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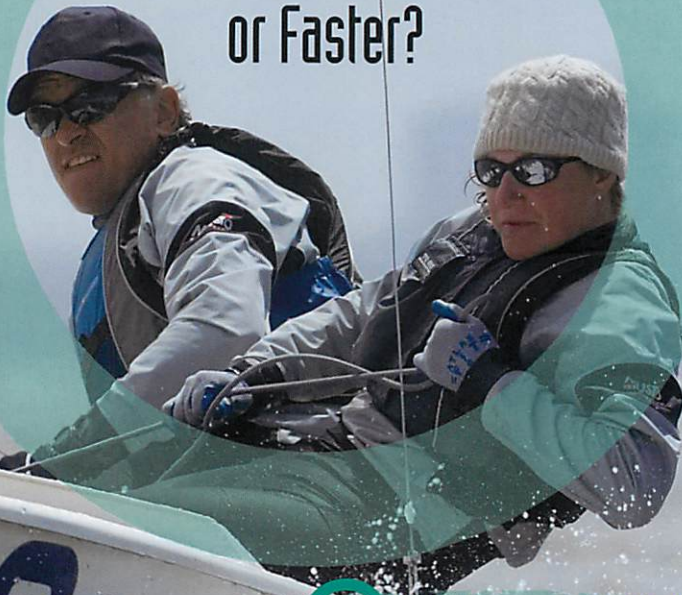


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## From the Rules Committee -

The 2009-2012 Rulebook is available on the website for viewing & download.

ISAF recently contacted the Class and has required SCIRA to produce our Class Rules in the new ISAF format. The Board of Governors felt it is more prudent to post the current Rulebook online. Once the Class Rules are in the new format and approved by ISAF, the Board will then evaluate printing a Rulebook.

In the meantime, all the current documents are valid and posted on the SCIRA website individually and in the posted edition of the Rulebook. The Class will continue to be administered under these posted rules.

Thank you for your patience & understanding.

Following are major changes to the Rulebook

- ISAF Scoring adopted
- Rules of Conduct updates
- Deeds of Gift updated to reflect scoring
- Rudder dimensions corrected per previous Circular Letter
- Centerboard dimensions updated to reflect cut-out
- Boom wording clarified; #33
- Constitution & Deeds of Gift updated to reflect revised junior age
- Advertising Prescription updated to reflect ISAF change



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2009-2012 Official Rulebook



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June 1, 2009

### CIRCULAR LETTER

The Rules Committee and Board of Governors for SCIRA voted to adopt the ISAF Scoring System for use in all SCIRA Regattas, especially Championship events. Beginning January 1, 2009, all SCIRA Championship events shall use ISAF scoring.

Giorgio Brezich  
Chairman  
International Rules Committee

## Toñete

“Toñete” was the first Snipe built in the Spanish town of La Guardia, a village at the Miño river estuary (the Miño river at its end marks the border between Spain and Portugal in the north). “Toñete” was sailed to Vigo where the first Spanish fleet was established. This fine boat was recorded by the Spanish to be built in 1932 and according to the SCIRA archives, #4522 was the number issued to Anotnio Ruiz Martinez in 1941. This could account that the boat may have been built earlier, but a number was not applied for until several years later. “Toñete” currently resides at the Museum Maritime de Barcelona [www.mmb.cat](http://www.mmb.cat).



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2009 Membership Numbers  
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**The Count:** 30 numbers have been issued since the spring issue; Brazil 10; Canada 1; Japan 7, Argentina 1; Italy 3; Spain 3; USA 1, Norway 1; Sweden 2; Denmark 1  
**Numbered Snipes:** 30812  
**Chartered Fleets:** 885

**Cover photo:** Beautiful shot by Michele Postinghel at the Italian Primavera Regatta.



#### 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](http://www.pasaf.org)

**Next Issue deadline:**  
September 1

## From the Commodore -

Dear Snipe Sailors,




I would like to share with you some interesting news concerning communications, promotion and rules.

In my last column I announced the launch of our new website, blog and facebook group. I am now happy to inform you that our website was picked by the US Sailing federation as one of the most interesting and resourceful around. This is the kind of visibility we were looking for, so my congratulations go to the design team for the achievement.

There are also great news from my region of the world. You will find in this Bulletin the report of the last South American Championship. This championship resulted in the re-birth of a strong fleet in Buenos Aires, a city that used to be one of the most emblematic spots of our class, but that had lately seen the Snipes sail away. Santiago Lange, two time Snipe World Champion, is from Buenos Aires. He somewhat launched his professional sailing career winning his first title in Buenos Aires in 1985.

Going into more operational issues, let's talk about rules and more specifically, scoring.

You will note that since January 2009 we abandoned SCIRA Low Point. Instead, we have adopted ISAF Scoring because of the following reasons:

-  That having SCIRA particular scoring has been creating confusion and some complications to PROs, Jurys (and consequently to competitors) used to running regattas based on ISAF.
-  That some software that organizing clubs are used to, do not provide for SCIRA scoring particularities.
-  That following ISAF's policies helps us in the international stand.

