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The Cover: Newly crowned European champions Gustavo and Rafael Castillo Palop celebrate on the water.

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The Count: 26 new numbers have been issued since the last Bulletin: BRA 7, USA 3, JPN 15, ARG 1.

Numbered Snipes: 31399
Chartered Fleets: 896

**NEXT DEADLINE
DECEMBER 1**

From the Commodore

2016 is a busy year in the Snipe Class. The South American's, North American's, Western Hemisphere and Orient, Women's, now the Europeans and next month the World Masters. With every Championship held we learn something new and recognize things that can be improved.

Over the next few months we will work on improving the Notice of Race template and the Championship Bid template. These are important documents that lay out the way a championship will be run and provide critical information to both the sailors and the board.

You may have seen that Rule 18, regarding the attachment of the daggerboard to the hull, has been revised and is being used for the first time here at the European's. The rule is more specific and you can find the detailed information on the SCIRA website. We are hoping to have our rules approved by World Sailing, so we may get a new rule book out to you shortly.

Snipe clinics are being held, with the most recent one being at Santiago de la Ribera which was for junior sailors. This continues to be a popular option for fleets around the world. SCIRA will continue to offer clinics while also keeping an eye on our budget.

SnipeToday on Facebook continues to be a source of news for all things Snipe. Whether it is a local regatta, a major championship, general information or discussion forums and polls you can find lots of great information about the Snipe Class. Thanks to Vice-Commodore Pietro Fantoni and Carol Cronin for keeping us up to date on what is happening. Please log on and check it out, feel free to submit information about what is happening in your fleet, participate in the discussion.

We have received word that the Snipe will be in the next Pan American Games in 2019 in Peru. The difference for this event is that the crew must be mixed, male and female. This is in keeping with the Games having a 50/50 participation rate for male and females. We will continue to work with PASAF and the Federations and Sailing Associations to ensure that Snipe remains in the PanAms.

I am very fortunate to be writing this article at the Real Club de Regattas Santiago de la Ribera while attending the European Championship with 109 boats. As always I am available to you, the members, to talk Snipe. Drop me a line if there is something you want to discuss, gwenethcrook@hotmail.com

serious sailing, serious fun



Gweneth



Snipe Europeans won by Spanish Castillo Brothers

Santiago de la Ribera, Murcia, Spain

19-24 September

Photos by Pep Portas

The 2016 Snipe European Championship broke records on all accounts with 109 entries, making it the largest Snipe Championship to date. The 2016 European Championship, now open to all, attracted sailors from 13 nations including 6 teams from 2 countries outside of Europe (Argentina & Brazil).

The Snipe fleet returned to one of several “Snipe mecca’s” around the world – Santiago de la Ribera and the Real Club de Regatas de Santiago de la Ribera (RCRSR) with long time Snipe sailor as the main host and President, Francisco Gines Perez Lopez (Paco to us all). With the graciousness that this Club has shown us over the years, the doors were again flung open to receive Snipe sailors, officials and guests with the typical Spanish welcome.

The beach to the side of the club was covered with wood and carpet and ramps to the water were maintained daily by club staff as well as assistance launching & retrieving. Water hoses were installed and after each day’s racing, competitors were greeted with cold beverages and a snack. All done to accommodate the 218 sailors!

Split into flights for qualifying it was no surprise to see not only the Spanish, but local Spaniards up near the top. The brother/sister duo of Paco and Marina Sanchez

Ferrer, clearly comfortable in their home waters, posted 1s, 2s and a 7 for qualifying and decided to sit out the last race qualifying them in 2nd overall, possibly not wanting to have the back luck omen of winning the qualifying. Brothers Gustavo & Rafael Castillo Palop proved the omen wrong by not only winning the qualifying but also winning the overall title. Hailing from the Grand Canary islands, their consistency and ability to handle the varied wind conditions over the 4 days of sailing made them true champions. Perhaps having been European Champions previously in 2008 in their own home waters of Las Palmas, Gustavo knew what it would take to win. Rounding out



the podium was Alexandre Tinoco (Snipe World Champion in 2011) with crew Victor Perez Campos of Brazil.

The first day of racing found both courses on the water waiting for consistent and ample breeze. After a 4 hour delay, both courses were able to get 3 races in and return to the dock just as the sun set. The second day found more breeze and another 3 races finishing the qualifying portion. Fleets were split evenly with the final 2 days of Gold on the northern course and Silver sailing south on the Mar Menor. For the finals, conditions ranged from 5 knots to 13 knots over flat water.

Going into the last race on the Gold course, there were 3 teams that could win the title with the Castillo brothers, Alvaro Martinez/Gabriel Utrera and Tinoco/Campos in the running. After a general recall, Tinoco lead start to finish, but it was not enough to take the title from Castillo who finished 6th in the race with Martinez in 2nd. Just a few points separated the leaders at the end.



The Silver fleet had 54 boats in a highly competitive fleet as well with Juan Deben Tiscar/ Gerardo Prego Menor winning Silver.

Spain fielded an unprecedented 56 entries of the overall 109 followed by Italy and Portugal as the larger contingents.

