's illustrious Team Piada was once again a success. This year, 60 boats, from 11 countries participated in six races over three days. The international contingent was even larger this year due to the event coinciding with the Master's World Championship held the following week in Trieste, Italy.

Light winds prevailed in Cervia for the event. For those of you who don't like to hike, Piada is the event for you. Leave your hiking pants and neoprene at home, and pack your bikini or euro Speedo. Don't forget your sunscreen! **Pietro Fantoni (ITA)** was the wisest and

one of the fastest boats on the course. Having learned from experience, Pietro showed up this year, with Italian rockstar crew, **Marinella Gorgatto**, and the two of them soared around the race course at 115 kilos.

Weight was no barrier to success for **Roberto Paradedda** and his skipper, **Bruno Bethlem (BRA)** who sailed consistently fast (and in the right direction), winning half of the races. Second place finishers, **Augie Diaz** and **Kathleen Tocke (USA)**, found their groove the second half of the regatta winning two races. Team **Lambertenghi/Bari (ITA)**, one of the most consistent boats on the course, finished third. **Manu Hens (BEL)** showed blazing speed off the wind, while **Jordi Triay (ESP)** and **Max Van Pelt (BEL)** also displayed good speed around course.

Speed on the race course is only half the battle at the Piada



Trophy. The **Happy Valley Go-Kart** track is where the real speed counts. These are not your grandparents' go-karts - these are serious racing machines! Following qualifying heats, the fastest racers were split into Gold and Silver Fleets. **Francesco Perdisa (ITA)** was victorious over last year's winner, **Fabio (Rocket) Rochelli (ITA)**.

Another notable performance at the track was that of **Bruno Bethlem**, who after a very disappointing performance in last year's races (he didn't even qualify for the silver fleet), took some time off from his Snipe training schedule to practice go-karting in Brazil. His efforts paid off, earning him a spot in the Gold Fleet – congrats Bruno!



Still, Piada is not all about racing, the post-race refreshments and dinners of local wine and cuisine are always exceptional, and **Piada Bingo** stumps even the most celebrated bingo stars (non of whom were in attendance). If that's still not enough activity to fill your regatta agenda, then join the young crews and those young at heart, who could

be found taking advantage of the warm Italian summer nights, dancing in the streets until the wee hours of the morning.

Join us next year for Piada, get your charter boat early, practice your go-karting, and get ready for one of the best events of the year – P-I-A-D-A !!!

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Ernesto Rodriguez and Megan Place win North Americans

The 2009 Snipe North American championship was hosted by Erie Yacht Club (www.erieyachtclub.org) 14-17 August. This was the site of the 2006 US National Championship and the 2008 U.S. Sailing Team Racing Championship. 52 boats from 3 countries and 15 United States sailed the event.

So why Erie? The answer is that veteran Snipe sailors Holly and Gavin O'Hare, think the venue is perfect. Holly is biased as it the club where she grew up and ran the junior program for a number of years. Gavin is hooked because he married Holly... and he buys into the benefits of the venue. The recent North American Championship reminded all who attended of why the Erie Yacht Club is great for sailing dinghies:

1. Erie, PA is located centrally where many fleets can travel easily to the venue.
2. The club facility is located on Presque Isle Bay, a freshwater venue 1.5 mile wide by 7 mile long surrounded by a sandy forested peninsula. The race course is a five to ten minute sail from the club so no long tows in or out.
4. The club facility is extremely accommodating, ramps and cranes, plenty of boat park space, onsite camping, social/party tent options.
5. The club staff and their support for dinghy events is top shelf and very reasonably priced.
6. Fantastic volunteers are well schooled in running first class

event.

The 2009 North Americans were held in challenging conditions. The first two days were light, shifty and hot. Principle Race Officer Bill Lasher assisted by SCIRA Rep. Brainard Cooper struggled to complete three races in two days. The morning of Day Three brought a fresh 5-9 knots and two more races to complete the regatta with 5 races - no throughout. Full results can be viewed at: www.snipeus.org

Top two finishers qualified for the 2010 Western Hemisphere and Orient Championship in Canada.