The above would not have been material for the decision, if the change implied a compromise of SCIRA's values. But it didn't, and we found that our former Scoring and ISAF had so little difference that we had a lot to gain. We found that scores are similar and fair, and that ISAF's one has evolved greatly. As an example, the new ISAF RRS for the Zulu Flag rule was changed so it is now exactly the one we have used in SCIRA until 2008. We will continue in this direction provided it does not compromise our values, always respecting the KISS principle (Keep It Simple and...). For example, we will keep our course selection guide (even though ISAF goes for VWL in any condition) and continue ruling out the Black Flag.

Many of you are already planning for the World Championship, either Junior or Senior. But many more will be staying home awaiting the news of their friends' results, hoping to be able to sail at the top one day...or not. The message that I would like to send today, to every fleet captain, to every national secretary and to every sailor is that our biggest asset relies on the people that race at the local level and maybe don't even think of racing at a World Championship one day. Sure we all need to have our heroes and to feel like we are close to the top, but more importantly we need to try harder each day to promote Snipe sailing just for fun, while learning of course, and not only to look after the top sailors. Top sailors have a motivation of their own, but the motivation for all the rest is more about being part of something interesting and fun that we must provide for.

And to all those who will sail San Diego...see you there!

Kind regards,

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## Santiago Lange Appointed As Championship Coach For 2009 Volvo Youth Sailing ISAF World Championship

Two-time Olympic medallist and Volvo Ocean Race competitor Santiago Lange of Argentina has been appointed as the Championship coach for this year's Volvo Youth Sailing ISAF World Championship, taking place in Buzios, Brazil from 9-18 July.

Fifty-nine nations and over 280 of the world's top young sailors will gather in Buzios, just 170 kilometres east of Rio de Janeiro, this July for the 39th edition of the Volvo Youth Sailing ISAF World Championship, the first time the championship has been held in South America. The Youth Worlds is renowned for giving the sailing world its first glimpse of future champions but it's also a global celebration of youth sailing and a fantastic learning experience for the young competitors chosen to represent their nation. A key figure in this educational-side to the Youth Worlds is the championship coach and this year the competitors in Buzios will have the opportunity to learn from world-famous Argentinean sailor Santiago Lange.



Santiago Lange said: "It's a real honour to be appointed as championship coach for the 2009 Volvo Youth Sailing ISAF World Championship, particularly as this will be the first time the event has been held in South America. It's a fantastic championship and Buzios will be a great host.

"I'm greatly looking forward to working with so many young, talented and enthusiastic sailors from all over the world. They're the future of our sport and the Volvo Youth Sailing ISAF World Championship is the world-class showcase they deserve."

The championship coach, whose appointment is funded by the World Youth Sailing Trust, provides coaching to the sailors at the Youth Worlds whose nations have been unable to send support staff to the championship, in particular to those sailors competing thanks to funding support from ISAF's Athlete Participation Programme (APP). The APP sailors get the benefit of daily briefings from the championship coach, with all competitors can attend the video debrief sessions held at the end of each day's racing. This year there is a new coach for the Championship, with Lange taking over the reigns from British coach Jim Saltonstall, whose 30-year association with the Youth Worlds finally came to end last year in Århus, Denmark.

Lange is one of Argentina's most famous sailing names. He has competed at five editions of the Olympic Games across dinghy, keelboat and multihull events, winning bronze medals in the Tornado with Carlos Espinola at both Athens 2004 and last year in Beijing. However, Lange's sailing experience extends far beyond the Games. He has competed in two editions of the Volvo Ocean Race, first onboard Team SEB on leg one of the 2001-02 race and most recently as Watch Captain for the Telefonica Black team competing in the current edition. He has won four World Championship titles, in the Tornado in 2004 and Snipe dinghy in 1985, 1993 and 1995, and also competed for the Swedish Victory Challenge syndicate during the 2007 America's Cup cycle.

The World Youth Sailing Trust funds the appointment of the championship coach at each edition of the Volvo Youth Sailing ISAF World Championship. The Trust is a charitable organization of ISAF members, who focus their support towards youth events.

Find out more on the Volvo Youth Sailing ISAF World Championship at [www.sailing.org/youthworlds](http://www.sailing.org/youthworlds).

## Bacardi Cup & Dudley Gamblin Memorial Series Wrap-UP

The weather Gods were with us this year and the wind conditions were perfect throughout the four days of racing. We had 19 boats participating, with eleven of them being foreign and coming from the USA, Canada, Norway, Finland, Sweden and Brazil. Eight Bahamian boats competed with two being sailed by junior teams while two other boats had junior crews. This event drew some of the best Snipe sailors in the World. The big names were Ernesto Rodriguez (2nd at last year's US National Championships), Brian Bissell (from North Sails and overall winner last year), Augie Diaz (many times World Champion and US National Champion), and Alexandre Tinoco (one of the top Brazilians).

