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Using the Quantum BW-2 main and PS-5 Jib, Augie Diaz and Kathleen Tocke won the US Nationals with: Five 1st places, One 2nd place, and One 3rd place. They threw out the third. *Same Wind, More Speed.*  
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**1st US Nationals**  
**1st\*,2nd Europeans**  
**1st North Americans**  
**2nd Womens Worlds**

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**The Count:** 16 numbers have been issued since the winter issue; Brazil 8; Japan 3, Spain 4, ITA 1  
**Numbered Snipes:** 30782  
**Chartered Fleets:** 885

**Cover photo:** Peter Griffioen and daughter Jenny work on Jenny's new Snipe in Canada. Read their story and see more photos on page 8.

**www.snipe.org**  
**Have you seen the new website?**

Register to have access to Snipe correspondence & read the Snipe Bulletin & Rulebook on-line. New features added.

**Next Issue:**  
**Winter deadline:**  
June 1

## From the Commodore -

Dear Snipe Sailors,

I am happy to announce that, since the last Bulletin, we have experienced three major improvements in our Class, all aimed for better communication with our members.

We are finally up to date with some modern communication tools, like a fresher and easier to update web page, a members blog and facebook group. I encourage you to visit [www.snipe.com](http://www.snipe.com) and start the new experience.

The idea behind the blog and the facebook group was to promote an open communication between us. We still have to figure out if you will prefer the blog or facebook. This we will see after a while. Please try and leave us your opinion.

Together with the launch of the new site, we also switched to a new-tech virtual edition of our Snipe Bulletin. Please go to the Bulletin section in the web page, to find a self-revealing easier way to go through the electronic version of our traditional magazine.

But maybe the most important change in the last months was the restructure

of our Rules Committee led by our RC Chairman and Past Commodore Giorgio Brezich. As you may know, we had some measurement issues in the recent past that made us think that we needed to put some fresh blood into the Rules Committee. No one is to blame for the problems we experienced, but maybe we were so used to not having problems that some minor ones went unnoticed.

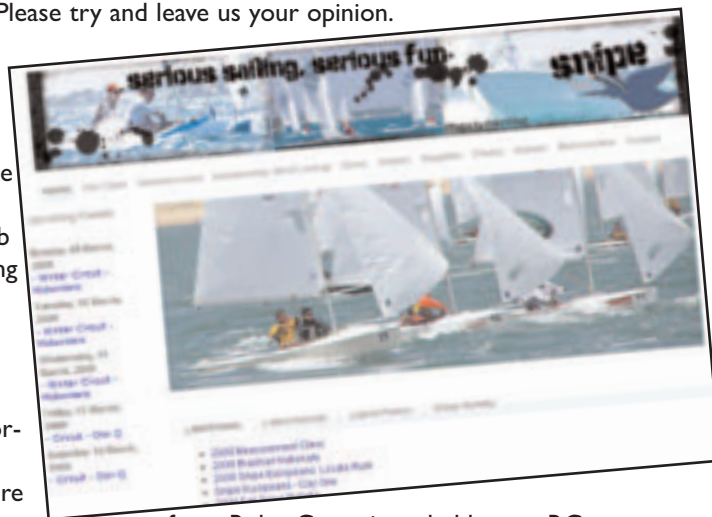
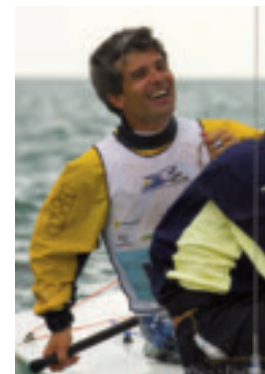
We now have Giovanni Galeotti from Belgium, as Vice Chairman of the RC, Steve Stewart from USA, as Chief Measurer and then, representing almost every other region, Ricardo Lobato from Brazil, Nobuhiko Kudara from Japan, Antonio Bari from Italy and Juan Real de Azua from Uruguay.

I've already experienced good communication among this group, together with an improvement in how we communicate the several issues to National Measurers and Secretaries.

I just wanted to share with you this moment of enthusiasm for our dear Snipe Class.

Hope to read from you in our blog or facebook group soon!

Happy sailing!



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Giorgio Brezich".



## From the Rules Committee -

The Rules Committee has been restructured after the current elections with some new faces added to involve more Snipe Class members in managing our organization during the next four years.

I would like to express my high appreciation and gratitude to those members that served the Committee for such a long time and now are no longer in the group, they are:

Johnny Macall, Fernando Garrafa and Mark Spicknal.

Some members of the previous Committee have changed position; the new structure is:

<b>Chairman</b>	<b>Giorgio Brezich</b>	<b>Italy</b>
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<b>Members</b>	<b>Antonio Bari</b>	<b>Italy</b>
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	<b>Ricardo Lobato</b>	<b>Brazil</b>
	<b>Juan Real de Azua</b>	<b>Uruguay</b>

Thanks to all for the acceptance to serve and welcome to Committee

You will note that a large part of world is represented to grant the widest share of opinions and reports from the countries.

During the last few months the Committee worked very hard to solve some problems that arose measuring the rudders during the last major championships. I suppose the solution we found is suitable to clarify any doubt without penalizing the wide majority of production and to enforce the existing rules. The Circular Letter is also published in the issue of the Snipe Bulletin and on the Snipe website.

The Board has taken the clever decision to fund the production and distribution of more suitable official tools. We enforced the necessity that all Snipe producers must own an official jig to measure the hull.