Even though the sailing conditions were not ideal, the club and staff created a very social and friendly environment with parties and wind delays on the grassy lawn in front of the club. 2009 USA Worlds team member, Hal Gilreath, captured some of the flavor of the event with interviews and posted them at: http://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=snipe+north+americans&search_type=&aq=f

Special thanks to North Sails, Erie Beer, and Annapolis Performance Sailing for their continued support at this event.

--Gavin O'Hare



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SCIRA
Board of Governors Meeting
San Diego, California, USA
San Diego Yacht Club
September 6, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Commodore Pedro Garra at 9:05am on September 6, 2009. Those in attendance were: Commodore Pedro Garra, Rules Chairman Giorgio Brezich, Treasurer Renee Bartel, Secretary Jiro Yamamoto, Vice Commodore Luis Pessanha and Executive Director Jerelyn Biehl. Sherri Campbell of One Design Management was also in attendance for the first meeting.

A motion to invite the Past Commodores to attend was made by Renee Bartel and seconded by Giorgio Brezich. Motion passed and Terry Timm and Jerry Thompson were in attendance at various meetings.

A motion to ratify all past motions was made by Renee Bartell and seconded by Giorgio Brezich. Motion passed.

A motion to accept the minutes from the 2007 Board of Governors meeting was made and approved by the majority.

Summary of National Secretaries Meeting: Pedro Garra reported that the attendance was good and reports of membership were quite good despite the current world economy. Other information that effected SCIRA: Commodore Garra was surprised at the US report that 50% of its membership was of Masters age. Championship bids were requested and there was a consensus that joint events were much appreciated. A European ranking system is being look at by Stefano Longhi. Discussion was held to increase the entries for the European Junior Championship.

Officer Reports

Commodore: Pedro Garra thanked everyone for their hard work these past 2 years and it has been a pleasure to work together. Communication has been difficult with the US and he would like to work in a more productive way. SCIRA has been improving communications with our membership through the web page, Facebook, Virtual Paper for the Snipe

Bulletin. The printed version of the Bulletin is still necessary and the Board is preparing for a generational change. He has been working with the Rules Committee on various issues: hull compliance and the ISAF template as well as unifying scoring with ISAF. The OnLine Database is working and was developed as a tool for real time membership and MDS check.

European General Secretary: see report in National Secretary minutes
Western Hemisphere & Orient General Secretary: no report

Committee Reports

Finance: Treasurer Renee Bartell
Renee reported the organization is in good financial standing as of 8/20/09. 2009 revenues and expenses are expected to break even for the year. SCIRA was the beneficiary of a bequest from the estate of Fred Schenck in the amount of \$7,752.00. In addition, a generous donation of \$10,000 was made by Jiro Yamamoto. No plans have been made at this time for the use of these funds. There is some concern about an outstanding amount due from non-payment of 2008 dues by the Russian Snipe Association. This may have to be written off at year end. 10 measurement jigs have been built and sold. 50% of the cost was offset by the purchase price to the national authorities and the remaining 50% of the cost has been assumed by SCIRA and will be written off over a period of years. The online database project is nearly complete with the cost for this to be written off over a period of years. Current cash balances provide adequate reserve for the operation of the organization. The overall financial condition supports the current level of organization operations. Any new initiatives should be carefully evaluated before approval.

The Board then officially thanked Jiro Yamamoto for his generous donation. He responded that this was his appreciation to SCIRA for his 20 years of his involvement.

Nominating Committee: The Commodore appointed Henrique Motta, Terry Timm and Stefano Longhi to the 2009 Nominating Committee. The call for nominations will be sent to the NS and Board members after the Worlds.

Motion to adjourn the meeting until Monday at 8:00am

Meeting reconvened at 8:00am Monday, September 7.

Executive Director: Jerelyn Biehl reported the SCIRA office is working well and quarterly reports keep the Board up to date on developments and status of projects. In the past few years the main projects have been the new website; adding the Virtual Paper option to Snipe Bulletin and the Rulebook; OnLine Database project; Regatta Organization Packet update; Measurer's Handbook. The distribution of the new measurement jigs on the major continents and countries as well as with the major builders is complete. The Rulebook has been posted on the website, but not printed due to ISAF's last minute request to convert the Class rules to their template. All the MDS' that are on file in the SCIRA office have been recorded in the database. Countries & builders are doing a better job of submitting MDS' once measured. The request by 2 countries of adding an upload feature to the Online Database was discussed. The quote for this add-on feature is \$4,185. Discussion was held and the Board approved to move forward.