Ernesto Rodriguez with crew Meagan Place were unbeatable in the Bacardi Cup, winning all three races. Brian Bissell/Watt Duffy and Alexandre Tinoco/Lucas Diaz tied for second place in this series with the final place being decided by a tiebreak which resulted in the Tinoco team taking second and the Bissell team third.

In the Dudley Gamblin (5 race series) Ernesto and Meagan were pushed much harder as the main contenders (Bissell and Diaz teams) seemed to have found a bit more boat speed. In the end only 3 1/4 points separated the first three boats. Ernesto and Meagan won, Augie Diaz and Kathleen Tocke were second and Brian and Watt third.

The top Bahamian boat was sailed by Jimmie Lowe and crew Cameron Symonette. They placed 6th overall. Robert Dunkley with crew Michelle Lakin were 7th, Lori Lowe with Shaquille Dean were 9th and Fernando de Cardenas with Danny de Cardenas were 10th. The award for the top junior team went to Christopher Sands with crew Michael Gibson.

Overall, everyone had a great time and enjoyed all the Bahamas has to offer. We are greatly appreciative of and wish to thank, all of the members who participated in helping with this event, especially those who opened their homes to our sailors and worked around the club and on the various committees.



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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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## Serious Sailing, Serious Fun: A Snipe Family History Video Project begins

As you go around any yacht club in America and ask people about their sailing history, many will tell you stories of how much fun they had sailing one design dinghies when they were young. If you ask those over 60, it's a virtual certainty that some of their earliest memories are of sailing a Snipe. With more than 30,000 boats worldwide, the Snipe class is one of the oldest and strongest one design classes.

Snipes are in a constant struggle with the growing list of manufacturer's classes and for our younger sailors with sport boat classes. One of our best assets is the list of famous sailors who learned competitive racing in the Snipe and who went on to become household names to those who follow sailboat racing. Seven time U. S. National Snipe Champion and two time World Snipe Champion Augie Diaz was Rolex Yachtsman of the Year in 2003. Two time World Snipe Champion Torben Grael is the only 5 time Olympic sailing medalist.

There are also families who barely get their name in any sailing publication competing in Snipes because it offers an opportunity to belong to the "family". 100 year old Sniper Gordon Miller from the Richmond Yacht Club on San Francisco Bay started sailing Snipes in 1939 as part of Richmond's Snipe Fleet 12. He tells great stories of those early days. Stephen D. Bechtel, Jr, won the Snipe Junior Nationals in 1941 at the age of 16 and he still strongly supports the class.



The class has a rich history, and if we don't start now to preserve some of that history, its going to slip away into legend rather than remain a vital part of the Snipe class culture." said Casalaina.

San Francisco based videographer Vincent Casalaina is doing something about that. He is collecting oral histories from older Snipers and contemporary interviews on the Snipe class from current racers. These interviews are the heart of a 30 minute documentary, Serious Sailing, Serious Fun: A Snipe Family History that looks at both the history and the promise for the future of the class. The documentary, hosted by Gary Jobson, will premiere in 2011, on the 80th anniversary of the Snipe.

The documentary will present the current state of Sniping, in all its various incarnations, from extremely competitive World class events such as the Snipe World Masters in Trieste and the Snipe World Championship in San Diego to small club regattas on lakes and estuaries everywhere. At the same time, it will use the oral histories to explain how we've gotten to this point. The strength and vibrancy of the Snipe class is testament to why one design racing is the fastest growing aspect of yacht racing.

Casalaina, along with other videographers, will shoot during 2009 and 2010 to capture all the material needed for this project. They'll be working hard to capture both the hot action on the course and the intimate moments in the interviews. This is the style Casalaina has developed throughout his career spanning more than 30 years of covering sailboat racing. His work has included every type of sailing from being team videographer on three America's Cup campaigns to producing the internet video programming for the American Sailing Leagues Championship Series in 18' skiffs. He has won two Emmys for his sailing programs: White on Water co-produced with Leslie DeMeuse and Phil Uhl and the Citybank Cup co-produced with Adam Moscow.

Virtually all of the shooting will be on the road with the strong support of the local Snipe fleets, the national Class organizations and SCIRA. Their efforts will make sure Casalaina captures the very best racing and the very best interviews that tell the story of the Snipe Class. If you have ideas about people to interview or strong visual material that should appear in this documentary, contact him at VinceSail@aol.com.

Almost every Sniper has pictures of themselves sailing. Some even have home movies. We'll get as much material as possible from the personal archives of those we interview and supplement that with material from the Snipe Class and from maritime museums around the world. We've already located 16mm footage from 1939 and a documentary by filmmaker John Biddle from the mid-1960's

The nearly 80 years of Sniping offer a rich trove of visual material from which to draw. Please make sure we have all the material that's possible to document the Snipe Class.