The intent is to have uniformity in our intent to keep the Snipe a strict one design class. Believe me that we are seriously following the matter daily as the questions and problems to be solved are many; which can be expected of a Class and design over 75 years old.

The interest of the Rules Committee is to monitor that our rules are performed, but also to grant sailors to sail regattas with their attention focused as much as possible on the competition and less then to measurement.

September 3<sup>rd</sup> is the day before the Worlds that is reserved for a clinic dedicated to measurers, builders, sail makers, and all those interested in better knowing how the rules have to be applied and how to use the official tools.

I sincerely hope to meet many of you in San Diego for a fruitful meeting.

Happy sailing.

**Giorgio Brezich**  
**Chairman of International Rules Committee**

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the new sensation of snipe class

# Zaoli sails snipe perfect year

2° Place (Western Hemisphere):  
ALEXANDRE PARADEDA  
& GABRIEL KIELING  
Pro Nautic Sailing Team



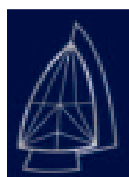
1° Place (Western Hemisphere):  
BRUNO BETHLEM & DANTE BIANCHI  
Pro Nautic Sailing Team

## 100% OF CHAMPIONSHIP WON IN 2008

1° and 2° place in the 2008  
Western Hemisphere  
(Punta Del Este - Uruguay)

1° and 2° place in the 2008  
South European  
(Cervia - Italy)

1° and 2° place in the 2008  
South Brazilian  
(São Paulo – Brazil)



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## CIRCULAR LETTER

February 5, 2009

During the 2008 editions of the Western Hemisphere and European Championships the measurers discovered widespread non compliance of rudders. The problem involved new as well as old production rudders.

It was difficult to understand the reasons for this non compliance. Following a very broad investigation which included the report and most helpful considerations of Commodore Pedro Garra, the Rules Committee determined the following:

1. Due to a an error of omission in the printing of the last two versions of the Rule Book and Measurement Sheet the tolerance for the position of the center of the radius of the bottom of the blade had been overlooked in the measurement process. The error has been corrected reintroducing the tolerance(see enclosed updated drawing)
2. Certain rudders are built so that the forward edge of the rudder head does not present a clearly defined straight edge which can be used as a reference to establish its parallel position with respect to the transom or the pintles are not fitted so as to hold the rudder parallel to the transom. This renders an otherwise legal blade illegal when it is set upon the template.

The Rules Committee wishes to avoid any possible uncertainties in measuring rudders by confirming the present rules and drawing particular attention to the formal reinstatement of the aforementioned tolerance regarding the position of the center of the radius at the bottom of the rudder blade. The front edge of the rudder above the water line shall be parallel to the transom between the knuckle and sheer. The pintles shall be fitted so as to hold the rudder parallel to the transom.

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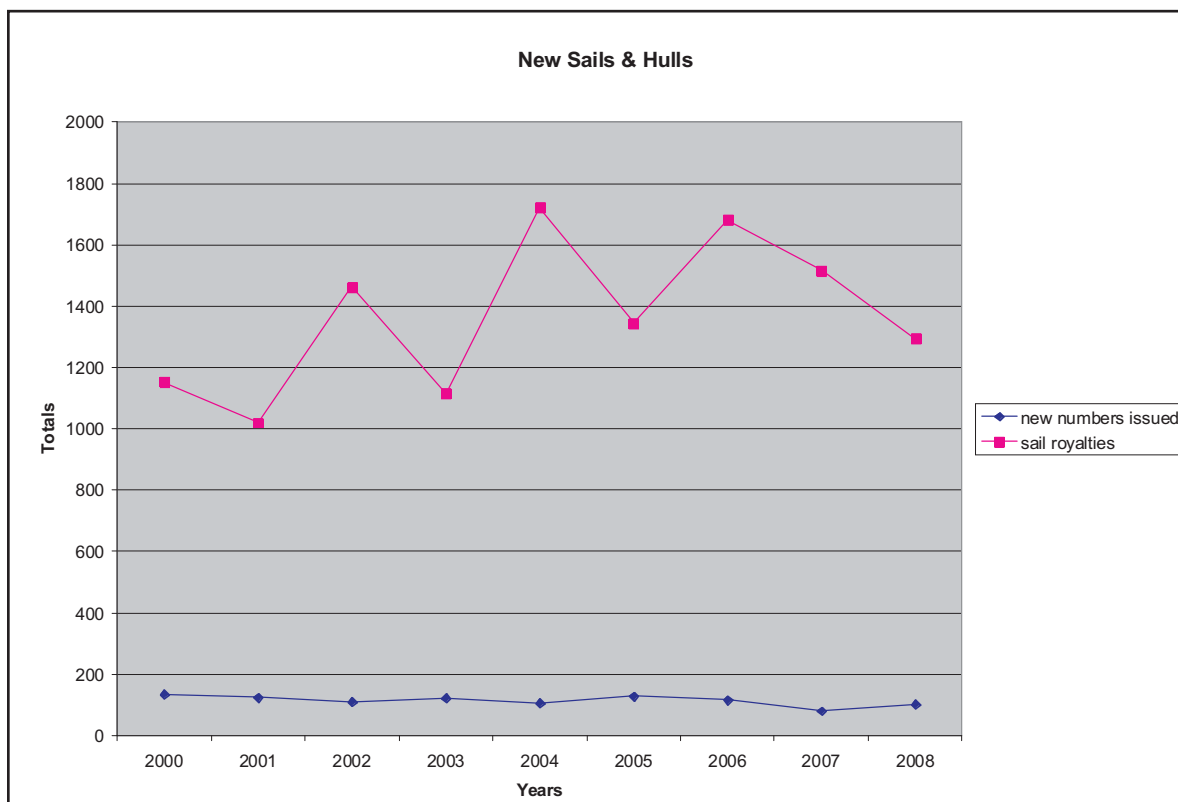


# How's the Snipe Class doing?

We often get asked, "How is the Snipe Class doing?" especially as we watch new classes emerging and some older ones fading. So we decided to show our members the strength of the Snipe Class around the world.