Technical Committee: Giorgio Brezich reported that the Technical Committee completed much work to clarify the measurement system and especially the rudders. A tolerance measurement was missing from the last 2 Rulebooks – which was added back. A group of sailors and measurers from the US argued with the Technical Committee this past 2 years which created additional and sometimes unnecessary work. It was a difficult time, but the situation is now ok. These sailors attended the measurement clinic held at these Worlds this past week. One question raised was to circulate measurement information after an event to all measurers to keep them informed. The measurement clinic, which began 12 years ago is now very important to standardize our measurement and use of tools. Giorgio also discussed the simplification of rules to make them clear and simple to avoid any misunderstanding. Giorgio and Antonio Bari have looked at the ISAF template and have divided the template into 3 parts. Giovanni Galeotti, Antonio and Giorgio will begin work on the conversion after the Worlds. Discussion was held on contacting ISAF on the expected



timetable and approval.

Rulebook: a discussion was held on the various options of getting the Rulebook to the members. A motion was made to print the Rulebook now as is and once the class rules in the ISAF template have been approved by ISAF, a reprint of just that section will be done. The Rulebooks will be mailed directly to the National Secretaries in bulk and they will then distribute to their members. Each country will be charged for the mailing. Motion passed.

Meeting was then adjourned until

Wednesday at 8:00am

Meeting was reconvened Wednesday,

September 9 at 8:00am

Technical Committee – continuation:

Future of the Class: Giorgio Brezich discussed the thickness of the hull and deck. Currently the dimensions are 3mm outside skin and core and 1.5mm inside. This is hard to determine without core samples. With modern construction methods, the minimum weight and MOI should verify a boat and we should abandon the thickness issue. The Technical Committee will give guidance to builders. Discussion was held to have up to 15kg of lead – giving a lighter boat with 15 kg of lead. The TC may propose to have a policy to reduce weight 172.8 kg to 1-2 kg per year over several years. This won't reduce the strength of the boat. The Finn Class has gone through this with success.

Comodore Garra asked Giorgio to prepare a proposal of the above and Giorgio suggested a builder's guide. *Subsequently, a sailor's forum was held and the majority in attendance did not support lowering the weight of the Snipe.*

Advertising Policy: A discussion was held on changing a championship name to reflect a sponsor. An e-mail discussion will be held following the Worlds with clarification from the Class in a written policy.

Prize Money: A motion was made by Giorgio Brezich, seconded by Luis Pessanha to add the following word to the Advertising Policy: "monetary prizes are strongly discouraged. Awarding of equipment of similar value or of benefit to all competitors would be encouraged." Motion passed.

Championships Bids

WH&O 2010: Buffalo Canoe Club, Canada. Bid was accepted. An emphasis on a good supply of charter boats is key.

Europeans 2010: Vestfjordens, Norway. Bid provisionally accepted when all items are complete.

Women's Worlds 2010: Mission Bay, California, USA. The Board will ask the US to reconsider the bid to be sailed in the ocean to meet the standard courses.

Worlds 2011: Rungsted, Denmark. Denmark will be asked to submit a bid by the end of September with a vote by the end of October.

Japan will look into hosting a major championship in the near future.

Open Forum: it was suggested to schedule an Open Forum for all sailors Thursday after sailing at the Worlds. Topics will be: Rule 42, hull weight reduction, rule changes.

Junior European Deed of Gift: Change the age to conform to SCIRA junior age limit. Remove bullet 5 to have an open Championship. Add: "Must have 3 countries to conduct a Championship. Motion by Giorgio Brezich, seconded by Pedro Garra. Motion passed unanimously.

European Championship: Motion by Giorgio Brezich, seconded by Pedro Garra to adopt the same wording as the Worlds regarding crew citizenship. Motion passed unanimously.

Decal: Motion by Pedro Garra, seconded by Luis Pessanha to increase the yearly decal fee from \$5 to \$10 beginning January 2010. Motion passed: 1 against, 4 in favor.