You can see highlights of the interviews already collected and current regatta videos on the Snipe website>history or at:

<http://www.youtube.com/profile?user=VinceSail&view=playlists>



**If you would like to help make sure this is the very best promotional tool for the Snipe Class, you can make a donation to the project by writing a check to "Richmond Yacht Club Foundation" and sending it to Image Integration, 2619 Benvenue Ave., Berkeley, CA, 94704 USA. All donations are fully U.S. tax deductible.**

Casalaina has been sailing Snipes since 1987 when he crewed for his 11 year old son. He's sailed in 7 U.S. National Championships and been the regatta organizer for two of those. He's served as Fleet Captain and District Governor as well as created the DVD on tuning the Snipe in conjunction with George Szabo.

--Vincent Casalaina





# Shoreham Open

3rd - 4th May 2009

Shoreham Sailing Club (GBR) hosted their second annual open meeting and boy did they deliver cracking start to the season.

Eleven Snipes entered the event. Event winners were Richard and Iain Marshall from Maldon Sailing club with three firsts, Iain and Bridget Knight came second with Iain Gregory and Cécile Munoz just edging Alan Williams and Liz Crouch to third place on discard. Good results were also posted by Tom Ditchburn and Tom Hubbard.

Race one took place in an offshore force three with a knot or two of tide. There was plenty to be gained and lost on the upwind legs with plenty of shifts in the early part of the leg and a wind bend that appeared on every let approaching the windward mark. It was Iain and Bridget at the front of the fleet that signalled their intentions for this year taking the first Snipe Bullet of the year. Iain and Richard came second and Iain Gregory and Cecile Munoz third.

After a lunch break race 2 got underway. Most sailors must have been frozen by this point, although sunny enough to give you sunburn the temperature of the wind and water was surprisingly cold. As it turned out Shortie wetsuits were not the order of the day - will I ever learn? The wind had begun to freshen slightly and at the gun, the "Tom" boys were again up in the chocolates at the first mark. It was however Iain and Bridget that lead for the majority of the race only to be taken by the Marshalls on the last reach. The final run proved to be nail biting for Iain and Bridget because Iain and Cécile had managed to reel them in to within millimeters of 2nd place. A very close finish!

Ahh Yes... Race three. Well all I can say is damn long races! Having lead the race for 9 legs Cécile Munoz and Iain Gregory surrendered their lead to a determined GBR29501 on the last beat. Iain and Richard Marshall having recovered from an OCS at the start pulled through the fleet to take tactical advantage in strengthening wind conditions.

By the time Race 4 was underway, the breeze had well and truly kicked in! Bonus, just what you want for the last race at the end of the first weekend of the season! Anyhow, the top three positions were still up for grabs; it was Iain and Richard who took up an early lead which they maintained through to the finish, securing overall victory. The battle for second and third however was still well and truly on. The blustery conditions were now taking their toll throughout the fleet with a few people trying their hand at channel swimming, some hairy gybes and lots of lively downwind action. In the battle for the 1st, Iain and Cécile had dropped back from the leading trio. After yet another not so successful start, Alan and Liz had clawed their way through the fleet into third and on the final windward leg moved into second ahead of Iain and Bridget who held third place until the end to secure second overall.

After 4 races with exceptionally close racing, third place was decided on discard and was awarded to Iain and Cécile. Once ashore, the tired sailors were grateful that the final effort of hauling the boats up the steep ramp were made somewhat less painful because in true Sniper style everybody pitched in to help everybody else.

A massive thank you must go to Shoreham sailing club for their hospitality and excellent race organisation, with a special thanks to the hard work put in by Iain Knight for organising the event. Shoreham is such a great sea venue - those of us that attended should spread the word in the Dinghy Park to encourage more boats to the next one.

The Morning After the night before.

OH DEAR, OH DEAR, OH DEAR !!!

A large number of the sailors woke up on Tuesday morning, and if they had forgotten instantly knew that they had been sailing all weekend in a stiff breeze. I hear there were some walking wounded "aches and pains everywhere" - All in the name of fun !!

Images of the racing can be viewed and purchased at [www.warwickpics.co.uk](http://www.warwickpics.co.uk)



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|-----|----------------------------------|-------|---------------|------|
| 1.  | Iain/Richard Marshall            | 29501 | 2-1-1-1       | 2.25 |
| 2.  | Iain /Bridget Knight             | 29164 | 12-3-3        | 5.75 |
| 3.  | Iain Gregory/Cecile Munoz        | 28451 | 5-3-2-5       | 10   |
| 4.  | AlanWilliams/Liz Crouch          | 30316 | 4-4-6-2       | 10   |
| 5.  | Tom Ditchburn/Tom Hubbard        | 26671 | 3-6-4-4       | 11   |
| 6.  | BrianGregory/Jason Greston       | 30315 | 7-5-5-7       | 17   |
| 7.  | Eric Paalman/Nick Camppey        | 29538 | 6-10-7-6      | 19   |
| 8.  | Peter Wibroe/Caroline Murdoch    | 29408 | 8-9-8-dnf     | 25   |
| 9.  | James Prestwich/Joe Sampson      | 30227 | 11-7-10-8     | 25   |
| 10. | Gavin/Gareth Surtees             | 27871 | 9-8-9-dns     | 26   |
| 11. | Pauline Penny/Michelle Ditchburn | 29163 | 10-dnf-11-dnf | 30   |



## News from Italy --

### 50th Criterium di Primavera - Campionato del Mediterraneo

The traditional Easter Regatta was sailed in Sanremo from 10 to 12 April. This year it was the 50th edition of the regatta hosted by Yacht Club Sanremo.