Indicators of the strength of a Class is usually measured by the number of paid members. SCIRA voted in 2000 to separate the boat registration and membership and we've been tracking them ever since. The Class continues to keep our memberships strong around the world as indicated by the graph below taken over a 10 year period.

Another top indicator is the sale of new boats and sails, as these show the activity of people who are actively sailing. New numbers issued to builders remain steady which is great trend for our 75+ year old design. The sails are measured by the total number of sail royalties sold worldwide.





# Sweet 16

What a 16th birthday present-in-the-making for Jenny Griffioen of Canada. Peter, Jenny's Dad, wanted to do something with his 16 year old daughter that would be comparable to his model airplane building and flying that he did with his sons. Jenny had spent a summer at Guelph Lake's sailing camp and really enjoyed it so they came up with the idea of building a sailboat. It had to fit in their 16' x 10' garage so the Snipe was a perfect fit.....literally.



On Jenny's 16th birthday in July '08, she was presented with plans and enough white cedar to build the stem. The rest of the material she has bought herself as the boat will be hers when completed. Her brother Tom helped out by making the daggerboard in his college machine shop. They are currently shopping for a used boom.

Peter said it has been a great father/daughter project so far and is really looking forward to joining the other Snipes of fleet #877 on Guelph Lake in the near future.

**--Harri Palm  
Canadian NS**





# Scrapbook - Summer of 2009



# Bethlem and Bianchi Retain the Crown

## Brazilian Nationals 2009

The Snipe Brazilian Nationals took place in the fantastic city of Salvador. The championship was organized by the Yacht Clube de Salvador and everything was perfect. After all days of races there was a barbecue and cold beer waiting for the sailors ashore. It was a great week of sailing under very good conditions. The wind was always from SE changing from 12 to 18 knots. 56 boats from the south to the north of Brazil have entered the championship. There was a spot light in the fleet 662, from Salvador. This fleet has been grown since 2005 and there are 25 boats by the moment. The local sailor Matheus Tavares did a very good job being qualified to the World Championship in San Diego in his first attempt. The two first place were like in the WH&O. Bruno Bethlem and Dante Bianchi won the title for the sixth time (five in a row) and Alexandre Paradedda and Gabriel Kieling, who retain the record of winnings (7 times), were second in a tight battle. The first master was Paulo Santos and Rodrigo Inácio. Juliana Mota and Viviane Béghin won the women division and Leonardo Taboada and Mila Beckerath won the mixed. Mário Tinoco and Matheus Gonçalves won the youth category scoring an impressive 8<sup>th</sup> place overall.

After the prize giving ceremony all sailors took a rented bus and went to the Summer Festival, that is a Music Festival where more than 80000 people dance and sing famous Brazilian Music until the sunrise.

The 2010 Brazilian Nationals will be in Florianopolis on 23-30 January. The event is open for foreign sailors.

### The following crews are qualified to the World Championship in San Diego:

Bruno Bethlem and Dante Bianchi (Present WH&O Champions)  
Alexandre Paradedda and Gabriel Kieling  
Alexandre Tinoco and Filipe Novello  
Matheus Tavares and Eduardo Peres  
Carlos Henrique Wanderley and Richard Zietmann  
Mario Tinoco and Matheus Golçalves (Present Junior World Champions)

### Qualified to the Youth Worlds Championship in San Diego

Mario Tinoco and Matheus (Present Junior World Champions)  
Bruno Nanni and Gaëtan Labi  
Gabriel Lorenzo and Raphael Ribeiro

photos: right: '97 World Champ Mauricio Santa Cruz and Luiz Canepa. Photo by Blu. Below: locals Mateus Tavares & Luiz Eduardo Perez.