Verification of Membership: Motion by Pedro Garra, seconded by Giorgio Brezich to amend the wording in the Rules of Conduct and Notice of Race template: "Rules of Conduct: Entry, Eligibility and Measurement Restrictions. 3.No skipper or crew shall be eligible to enter any Class championship race unless they possess and present a current class membership card or its SCIRA-based equivalent or shows as current member in the SCIRA Official Online Database..." Motion passed unanimously.

Rule 47: Motion by Giorgio Brezich, seconded by Pedro Garra to: "delete the posi-

tion requirements concerning the grommet of the Cunningham on the mainsail." Motion passed unanimously.

Page 49: Motion by Giorgio Brezich, seconded by Pedro Garra to: change the system of tacking the measurements of sails from the center of the grommets to the corners of the sails as happens in all classes. The existing dimensions will be modified accordingly. In case of adoption of new method of measurement all actual legal sails will remain legal. Motion passed unanimously.

Rule 18: Motion by Giorgio Brezich, seconded by Pedro Garra to add the following sentences: "to use any kind of retaining system, the centerboard safety line length shall be long enough to permit, when completely tight, to raise the board up to 50 mm over the upper part of the board band to deck. Motion passed unanimously.

Rule 51.2: Motion proposed by Giorgio Brezich, seconded Luis Pessanha to modify as: "The roach on the leech and foot shall form a uniform curve from grommet to grommet without any voids scallop or hollows in the uniform radius. The mid girth measured across the sail shall be 1035 mm maximum." Motion passed unanimously.

Rule 31.5: Motion by Giorgio Brezich seconded by Renee Bartel: Boom Gooseneck: The gooseneck shall measure from the aft side of the mast to the connection with the boom, 42mm maximum. The gooseneck at the boom connection may be round or square but shall have a diameter of 13mm if round or 13x13mm if square. The boom shall have the hole of 13x13mm. Motion passed unanimously.

Rule 20: Motion by Giorgio Brezich seconded by Pedro Garra: Rudder Head: The rudder thickness above and below the water line, **excluding the tiller attachment area**, shall be 19mm minimum and 38 mm maximum. Motion passed unanimously.

Rule 51: Motion to change the rule by Giorgio Brezich, seconded by Pedro Garra: "The jib must have a wire or a **fiber line** (excluding PBO and Carbon)



attached to the luff while racing.” Motion passed unanimously.

Rule 31.3: Motion by Giorgio Brezich seconded by Renee Bartel as follows: “The use of light elastic line (shock cord) **not adjustable while racing** to remove slack in the jib stay and between the shrouds and the mast is permitted.” Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting was then adjourned until Thursday at 5:30am

Meeting was reconvened Thursday, September 10 at 5:30pm

Motion to change the **Rules of Conduct** to adopt the **Black flag** rule 30.3, or consider a boat OCS when identified started prematurely two consecutive times, under Z flag. Motion tabled.

Motion to change the Rules of Conduct to allow the course shortened **after at least 2 windward legs are completed**. Motion by Giorgio Brezich, amended & seconded by Pedro Garra. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to change the **Id Crook Memorial Trophy** Deed of Gift to allow the Championship to sail 3 races per day in case the program is running behind schedule. Motion by Giorgio Brezich seconded by Luis Pessanha. Motion passed unanimously pending approval from SCIRA Canada.

New Business:

Worlds PRO Trophy: a proposal by Past Commodore Terry Timm was made to present a trophy to recognize the PRO of the World Championship. After much discussion, the Board agreed to keep this as a gift and not create a trophy.

2008 World Masters Cancellation: the cancellation of this event was revisited and the Board reiterated the ownership of any championship by the host country’s SCIRA association as well as communication with SCIRA.