The Yacht Club is well known for its hospitality and attachment with the Snipe Class. It has organized in recent years the Junior Worlds in 2007 and many Italian Championship, the last one being held in 2008.

Three races were completed on Friday with wind of about 14 knots from the East. Saturday the Race Committee cancelled the races due to strong winds. Finally, the other three races were sailed on Sunday with an offshore wind of 10 - 16 knots that were shifty and puffy.

At the end of the Championship two strong teams were tied: Enrico Solerio - Roger Olivieri and the Belgian-Italian team of Manu Hens and Enrico Michel. The tie breaker was resolved in favor of Solerio - Olivieri (they dropped a 10th place, while Hens- Michel dropped a 11th). Third, and one point behind the leaders, Pietro Fantoni and Guglielmo Giubergia.



### Regata Nazionale Bracciano

Bracciano is a volcanic lake outside of Rome. On May 1st - 2nd forty-six teams reached Bracciano for sailing the regatta which was also used for selecting the Italian teams for the Worlds in San Diego (the other regattas will be in Rimini and in Lake Garda).

The weather conditions were very difficult both for the competitors and for the Race Committee. Only two races (five races were scheduled) were sailed in tricky conditions.

The superlight team formed by Pietro Fantoni and Mara Costantino exploited the light air and won. Second was Paolo Lambertenghi and Antonio Bari and third Dario Bruni and Sonia Bonomi.



### South European Championship Sergio Michel Trophy unveiled

The South European Championship took place at Caldonazzo, Italy on June 5-7. The weather conditions allowed only 5 races out of the 7 planned. Two races on Friday with light winds and three races on Saturday with moderate wind from the south. At the end of the third race a shot of "Levegana" (typical wind of the lake) up to 35 knots capsized most of the fleet and broke a few masts. Sunday the unstable wind prevented sailing of the final two races, so the victory went to Fabio Rocchelli/Daniela Semec. Second and third went to Paolo Lambertenghi/Antonio Bari and Enrico Michel/Maria Bellemo. Fourth place was Miguel Graca/Teresa Inacio representing Germany and Portugal with tenth to "forever young" Bibi Juetz and Felipe Novello from Brazil.

Beginning this year, the Sergio Michel (7 time Italian Champion) trophy donated by the family, was presented to the winners. Great emotion and long lasting applause at the presentation of the trophy to the winners by Sergio's son, Enrico Michel.



## Lineburger - the Tradition Continues

The late Clube Veleiros da Lagoa (ICVL), placed in Lagoa dos Esteves-Icara-Santa Catarina – Brazil, every year since 1996 established the Alberto Lineburger's Snipe Cup - A tribute to the wooden Snipes constructor, who died in 1996. Alberto Lineburger worked as a navy constructor for 40 years. His wooden Snipes stayed for many years an unprecedented hegemony. This year the Cup also celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the construction of twenty super-Snipes for the 1959 World Cup, held in traditional sailing-club called Clube dos Jangadeiros, in Porto Alegre-Brazil. In that time and subsequently, these boats became famous and known as "12000 series". Alberto began his work in Porto Alegre and in 1965 returned to his hometown - Criciúma, SC where through some self-sacrificing love for sailing Snipes he promoted the presence of the



first Snipe Fleet from the south state of Santa Catarina, helded with his son love for Yachting, passed this passion trough generations staying until nowadays the presence of the Fleet 727 in the Lagoa dos Esteves, Santa Catarina.

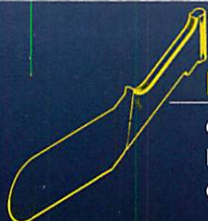
The XIII Alberto Lineburger's Snipes Cup occurred in the 1st May weekend, and for the fourth time the sailors Fernando Kessler / Gabriel Kielling (Fleet 426 - Clube dos Jangadeiros, Porto Alegre) won the trophy. Second place stayed with Felipe Linhares / Eduardo Beirão (Fleet 555 -late Clube de Santa Catarina). Third, fourth and fifth place stayed respectively with Rogério Alves / Danielle Pierina (Fleet 450 - Clube Náutico de Antonina – PR), Ricardo Grasmann / Liziane Geisler and Gaitani Labe / Bruno Avila (Fleet 555 - late Clube de Santa Catarina).

More information about the event at [www.tacaalberto2009.blogspot.com](http://www.tacaalberto2009.blogspot.com).