Foto: Xico Dimiz - crédito obrigatório





## Results - Brazilian Nationals

	Sail No	Class	Owner	M/F	Series Points	Finishes
1	30546	SENIOR	BRUNO BETHLEN / DANTE BIANCHI	M	17	1-3-2-1-2-6-1-1-DNC57-DNS57
2	29821	SENIOR	ALEXANDRE PARADEDA / GABRIEL KIELING	M	25	3-6-3-3-1-3-3-3-6-DNS57
3	30703	SENIOR	ALEXANDRE TINOCO / FILIPE NOVELLO	M	27	6-2-4-6-8-2-4-6-2-1
4	30693	SENIOR	MATEUS TAVARES / LUIZ EDUARDO PEREZ	M	35	2-1-1-4-4-12-8-5-8-6
5	29822	SENIOR	CARLOS HENRIQUE WANDERLEY / RICHARD ZIETEMANN	M	37	5-8-8-2-4-1-5-ZFG13-DNF57-4
6	29950	SENIOR	HENRIQUE HADDAD / THOMAS LOW-BEER	M	46	8-5-5-7-3-5-28-9-4-15
7	30513	SENIOR	RAFAEL GAGLIOTTI / HENRIQUE GOMES	M	54	12-4-9-9-5-7-47-4-7-9
8	29497	JUNIOR	MÁRIO TINOCO / MATHEUS GONÇALVES	M	58	13-10-11-8-15-4-2-11-1-11
9	30539	SENIOR	MÁRIO URBAN / VICTOR MARTINS	M	66	4-7-10-5-7-11-19-10-24-12
10	30266	SENIOR	MAURÍCIO STA CRUZ / LUIZ CANEPPA	M	72	14-14-6-10-19-8-9-7-5-13
11	29818	MASTER	PAULO SANTOS / RODRIGO INÁCIO	M	77	7-9-12-12-17-14-12-ZFG28-9-2
12	30767	SENIOR	JULIANA MOTA / VIVIANE BÉGHIN	F	93	21-11-27-19-12-19-6-13-10-3
13	29319	SENIOR	GUSTAVO VIANNA / YURI MENDES	M	94	9-15-16-13-21-10-7-8-19-16
14	30656	SENIOR	RICARDO REZENDE / PHILIPPE SIQUEIRA	M	101	10-48-14-17-14-13-14-ZFG33-ZFG14-5
15	30689	SENIOR	MARCO OLIVEIRA / MARCUS CUNHA	M	103	18-12-13-15-6-15-15-16-11-21
16	30317	SENIOR	ARCÉLIO MOREIRA / RAFAEL ROSENBERG	M	105	11-DNF57-7-11-9-16-13-18-26-20
17	30690	SENIOR	FELIPE CUNHA / LEANDRO ORRICO	M	121	15-13-17-16-16-18-24-12-25-14
18	30691	SENIOR	RAFAEL MARTINS / RODRIGO PELETEIRO	M	129	16-16-15-14-23-17-25-15-13-26
19	30207	SENIOR	LUCIANO SOBRAL FILHO / CARLOS FILHO	M	150	22-20-28-18-24-26-10-ZFG34-14-8
20	30431	SENIOR	MARIO DE JESUS JR. / GABRIEL SILVA	M	170	24-17-27-20-29-39-33-19-20-28
21	27397	JUNIOR	BRUNO NANNI / GAËTAN LABI	M	175	24-23-22-21-27-21-29-14-18-24
22	30692	SENIOR	LEONARDO CHICOURÉL / MOACYR MONTENEGRO	M	180	29-24-24-26-28-25-27-26-21-7
23	30609	JUNIOR	GABRIEL LORENZO / RAPHAEL RIBEIRO	M	184	27-27-44-DNC57-31-29-16-24-12-18
24	27535	JUNIOR	ÁTILA LIMA / RICARDO MOURA	M	196	28-41-21-40-48-28-18-21-16-24
25	30257	JUNIOR	MATHEUS MEDEIROS / ANDRÉ SANTORO	M	198	22-22-30-46-10-20-26-32-33-25
26	29844	SENIOR	KURT DIEMER / GUIDO DIEMER	M	199	20-DSQ57-19-22-11-24-21-25-DNC57-DNS57
27	29971	SENIOR	ALEX BUNESE / OLAVO	M	205	35-35-34-27-38-33-11-30-17-10
28	30528	SENIOR	LEONARDO TABOADA / MILA BECKERATH	MISTA	209	19-26-DNF57-29-18-30-20-44-28-39
29	30549	SENIOR	GUILHERME BRITTO / MATHEUS JUNQUEIRA	M	214	26-19-40-35-30-31-23-20-30-46
30	30525	JUNIOR	FELIPE SABINO / GABRIEL DA SILVA	M	222	25-DNF57-25-24-OCSS7-23-42-31-35-17
31	30346	MASTER	MÁRIO EUGÊNIO TAVARES / VALÉRIA HADDAD	MISTA	244	42-36-50-39-22-22-38-27-29-31
32	29729	SENIOR	JOSÉ VICENTE MONTEIRO / CAIO TEISEN	M	246	DNF57-DNF57-39-27-20-41-DNC57-28-15-19
33	29640	SENIOR	EDUARDO PERES / ROGÉRIO FURTADO	M	247	34-31-35-23-25-32-30-37-DNF57-38
34	30297	SENIOR	MÁRIO SACCONI / CAROLINA SACCONI	MISTA	255	36-20-38-33-32-37-32-33-32-44
35	30766	SENIOR	PEDRO STRAATMANN / ALEX GIACOMIN	M	255	30-21-31-30-DNC57-DNC57-40-34-40-29
36	30064	MASTER	DONALD WRIGHT / STEPHANE VERREL	M	257	43-34-42-DNF57-35-35-24-DNF57-22-22
37	30633	SENIOR	CARLOS PRAÇA / FELIPE PRAÇA	M	260	32-29-23-36-26-DNC57-DNC57-DNC57-34-23
38	30543	SENIOR	LUCAS ROBATTO / VICTOR MONSÃO	M	261	23-DNF57-38-28-49-38-31-DSQ57-38-36
39	30547	MASTER	OTAVIO CRAVO / FABRÍCIO RAMOS	M	262	37-32-36-32-33-43-36-DSQ57-23-33
40	30657	MASTER	CARLOS UBIRATÁ MENEZES / EDUARDO SAMPAIO	M	273	DNF57-DNF57-32-38-36-27-45-36-27-32
41	30694	SENIOR	JOSÉ ARCÉSIO NETO / THAIS RIHAN	MISTA	275	38-43-26-31-40-36-41-41-36-27
42	30193	SENIOR	LUCIANO SOBRAL / FRANCISCO MENDONÇA	M	279	40-25-29-41-45-42-35-DNF57-37-30
43	30220	SENIOR	MATHEUS FAINSTEIN FILHO / RAFAEL SAPUCAIA	M	289	DNF57-DNF57-20-25-34-34-22-ZFG40-DNF57-DNS57
44	30684	SENIOR	TONY BENGO / ARTHUR SOUZA	M	299	DNC57-DNC57-47-34-29-40-39-43-24-43
45	30273	SENIOR	EDUARDO COSTA / LUCIANO EÇA	M	318	45-44-33-42-43-48-DSQ57-35-39-37
46	30601	SENIOR	ANDERSON COSTA / GUTEMBERG NETO	M	327	44-40-45-44-37-44-43-42-42-35
47	30738	SENIOR	RUBENS SABINO / YAGO SÁ	M	329	39-33-43-DNF57-46-47-RDG42,5-RDG42-541-42
48	30583	SENIOR	MARCOS GOMES / ALISON SANTIAGO	M	335	47-DNF57-49-45-42-39-37-38-43-44
49	30261	MASTER	CARLOS EDUARDO TRAVERSA / WALTER DIAS	M	340	48-38-46-48-41-46-44-40-45-40
50	30062	SENIOR	ERICK ABREU / YURI FAGUNDES	M	364	41-42-52-47-47-50-46-39-DNC57-DNS57
51	30639	JUNIOR	MATEUS FIGUEIREDO / ALAIN VIOLLAND	M	381	50-46-48-DNC57-44-45-47-DNC57-44-DNS57
52	30649	SENIOR	JOSÉ SOBRAL NETO / BRUNO SOBRAL	M	387	17-28-DNC57-DNC57-DNC57-DNC57-DNC57-DNC57-DNS57
53	30745	SENIOR	HECTOR CONCHA / SABRINA TOLEDO	MISTA	392	49-37-41-43-RAFS7-51-DNC57-DNC57-DNC57-DNS57
54	27538	SENIOR	VICTOR PHILETO / ANDRÉ PHILETO	M	404	52-DNF57-53-DNF57-50-52-49-DNC57-46-45
55	29888	SENIOR	SANDRO DE CARVALHO / VICTOR SABINO	M	412	46-39-51-DNF57-DNC57-DNC57-48-DNF57-DNC57-DNS57
56	30671	JUNIOR	VICTOR VIOLLANDI / TIAGO BONFÁ	M	430	51-45-DNC57-DNC57-OCSS7-49-DNF57-DNC57-DNC57-DNS57