Motion to adjourn at 6:45pm



Spanish National Championships

Seniors - top 25 of 81

<u>Skipper/Crew</u>	<u>Sail #</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Finishes</u>	<u>Total</u>
1. Gustavo del Castillo Palop/Felipe Llinares Pascual	29718	RCGC	(dsq)-6-7-6-1-4-5-2	31
2. Jordi Triay Pons/Arturo Barranco	30754	CN Mahon	(dsq)-3-5-10-17-2-6-1	44
3. Francisco Sanchez Ferrer/Marina Sanchez Ferrer	29724	RCRS Ribera	(dsq)-18-2-2-4-1-8-17	52
4. Tiago Roquette/Luis Pessanha	29967	SC do Porto	3-4-8-23-(bfd)-8-4-4	54
5. Rayco Tabares Alvarez/Gonzalo Morales	30805	CCN Arrecife	(dsq)-20-6-4-21-5-1-3	60
6. Aureliano Negrin Sangines/Oliver Herrera Perez	29145	CCN Arrecife	5-22-1-8-3-21-(ocs)-13	73
7. Alvaro Martinez Iribarne/Gabriel Utrera Thompson	30768	RCM Malaga	15-2-9-18-6-9-(20)-16	75
8. Alfredo Gonzalez Gonzalez/Cristian Sanchez	30147	CIDNauticos	(dsq)-5-3-14-30-7-9-7	75
9. Ero Pons Penin/Adrian Dominguez Fajardo	28363	LC Vilagarcia	9-21-(34)-3-2-11-24-6	76
10. Marcos Miguez Gonzalez/Tamara Echgoyen Dominguez	28910	RCN La Coruna	8-13-18-11-(24)-14-3-12	79
11. Manuel Bermudez de Castro/Ignacio Jimenez Fraga	29116	RCN La Coruna	(dsq)-rdg-17-9-10-3-18-11	84
12. Pedro Barreto/Diogo Lopes	30554	CN Cascais	2-16-11-19-16-(19)-16-5	85
13. Roberto Vidal Torrente/Jose Ramon Pardo Galdo	29093	RCN La Coruna	11-7-4-21-(bfd)-6-2-39	90
14. Carlos Hernande Robayna/Hector Gonzalez Jorge	29795	CCN Arrecife	12-8-23-7-9-13-(ocs)-18	90
15. Alejandro Fresneda Arqueros/Jesus Salvador Rodriguez	30682	CM Almeria	6-(35)-19-20-5-16-11-31	108
16. Augustin Zabalua/Victor Villalba Marquez	28786	RCN Valencia	1-32-15-31-(bfd)-15-13-14	121
17. Ruben Coll Menendez/Carmen Palacio Garcia	29698	CM Mahon	4-11-24-24-27-(dnc)-12-29	131
18. Juan Deben Tiscari/Gerardo Prego Menor	29741	LC Vilagarcia	28-30-(45)-25-8-10-21-10	132
19. Jaime de Miranda Osset/Pablo Rio Yanez	28198	RCN Vigo	13-17-30-17-28 (dnc)-14-22	141
20. Bernardo Paz Docampo/Oscar Lages Crespo	29585	LC Vilagarcia	23-12-(38)-27-32-17-25-20	156
21. Jose Maria Guerrero/Andres Del Riego	29292	RCM Malaga	30-14-31-16-23-(39)-32-19	165
22. Miguel Bonte da Graca/Teresa Inacio	30666	SCWOE	16-28-25-(38)-29-28-26-15	167
23. Beatriz Penas Pedrosa/Mariano Sarmiento Pintos	28807	CM Almeria	25-44-20-13-22-23-(ocs)-32	179
24. Matias Rus Navarro/Fulgencio Ortega Hernandez	29520	RCRS Ribera	7-31-12-24-15-bfd-7-(dnc)	188
25. Francisco Palacio Iglesias/David Garcia Torrado	28622	CV Sotaventos	(dsq)-29-14-22-11-12-ocs-8	188