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## Paradedda/Kieling Reign as South American Champions



The 31st South American Championship was organized by the Yacht Club Olivos in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from April 4th to 11th. The Master and Mixed series was, as usually, the prelude of the Open show later in the week.

Nine teams from Argentina and Brazil sailed the Mixed series, where four crews made for a close competition over a three day racing period. Sailing in mostly light and oscillating winds, the last race found three crews fighting for the highest stand in the podium. Tinocco-Oliveira from Brazil won the race, taking only the silver medal as Soubiè-Granucci from Argentina had shown a little more consistency to come up with the title. Also locals, Amato-Alvarez finished in the third place overall.

The Master series were slightly different. The widely known snipe sailor Hector Longarela and his crew Leandro Tullia took the lead from the very beginning and progressively separated from their main rivals David-Arrambide, who made their debut in the Master series obtaining the silver medal. Bronze was for Claudio Seijo and Ernesto Hack, sailing Claudio's self made wooden boat, an extraordinary achievement these days.

Meanwhile, on land, Argentinean national measurer Alejandro Viacava and his team were working hard in order to have all set before the first race of the Open Championship on Thursday 9th. And they made it.

By the time when Chairman Julio Labandeira (another snipe old timer) was welcoming the competitors in the opening ceremony, the measurement was finished and everything was ready for the big event.

Forty six crews from six countries sailed for the open South American Championship. Among them, Pablo Defazio from Uruguay (2007 WH&O Champion) and the team Alexandre Paradera-Gabriel Kieling from Brazil (who need no introduction in the Snipe Circuit), just to mention some of the great sailors that boosted the level of the competition.

On the first day there were two regattas in southwesterly medium and shifty winds. That was definitely Defazio-Finck's day. Scoring 2-1 they set the pace neatly from the first day of competition, followed by Paradera-Kieling with a 4-4 and Tinoco-Mendes with a 1-7. But things were about to change.

After a BBQ on Thursday night, the second day started with a light and shifty northwesterly wind. Paradera-Kieling showed great skills in the conditions, scoring 1-1-2 and moving to the first place. Murrieta-Murrieta from Mexico with a 2-6-5 and Garra-Henon from Uruguay with a 3-7-3 also showed great consistency.

On the last day, winds went even lighter and the RC could manage to start only two races. Paradera-Kieling finally notched the title with a 5th and a dropped off 26th (after pushing down the Mexicans who were their only rivals for the title in the last race). Fellow countrymen Tinoco-Mendes did a great job with a 4-6, jumping directly to the second place by dropping a 36th. The last stand on the podium was for our Commodore Pedro Garra and his crew Diego Henon who kept their consistency with an 11-4. But that wasn't all.

Two more podiums were filled with youth and beauty (What else could the class possibly need?). Nine Junior and four women teams were there to make the Championship even more colorful.

South American Snipe Queens Juliana Mota and Larissa Juk from Brazil demonstrated how competitive girls can be. It was usual to see them at the top of the fleet battling with the most skilful sailors. They were followed in the podium by the princesses, the local sisters Trixy and Yuyu Agusti. Franca Pesci and Rocio Agusti, also locals, filled the podium.

Nicolas Gieco and Javier Matheu ruled the young blood series achieving a very respectable 10th position overall. Following them, the teams Chemes-Cortese and Aghem-Pesci made for a locally filled podium, something that Argentina should be proud of.

It was really exciting to see the snipe family come back to Buenos Aires after a long time. Thanks to everybody for those days of serious sailing and serious fun!!