Photos: '01 World Champ Alexandre Paradedda and Gabriel Kieling. photos by Blu.





## Interview with Kurt Diemar – Builder of Diemar Snipes

### *Brazilian builder reveals some secrets about his boat*

**Blu:** When did you start to build Snipes?

**Kurt:** I started in 1992 using the Torben's molds. I built my own mold on 1996. These boats have won 8 Brazilian nations, one Pan American gold medal and the last West Hemisphere Championship.

**Blu:** What are the biggest improvements you did in those years?

**Kurt:** Actually, the rules tolerances are quite small nowadays; there is very little room for improvements on the hull. We are still using the deck developed by Torben Grael in the 80's. It is a very good solution, very dry and efficient. We made some advance on the mast, but the biggest improving we did is the hull structure. We have been working together with engineers in order to build a stiff boat. This is very important to hold the rig adjustments guys like Bruno Bethlem are using. This work led us to abandon the sandwich construction. Now we are using single skin reinforced at critical points. The boat is very strong and built close to the minimum weight. The boat never gains weight and lasts forever. This construction methodology is also much cheaper.

**Blu:** How much does it cost?

**Kurt:** R\$ 15.000 fully rigged without sails, about US\$ 6.250. I think it is still very expensive. I also sell used my boats. I also help the new talented sailors to get a boat. Without that help maybe sailors like Mario Tinoco, current youth champion, would not be able to buy a boat. It is very cheap to have a competitive used boat.

**Blu:** It was different before?

**Kurt:** Yes. In the past there was a huge difference between boats. If you were rich enough to buy a 12000 series boat, you had a big advantage on the race course. Today you can buy 10 years old boat and be very competitive. The boats are very equal. In my opinion, the only piece of equipment that still very expensive is the sail. It is very hard for me to say that, because I have a lot of friends in the sailmaking business. I think they could reduce their margins and sell more sails.

**Blu:** What is the percentage of national components in the boat?

**Kurt:** The boat is 100% national. We have it all, aluminum alloy, fiberglass, hardware etc... The wood used comes from reforested area with a certification of origin.

**Blu:** Thank you very much for supporting our class!

**Kurt:** Thank you Blu for your job with the class.

*Mario Tinoco & crew having fun*

*–Ricardo Lobato “Blu”*





## Rare Snipe

Past Commodore Dan Williams (1977), an avid bird watcher, sent this photo of the New Zealand Snipe *coenocorypha auklandica*, which is described as the world's rarest snipe. According to Dan, there are only a few hundred NZL snipes living on Auckland Island south of New Zealand. Thanks for the photo Dan!