Junior Nationals - top 15 of 26

<u>Skipper/Crew</u>	<u>Boat #</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Finishes</u>	<u>Total</u>
1. Guillermo Altadil Fischer/Jorge Ochoa	30616	RCM Malaga	2-12-2-1-2-3-3-4	17
2. Bernado Paz Docampo/Oscar Lages Crespo	29585	LC Vilagarcia	1-3-3-5-1-11-4-6	23
3. Eliezer Fernandez Alvarez/Alvaro Ortiz Rodriguez	28996	CM Almeria	13-4-1-3-9-1-7-1	26
4. Alvaro Martinez Iribane/Gabriel Utrera Thompson	30768	RCM Malaga	6-2-9-2-3-5-1-9	28
5. Francisco Castro Dominguez/Alfonso Llade Fornos	13334	RCN Sanxenxo	3-13-10-13-4-8-5-2	45
6. Ruben C. Menendez/Borja Redondo Bua	29698	M de Mahon	9-dsq-8-4-6-4-12-5	48
7. Fernando Vazquez Fresco/Nicolas Minones	28201	LC Vilagarcia	7-7-6-8-5-19-15-12	60
8. Jose Maria Guerrero/Andres del Riego	29292	RCM Malaga	5-1-12-dsq-12-2-2-dne	61
9. Jose R Diaz Tejeiro Perez/Adrian Carus	30795	RCM Santander	11-9-4-7-27-13-14-7	65
10. Miguel Cid Montoya/Jose Angel Garcia Fdez	29574	CNR Sada	9-6-13-15-11-12-6-8	71
11. Julia Marfil Daza/Maria Garcia Llanas	30380	CM Almeria	10-14-7-10-15-6-13-11	71
12. David Gestoso Silva/Isaac Arce Arcay	11111	LC Vilagarcia	11-5-5-17-ocs-15-10-10	73
13. Marta Hdzde la Higuera/Angela Hdez de la Higuera	28197	CM Almeria	dsq-dsq-14-6-13-7-8-3	78
14. Gonzalo Arce de la Gala/Guillermo Bustillo	30141	RCM Santander	21-11-16-11-10-14-9-13	84
15. Rodrigo Abalo Martinez/Pablo Rios Yanez	30042	LC Vilagarcia/Vigo	12-10-20-12-17-10-11-14	86

Women's Nationals

<u>Skipper/Crew</u>	<u>Boat #</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Finishes</u>	<u>Total</u>
1. Julia Marfil Daza/Maria Garcia Llanas	30380	CM Almeria	3-4-1-3-5-1-3-4	19
2. Soledad Requena Pino/Ester Requena Pino	23230	RCM Malaga	5-2-2-2-6-3-2-5	21
3. Angela Pumariago Menendez/Carmen Mateo	29397	RC Astur	1-3-6-6-1-4-5-3	23
4. Loreta Nunez Varela/Carmen Vergara Ferrer	30370	LC Vilagarcia	2-1-5-4-8-5-4-2	23
5. Marta/Angela Hdez de la Higuera	28197	CM Almeria	dsq-dsq-4-1-4-2-1-1	25
6. Ma Dolores Camba Vidal/Helena Chaves	28363	LC Vilagarcia	4-7-9-5-2-6-6-dnf	39
7. Marta Perez Rodriguez/Lucia Veiga Mosquera	30242	RCN Coruna	9-2-5-3-7-7-6	42
8. Elena Goggin Lopez/Cristina Osset	29575	RCN Madrid	6-8-8-8-3-dnf-dnf-dnf	57
9. Marina Jimenez/Carmen Trinidad Bonilla	29780	RCM Malaga	8-6-10-10-9-10-8-8	60
10. Iria Lopez Moran/Sara Pena Fernandez	27855	RC Ria de Ares	9-9-dnf-dnf-dnf-8-8-7	65
11. Julia Minones Van Laethem/Carmen Blanco Mendez	28754	LC Vilagarcia	dnf-dnf-7-9-dnf-9-dnf-dnf	73



2009-10 Snipe Racing Calender

2009

Baerum Cup	October 10-11	Baerum, Norway
Semana Buenos Aires	October 17-18	Buenos Aires, Argentina
Snipe Cup	October 31-Nov 1	Cazaux-Lac, France
Copa di Lucia	December 12-13	Sweden

Nationals

USA-Master & Classic Snipe Rally	October 20-22	Atlanta, Georgia, USA
Argentina	November 6-8	Rosario, Argentina

2010

Major International Championships

Winter Circuit

Midwinters	March 14-16	Clearwater, FL, USA
Don Q	March 19-21	Miami, FL, USA
Bacardi/Gamblin	March 24-27	Nassau, Bahamas
South Americans	April 1-4	Algarobbo, Chile
North Americans	July TBD	Puerto Rico
Piada Trophy	July 2-4	Cervia, Italy
European Champs	August 8-15	Asgardstrand, Norway
W H & Orient	August 28-Sept 3	BuffaloCC, Ontario, Canada
World Masters	Sept 12-19	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Women's Worlds	TBD	