Augusto Amato  
YCO Snipe Fleet, Argentina





**South American  
Championship Results:  
top 20 of 46**

**photo: podium winners:  
Tinoco/Martins;  
Paradeda/Kieling;  
Henon/Garra.**

| <i>PISail #</i> | <i>Crew</i>                              | <i>From</i>               | <i>Subgroup</i> | <i>total</i> |
|-----------------|--|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 1 29821         | Alexandre Paradeda/Gabriel Kieling       | JANGADEIROS - BRASIL      |                 | 27           |
| 2 30703         | Alexandre Tinoco/Victor Mendes Martins   | I.C.R.J. - BRASIL         |                 | 33           |
| 3 29891         | Pedro Garra/Diego Henón                  | Y.C.P.E. - URUGUAY        |                 | 37           |
| 4 25715         | Jorge Xavier Murrieta/Alejandro Murrieta | C.N.AVANDARO - MEXICO     |                 | 43           |
| 5 30513         | Rafael Gagliotti/Henrique Gomes          | CINTREGATAS - BRASIL      |                 | 44           |
| 6 29887         | Augusto Amato/Constanza Alvarez          | Y.C.O. - ARGENTINA        |                 | 46           |
| 7 29251         | Pablo Defazio/Manfredo Finck             | Y.C.U. - URUGUAY          |                 | 50           |
| 8 30453         | Adrián Marcatelli/Francisco Bonaventura  | C.R.S.N. - ARGENTINA      |                 | 50           |
| 9 28701         | Luis Soubié/Cecilia Granucci             | Y.C.O. - ARGENTINA        |                 | 51           |
| 1028963         | Nicolás Gioco Martina/avier Matheu       | C.N.C. - ARGENTINA        | JUNIOR          | 59           |
| 1130767         | Juliana Poncioni Mota/Larissa Juk        | I.C.R.J. - I.C.S.C.BRASIL | FEMENINO        | 68           |
| 1228644         | Marcos Antognini                         | Y.C.O. - ARGENTINA        |                 | 73           |
| 1328985         | Federico Pearson/Mariano Zarza           | C.V.R. - ARGENTINA        |                 | 83           |
| 1429345         | Andrés Marcone/Jorge Reguera             | Y.C.A. - ARGENTINA        |                 | 83           |
| 1528984         | Mariano Arroyo/Alejandro Baudoino        | C.V.R. - ARGENTINA        |                 | 87           |
| 1629339         | Lelio Di Santo/Fernando Isa Pavia        | C.V.R. - ARGENTINA        |                 | 100          |
| 1730693         | Matheus G.S.Tavares/Luiz G. Pérez        | Y.C.BAHIA                 |                 | 105          |
| 1830367         | Antonio Poncel/Felipe Arandal            | C.Y.ALGARROBO - CHILE     |                 | 113          |
| 1929228         | Matías Rafael Chemes/Marcelo Cortese     | CLUB MARINAS - ARGENTINA  | JUNIOR          | 115          |
| 2030604         | Emanuel Aghem/Luciano Pesci              | C.N.C. - ARGENTINA        | JUNIOR          | 117          |

**Off the Luff--**Claudio Seijo purchased plans to build a wooden Snipe a few years ago; built the boat and had it measured. 30789 finished 3rd in the Masters category in the SA Championship. Great news for wooden boat builders, owners & enthusiasts!



# Bruno Bethlem and Rodrigo Lins win Octanorm Snipe Cup in Rio de Janeiro

The traditional Snipe Class Octanorm Cup ended in Rio de Janeiro this Tuesday. Bruno Bethlem and Rodrigo Lins were the great Champions. Mario Tinoco and Matheus Gonçalves were second and Alexandre Paradede and Gabriel Kieling, third.

Out of four racing days, three were under perfect sun and wind conditions. The last day was rainy and, around three p.m. just before the start, a strong wind began to blow, with 15 knots gusts. However, during the race, the wind slowed down quite a lot, rendering the race extremely technical. Bruno and Rodrigo managed to keep the lead from start to finish, increasing their advantage over the other competitors at each mark, till crossing the finishing line first. At an extremely competing finish, Matheus Tavares and Dudinha (from Bahia State) crossed the finishing line third, Mario and Matheus fourth and Alexandre Tinoco and Victor Martins fifth. Mario e Matheus were in the third place general and Alexandre Tinoco, who kept the championship lead on the first two days ended up in the fourth place general. The third place general was taken by the South-American Champions, the two Gaúchos (born in Rio Grande do Sul state) Xandi Paradede and Gabriel, having finished eighth the only race on that day.



In the master category, the winners were Paulo Santos (São Paulo) and Rodrigo Inácio. In the feminine, the only pair enrolled were Valeria and Irene Haddad. In the Junior category, the champions were Mario Tinoco and Matheus Gonçalves and in the masculine/feminine, Ricardo Lobato and Mariana Peccicacco.

After the race, the cups awarding ceremony took place, followed by blind number picking gifts distribution, including the evening highlight: a brand new Lemão snipe, won by Rodrigo Inácio.

*Mariana Peccicacco  
Rio de Janeiro*

Final results, after 7 races:

## **Overall**

1. Bruno Bethlen and Rodrigo Lins, 11 points
2. Mario Tinoco and Matheus Gonçalves, 23 points
3. Alexandre Paradede and Gabriel Kieling, 24 points
4. Alexandre Tinoco and Victor Martins, 26 points
5. Victor Demaison and Joao Oliveira, 33 points
6. Marcos Adler e Luis Felipe Canepoints losta, 35 points
7. Mateus Tavares e Dudinha, 36 points
8. Ricardo Lobato e Mariana Peccicacco, 49 points
9. Paulo Santos e Rodrigo Inacio, 59 points
10. Pepe D`Elia, Pedro Henrique Walter, 70 points

## **Junior Category**

1. Mario Tinoco and Matheus Gonçalves, 23 points
2. Matheus Medeiros and Breno Osthoff, 153 points
3. Mateus Figueredo and Alain Violland, 166 points

## **Feminine Category**

1. Valeria Haddad and Irene Haddad, 208 points

## **Master Category**

1. Paulo Santos and Rodrigo Inacio, 59 points
2. Augusto Barroso and Daniel Farina, 100 points
3. Ivan Pimentel and Felipe Praça, 116 points

## **Feminine/Masculine Category**

1. Ricardo Lobato and Mariana Peccicacco, 49 points
2. Fabio Canto and Daniela Adler, 88 points
3. Malcolm Scofield and Patrícia Siniscalchi, 121 points



## Columbia Juniors

The classification of the teams for the Junior Worlds was recently held with the following results:



First place: Delio Delgado and Federico Concha.  
Second place: Julian Ramirez and Juan Gabriel Sánchez  
Third place: Adriana Garcia and Alejandro Bacot

*Gustavo Tamayo  
National Secretary*

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# EUROPEAN CUP TO BE SAILED IN POLAND

Dear Friends Sailors!