Polish National Secretary Zbigniew Rakocy gets ready for a day of sailing on hard water.



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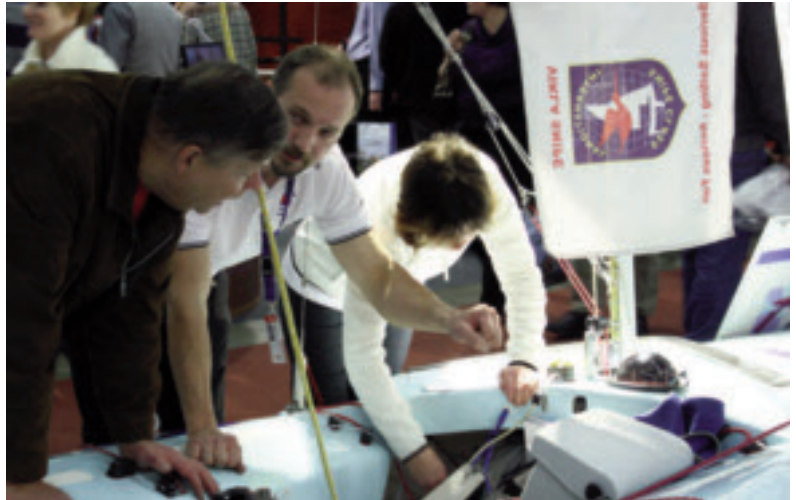
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## Promoting Snipe in Boat Shows

We all know that Snipe is all about Serious Sailing and Serious Fun.

However to keep our class active it is important that we find new sailors who share our view. In those countries where the fleets are very large and activity is highly visible, new members are easily attracted. In some other countries, where sailing is not such a large sport and Snipe competes more tightly with other classes, lot of promotion activity is needed to keep the class alive and well.

Boat shows are one good promotion channel where we can have access to a large number of potential new Snipe sailors. But it is not enough to just get a boat to the show, there is also some advance planning and hard work needed to make these events successful.



*photo by Tapio Jylhamo*

Here you are with some of the best practices that we used last February in the Boat 09 Show in Helsinki, Finland. This show is the largest boat show in Nordic countries with 80,000 visitors during 10 days.

### **Get a partner**

We started the preparations early last year with discussions to partner with Finnish Sailing Association, to get space in their booth. As a result we shared a very nice open booth with the association and some other partners, having Snipe well visible with a Laser, 49er and a Melges 24. Sharing a booth made the arrangements easier and visibility higher. Also it reduced our costs, especially when we got some sponsoring from an insurance company.

One of the main reasons for us getting the space instead of all other available classes was that we promised to have the booth manned throughout the whole event. This meant that we needed to organize almost 30 active class members to take a turn at the booth. Having the members participate the event splits the work to reasonable pieces for everyone and also builds up proud Snipe team spirit for the coming season.

### **Be active**

Just having a small boat in a big fair does not get much of attention. Many people stop by the booth, but if there is no help available it is too easy to just go on walking to the next attraction.

What makes the difference are active “sales” people at the stand. We prepped our crews with some simple opening words to get the visitors interested and further highlights of the joy of Snipe sailing to get our messages through. Everyone could then add their personal touch to the talks and hand over our short and simple one page Snipe flyer.

### **Collect names**

We had a logbook at our stand. Every person who was showing real interest was logged in the book with their name and email address and a short description if they were interested to test Snipe, to buy a boat, to crew, etc. We promised to come back with further information. Having a boat show in Finland on February, means that it takes still 2-3 months before the sailing season starts. By collecting names, we can ensure that



we do not lose the contact and can help the interested people to get easily engaged with our fleets.

At the end of the show we had over 40 hot names in the logbook for further actions; juniors, parents with teenagers, keel boat sailors, couples looking for new activity together...

### Follow up

We sent a follow-up mail to the visitors quickly after the fair, reminding of the highlights of Snipe sailing, giving information about how to get a boat, how to get in contact with the nearest fleet etc.

When the sailing season starts, we invite everyone to Snipe Sail Days at their nearest fleet, where they hear more about our class and have a chance to test the boat. These events have proven to be very important to activate the potential new Snipe sailors.

### Conclusions

We have a great “product” to offer. Snipe is a boat that fits to many types of sailors in various phases of their sailing career. Snipe sailing is easy to start, it keeps the interest ongoing both technically and sporting wise, with no need to ever retire. Our fleets are active all over the world and full of easygoing people who love the excitement of the competitions and enjoy the relaxed attitude of having fun.

Hopefully you find these small tips useful when building your own Snipe promotion for the next boat show near you.

--Reino Suonsilta

NS Finland



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## 2 for 1: Piada Trophy & World Masters scheduled for maximum sailing in Italy!

### The Piada Trophy Cervia, Italy July 3-5, 2009

The Organizing Authority for the regatta is Circolo Nautico Dilettantistico "Amici della Vela" Cervia (RA) in association with the Italian Snipe Class Association and the Italian Sailing Federation (FIV).

•Eight (8) races are scheduled.

Social events:

•Piada Dinner with typical food "piadina romagnola", Piada Grand Prix, go-kart race at the Happy Valley motor racing circuit, Piada Party at the club Piada Bingo with various prizes; Piada Night in the well known night club "Pineta".