Nationals 2010

Brazil	January 23-30	Florianopolis
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2009 Dues Paid as of October 1, 2009

Country	Boats Paid	Members
Argentina	49	79
Bahamas	13	21
Belarus	0	0
Belgium	29	61
Bermuda	10	18
Brazil	126	193
Canada	15	33
Chile	13	24
Colombia	17	34
Croatia	3	10
Cuba	0	0
Denmark	5	16
Finland	33	57
France	33	52
Germany	7	9
Italy	160	313
Japan	533	1201
Mexico	6	7
Norway	112	182
Paraguay	0	0
Poland	32	35
Portugal	21	46
Puerto Rico	10	15
Russia	0	0
Spain	248	364
Sweden	49	80
Ukraine	0	0
United Kingdom	14	27
United States	465	647
Uruguay	8	20
Total	2011	3544

UK Nationals --- 'Snakes and Ladders'

The 2009 Snipe National Championships were held at Paignton Sailing Club as part of the Ocean BMW Torbay week. The 7 race series was sailed over three days and competed in by 17 crews. Although racing was extremely competitive and all places hard fought one must congratulate the run away winners and returning champions Alan Williams and Liz Pike.

This year's nationals were a break from our traditional format. As part of Torbay Week a lot of the organisation was handed over to the Torbay committee and the race course shared with the Vortex national championships and the Laser circuit fleet. The Vortex fleet were started first on an offset windward leeward course followed by the Laser fleet and then the Snipes on a standard Olympic course.

All 7 races were sailed in very similar conditions - a shifty offshore force three, combined with a short chop and holes like sinks. All three combined made for very testing races. Sails set for power and keen compass work was going to win the day.

On day one Alan Williams and Liz Pike sent a clear sign of their intentions with a clean sweep of the first three races, the other competitors were left to play snakes and ladders in the shifts whilst they sailed away effortlessly, seemingly never picking a bad shift. Ian and Richard Marshall took second in the first two races and posted their discard in the third. The third race saw the largest shifts of the day with huge payoffs on both sides of the course - for once banging the corners paid off!

Paignton Sailing Club hosted Saturday evening's entertainment. The evening was billed as a Caribbean evening with Pirate fancy dress encouraged - garrgh.. Snipers turned out on mass dressed as their pirate alter egos, it was an impressive effort - good work guys! An impromptu competition identified "Pirate Reg" as the reprobate most likely to steal your treasure. As a jilted competitor myself I think the result a little unfair; Richard Marshall barely hides his inner pirate at the best of times! Brian Gregory and Ian Knight would have made worthy crew mates along with Pirate Sue who sparked special interest from the band. Sadly the Laser and Vortex classes were conspicuous only by their absence. I guess that's living proof of our "serious sailing serious fun" motto, and confirms my theory on single handed boats.

Day 2 did not get off to an auspicious start; sailors woke from their pirate haze to rain and very little wind. Race 4 was postponed and sailors were held onshore for an hour waiting for the wind to fill in.

The last championship race on the Monday had no implication on deciding the overall winners, but all other places were up for grabs. Andy and Carol Gibson had one challenger for 2nd place but a top three result secured their position. 3rd place had four close rivals, but in the end Ian Gregory and Cécile Munoz climbed two places to take the honours and the right to write this report.

At the meal on Sunday night it was decided to run the reserve race as a "fun" race. The helms name were put into a hat and the crews picked their helm at random. The race proved to be a great success amongst competitors and one that we would like to repeat again given the opportunity. The race was won by Ian Knight and his borrowed feather weight crew Anne Gregory.

Well done to Alan Williams and Liz Pike for their series white wash.

Over all results can be seen on the Snipe website or Torbay site

1 st	GBR30316	Alan WILLIAMS	Liz PIKE
2 nd	GBR29374	Andy GIBSON	Carol GIBSON
3 rd	GBR28451	Ian GREGORY	Cécile MUNOZ



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