I'm proud to announce that Polish Snipe Class is going to organize this year, for the first time in its history, European Cup.

I hope that this event will become one of the greatest sailing events in the Snipe Polish Class. The patron at, together with giving the name, is world's famous brand of water S.Pellegrino. That's for the name of this regatta is S.Pellegrino European Cup 2009.

The first prize for the winners is besides cups and diplomas is 1000 Euro.

In my opinion prizes will be one of the elements for taking part S.Pellegrino European Cup 2009. Besides that co-organization iPoznan Sea Club LOK together with the president Adam Szyburski provide to all participants greatest performance and atmosphere in the mean of our motto: "Serious Sailing Serious Fun".

July this year is going to be special for us. There are three reasons for that. On the Kiekrz Lake in Poznan are to take place three big sailing events:

- 17-19 July Porsche Cup, organized by MEWA Yacht Club [www.mewa.poznan.pl](http://www.mewa.poznan.pl)
- 20-22 July Primavera Polish Cup and Polish National Championship organized by MEWA Yacht Club [www.mewa.poznan.pl](http://www.mewa.poznan.pl)
- 24-26 July S.Pellegrino European Cup 2009 organized by Poznan Sea Club LOK [www.pkmlok.pl](http://www.pkmlok.pl)

We invite all our friends from around the Europe to Poznan.

**Zbigniew Rakocy**

*President of Snipe Class Poland*

## 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 the oldest Italian sailing clubs, founded in 1923 as a 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.



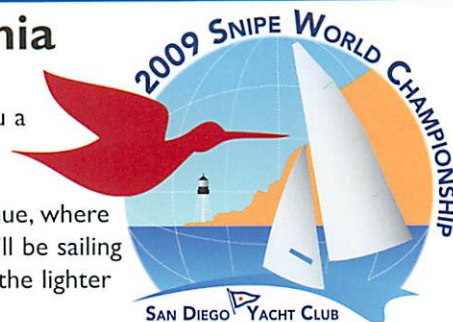


# Junior & Senior Worlds - San Diego, California

[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.com](http://www.sdy.com)) 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=sdbc1](http://www.ndbc.noaa.gov/station_page.php?station=sdbc1)

**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

|                           |                  |                            |
|---------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| 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

|                       |               |                           |
|-----------------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| 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 June 1, 2009

## 2009 Snipe World Quota per Country as of December 31

| Country        | Boats Paid | Members     |
|----------------|------------|-------------|
| Argentina      | 37         | 59          |
| Bahamas        | 5          | 2           |
| Belarus        | 0          | 0           |
| Belgium        | 25         | 57          |
| Bermuda        | 10         | 18          |
| Brazil         | 84         | 140         |
| Canada         | 13         | 24          |
| Chile          | 13         | 24          |
| Colombia       | 17         | 34          |
| Croatia        | 3          | 10          |
| Cuba           | 0          | 0           |
| Denmark        | 5          | 14          |
| Finland        | 9          | 27          |
| France         | 19         | 29          |
| Germany        | 7          | 9           |
| Italy          | 20         | 32          |
| Japan          | 234        | 592         |
| Mexico         | 5          | 6           |
| Norway         | 6          | 8           |
| Paraguay       | 0          | 0           |
| Poland         | 27         | 29          |
| Portugal       | 15         | 30          |
| Puerto Rico    | 10         | 15          |
| Russia         | 0          | 0           |
| Spain          | 227        | 249         |
| Sweden         | 39         | 53          |
| Ukraine        | 0          | 0           |
| United Kingdom | 0          | 0           |
| United States  | 83         | 87          |
| Uruguay        | 8          | 18          |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>921</b> | <b>1572</b> |

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<br>Boats | 2008<br>Boats | base quota | entries<br>total | addit'l<br>entries | qualified<br>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                     |
| 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                     |
| Sweden         | 47            | 41            | 88         | 44               | 2                  |                       |
| Ukraine        | 3             | 0             | 3          | 1.5              | 0                  |                       |
| United States  | 523           | 485           | 1008       | 504              | 8                  | 2                     |
| United Kingdom | 22            | 17            | 39         | 19.5             | 2                  |                       |
| Uruguay        | 16            | 15            | 31         | 15.5             | 2                  | 1                     |
| Virgin Islands | 0             | 0             | 0          | 0                | 0                  |                       |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>1806</b>   | <b>1980</b>   | <b>73</b>  | <b>73</b>        | <b>6</b>           |                       |

\*\*\* 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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