More info at <http://www.snipe.it/index.php?module=articles&func=display&catid=74&aid=2482>

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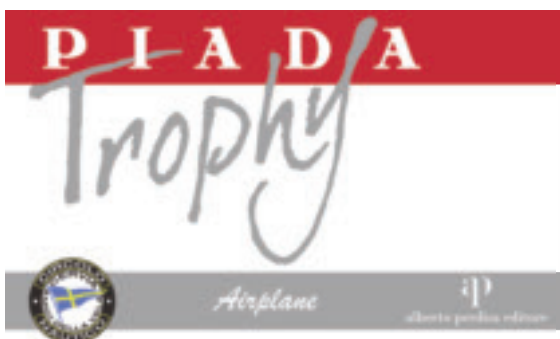


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### Id Crook World Masters Championship Trieste, Italy July 8-12, 2009

Società Triestina della Vela is organizing the Master World Championship in July this summer.

STV is one of oldest Italian sailing clubs, founded in 1923 as sailing club specially dedicating energies to dinghy and small keel boats. STV has 650 members, owning 250 keel boats moored in its area and about 70 dinghies ashore. Among the members we count the Scira Past Commodore and Rules Committee Chairman Giorgio Brezich and the European General Secretary Stefano Longhi.

The STV athletes entered 5 Olympic games and the victory list shows the winners in many classes from National to European and World level in classes spanning from Optimist to America's Cup boats. STV has very important traditions in the Snipe Class also, as it hosted two fleets, number 335 Grignano and 606 Sistiana.

For the Snipe Class we organized several national championships, the 1982 Europeans, the 2000 Women Worlds and the 2004 Junior Europeans editions.

The club has a web site ([www.stv.ts.it](http://www.stv.ts.it)) that you can visit to have a good idea of the club house and the location in the town.



The synergy with the sister club Yacht Club Adriatico founded since 1903 sited very close to STV will grant wide opportunities of great hosting and boat storage with 4 sleepers.

The calendar allows sailors to enter first Prada Trophy and then masters with two days of time to move from Cervia to Trieste crossing Ravenna, Venezia or other interesting sites.

# Junior & Senior Worlds - San Diego, California

[www.snipeworlds2009.com](http://www.snipeworlds2009.com)

In preparation for the Jr. And Sr. Worlds to be held in San Diego, we thought we'd give you a little preview of what you can expect as far as the conditions, social schedule and travel logistics.

The one common thread for sailing in San Diego is that the wind is light. The Ocean venue, where the Snipe Worlds will be sailed: kelp is a big factor and there are larger rolling waves. You'll be sailing from San Diego Yacht Club ([www.sdy.org](http://www.sdy.org)) and it is a long sail out or a tow is needed in the lighter breeze. Mark Reynolds gives tips for sailing here:



## Wind

The wind is fairly predictable in San Diego compared to most locations around the world. The wind is from the South to the West quadrant almost 100% of the time. A typical day starts with very little wind in the morning filling in from the West midmorning, and building until the early afternoon, and then decreasing again in the early evening. The normal wind speed is 8 to 12 knots. It is very unusual to have too little or too much wind, in fact, almost unheard of compared to most places. I don't think we have ever had a day with too much wind and only a few times when there hasn't been enough wind to race.

## Current

The current off the west coast runs down the coast. The current is stronger the further offshore you get and can occasionally be reversed along the shore with some tidal effect if you are sailing just outside the bay southeast of Point Loma.

## Tactics

When the wind is from the West the right is generally favored. With a West wind starboard tack takes you further offshore where there is generally more adverse current. When the wind is from the South the boats are more spread out over the course with the left usually being more favored.



**Getting here:**  
San Diego's International Airport

is Lindbergh Field, just 5 minutes from SDYC. Flights to San Diego are easy from any major city. A taxi or shuttle can be arranged to take you to SDYC from the airport. If you choose to fly into Los Angeles and rent a car, it's a 2.5 hour drive south along the coast on the freeway. There are also trains from LA to San Diego and the train station is 15-20 minutes from SDYC.

## Social Schedule

**Junior Worlds:** a full schedule which includes the opening & prizegiving ceremonies and nightly meals is planned with a BBQ, Mexican taco night, Italian night and pizza & surf movies. One night will be open so sailors & their hosts can spend an evening together.

**Senior Worlds:** Between the Opening Ceremony and the Prizegiving, your hosts will offer beer & snacks after racing followed by a BBQ night, Mexican taco night and possibly a chance to view the San Diego Padres professional baseball game.

### Links:

**Wind Conditions:** <http://www.sailflow.com/windandwhere.iws?regionID=220&regionProductID=29&timeoffset=0>  
[http://www.ndbc.noaa.gov/station\\_page.php?station=sdbc](http://www.ndbc.noaa.gov/station_page.php?station=sdbc)

**Wind Forecast:** <http://www.iwindsurf.com/windandwhere.iws?regionID=220&siteID=1971&lsection=Forecast+Graphs>

**Tide Table:** <http://tbone.biol.sc.edu/tide/tideshow.cgi?site=San+Diego+Bay+Entrance%2C+California+Current>

**Maps:** <http://www.charts.noaa.gov/OnLineViewer/18772.shtml>

**Other Links:** <http://www.usairnet.com/weather/maps/current/california/wind-speed/>

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# 2009 Snipe Racing Calender

## International Regattas

Winter Circuit		
Midwinters	March 9-11	Clearwater, Florida, USA
Don Q	March 13-15	Miami, Florida, USA
Bacardi/Gamblin/Kelly	March 18-21	Nassau, Bahamas
South American Champs	April 4-12	Buenos Aires, Argentina
Copa Espana	April 9-12	Murcia, Spain
European Masters	April 10-12	Sanremo, Italy
Gran Trofeo Valencia	May 1-3	Valencia, Spain
MajSnipen	May 9-10	Goteborg, Sweden
Gran Trofeo Gijón	May 16-17	Sotavento, Asturias, Spain
Trofeu Milanesa	May 23-24	Leixoes, Portugal
Wiibroe Cup	May 29-31	Espergaerde, Denmark
South European	June 5-7	Lake Caldonazzo, Trentino
Bergen Cup	June 13-14	Bergen, Norway
Coupe Francoyse de Grace	June 20-21	Le Havre, France
Helsinki Regatta	June 27-28	Helsinki, Finland
Piada Trophy	July 3-5	Cervia, Italy
Blue Circle Open	July 4-5	Kent, GBR
World Masters	July 8-12	Trieste, Italy
Stone Open	July 11-12	Stone, Essex, GBR
European Cup	July 24-26	Poznan, Poland
Nykarleby Regatta	July 25-26	Uusikaarlepyy, Finland
Iberian Championship	July 31-Aug 2	Coruna, Spain
North American Champs	August 13-18	Erie, Pennsylvania, USA
Junior World Championship	August 22-28	San Diego, California, USA
Pori Open	September 5-6	Pori, Finland
Open World Championship	September 4-12	San Diego, California, USA
Nordics	September 18-20	Vestfjordens, Norway
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

## National Championships

Portugal	May 1-3	Albufeira, Portugal
Great Britain-Ladies & Jr	May 25	Budworth, GBR
USA-Women's	June 1-2	Annapolis, MD, USA
Germany	June 5-7	Lake Caldonazzo, Trentino
USA-Jr	June 20-21	Pensacola, Florida, USA
USA-Sr	June 22-26	Pensacola, Florida, USA
Spain – Jr	July 11-14	Vilagarcia, Spain
Spain – Sr	July 15-19	Vilagarcia, Spain
France	July 15-18	Lorient, France
Poland	July 20-22	Poznan, Poland
Italy-Women & Masters	July 25-26	Ledro, Italy
Croatia	August 1-2	Croatia
Finland	August 7-9	Tampere, Finland
Sweden	August 21-23	Westervik, Sweden
Great Britain	August 22-24	Paignton, Devon, GBR
USA-Master	October 20-22	Atlanta, Georgia, USA
Argentina	November 6-8	Rosario, Argentina



## 2009 Dues Paid as of March 1, 2009

Country	Boats Paid	Members
Argentina	0	0
Bahamas	5	2
Belarus	0	0
Belgium	0	0
Bermuda	0	0
Brazil	1	2
Canada	0	0
Chile	0	0
Colombia	17	34
Croatia	0	0
Cuba	0	0
Denmark	0	0
Finland	2	3
France	0	0
Germany	0	0
Italy	8	10
Japan	36	61
Mexico	0	0
Norway	6	8
Paraguay	0	0
Poland	0	0
Portugal	1	1
Puerto Rico	0	0
Russia	0	0
Spain	125	130
Sweden	2	5
Ukraine	0	0
United Kingdom	0	0
United States	22	19
Uruguay	1	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>286</b>

## 2009 Snipe World Quota per Country as of December 8

These are the entry quotas as of December 8, 2008 for the 2009 Worlds in San Diego as per the Deed of Gift. Entry quotas are based upon the average for 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                      Entries

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

### REGISTERED BOATS PER COUNTRY

	2007 Boats	2008 Boats	base quota	entries total	addit'l entries	qualified champion
Argentina	29	44	73	36.5	2	
Bahamas	13	13	26	13	2	
Belarus	3	0	3	1.5	0	
Belgium	33	35	68	34	2	
Bermuda	8	10	18	9	2	
Brazil	142	108	250	125	4	2      1 Jr Worlds, WH&O
Canada	13	10	23	11.5	2	
Chile	15	8	23	11.5	2	
Colombia	26	13	39	19.5	2	
Croatia	3	3	6	3	2	
Cuba	5	0	5	2.5	0	
Denmark	12	11	23	11.5	2	
Finland	28	22	50	25	2	
France	42	33	75	37.5	2	
Germany	10	7	17	8.5	2	
India	0	0	0	0	0	
Italy	109	145	254	127	4	
Japan	300	524	770	412	8	
Mexico	6	6	12	6	2	
Norway	116	125	241	120.5	4	
Paraguay	5	0	5	2.5	0	
Poland	13	36	49	24.5	2	
Portugal	62	19	81	40.5	2	
Puerto Rico	10	13	23	11.5	2	
Russia	49	49	98	49	2	
Spain	197	197	394	197	5	1      European
Sweden	47	41	88	44	2	
Ukraine	3	0	3	1.5	0	
United States	523	485	1008	504	8	2      "***World, country & fleet host"
United Kingdom	22	17	39	19.5	2	
Uruguay	16	15	31	15.5	2	1      Jr Worlds
Virgin Islands	0	0	0	0	0	
Total	1806	1980	73	73	6	

7 add ons  
80 possible competitors

\*\*\* per deed of gift, host country only allowed one additional providing it does not have among it's other reps the Jr, Sr, Euro or Wh&O Champ. Sr champ from USA."



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