Days prior, the Junior Europeans were held in the same waters with 18 teams representing 4 nations. Enric Noguera & Marc Capo from Spain sailed consistently to win the title with Portuguese sailors Mafalda Pires de Lima and brother Tomas finishing 2nd

overall. Antonio Lopez Montoya and Gregorio Belmonte (ESP) finished in 3rd. Full results for both events can be found at: www.snipeuropeans.org



2016 SNIPE YOUTH EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Real Club de Regatas Santiago de la Ribera

17th to 20th September

OVERALL RESULTS

Class: Snipe

Boats: 18

Discards: 2



Class: Snipe			Race											Points	
Pos	Sail No	Crew / Club	Out	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		Total	Net
1	ESP 30252	Enric Noguera/Marc Capo C.V.P.A.		1	1	4	1	1	4	2	8	4		26	34
				1	1	(4)	1	1	4	2	(8)	4			
2	POR 28767	Mafalda Pires de Lima/Tomas Pires de Lima C.V.A.		4	2	3	2	3	1	1	17	6		39	16
				4	2	3	2	3	1	1	(17)	(6)			
3	ESP 25389	Antonio Lopez Montoya/Gregorio Belmonte R.C.R. Cartagena	DSQ	4	1	3	4	3	5	1	1			41	17
			(19)	4	1	3	4	3	(5)	1	1				
4	ESP 30346	Asier Torres Castro/Javier Perez Martinez C de Mar Almeria		8	3	2	4	2	2	3	6	DNC		49	22
			(8)	3	2	4	2	2	3	6	(19)				
5	ESP 25332	Rafael De la Hoz/Cristina Garcia RCRS de la Ribera		3	10	8	5	6	5	11	2	5		55	34
				3	(10)	8	5	6	5	(11)	2	5			
6	ESP 28594	Joaquin Armengot Alvarez/Rafael Calvo Martinez R.C.M.S		2	5	5	8	9	11	OCS	9	7		75	45
				2	5	5	8	9	(11)	(19)	9	7			
7	ESP 30708	Adolfo Villalon Fernandez/Miguel Moncada R.C.M.-C.N.S		12	7	6	12	5	7	8	3	9		69	45
			(12)	7	6	(12)	5	7	8	3	9				
8	ESP 28543	Pablo Gutierrez /Ignacio Gutierrez C.N. Almeria		13	11	13	10	DNF	6	4	4	3		83	51
			(13)	11	13	10	(19)	6	4	4	3				
9	ESP 28508	Andreu Juan Roig/Nestor Diego Revuelta C.M.S.A.P.		14	8	12	9	10	8	6	12	2		81	55
			(14)	8	(12)	9	10	8	6	12	2				
10	ESP 25434	Raul Fernandez/Jose Gomez-Vizcaino R.C.R. Cartagena		9	9	7	OCS	7	10	16	5	8		90	55
				9	9	7	(19)	7	10	(16)	5	8			
11	ITA 25882	Alessandro Bari/Leonardo Francesco Franzini C.V.T.		7	6	9	7	12	9	7	DNE	10		86	64
				7	6	9	7	(12)	9	7	19	(10)			
12	ESP 30247	Sara Franceschi /Manuel Barber C.M.M.		11	16	15	6	11	12	9	7	12		99	68
				11	(16)	(15)	6	11	12	9	7	12			
13	ESP 25594	Francisco Helenio Hoyos Medina/Raul Naranjo Sos R.C.N.Gran Canaria		6	12	14	RDG	RDG	RDG	15	11	DNC		114,4	73,4
				6	12	14	(16)	10,7	10,7	15	11	(19)			
14	ESP 27376	Alejandro Barmuevo Pastor/Jesus Garcia Bernal Ló RCRS de la Ribera		16	13	10	11	8	13	OCS	15	11		116	81
			(16)	13	10	11	8	13	(19)	15	11				
15	ESP 28383	Paula Correa Sanchez /Carmen Martinez-Artero Pe RCNC		5	14	16	DSQ	14	15	10	14	15		122	87
				5	14	(16)	(19)	14	15	10	14	15			
16	FRA 30757	Floriane Le Floch/Jorge Juan Soriano Gomez F.L. Lanester Voile		10	18	17	14	15	16	12	10	14		126	91
				10	(18)	(17)	14	15	16	12	10	14			
17	ITA 26342	Marco Dei Rossi/Emiliano Rossi A.V.T.	DNF	15	11	13	13	14	14	13	13			125	91
			(19)	(15)	11	13	13	14	14	13	13				
18	ESP 25767	Elena Marin-Arnero/Paloma Peñalver R.C.R. Cartagena		15	17	18	15	16	DNC	13	16	16		145	100
				15	17	(18)	15	16	(19)	13	16	16			



European Championship 2016

Gold Fleet

Skipper/Crew	Country	Q - Final Finishes	Total
1. Gustavo del Castillo Palop/Rafael del Castillo Palop	ESP29718	1-(11)-1-8-2-6	18
2. Alvaro Martinez/Gabriel Utrera Thompson	ESP30768	8-(22)-8-2-1-2	21
3. Alexandre Tinoco/Victor Perez Campos	BRA30199	5-(13)-3-3-11-1	23
4. Francisco Sanchez Ferrer/Marina Sanchez Ferrer	ESP29724	2-9-(17)-1-10-8	30
5. Damian Borrás Camps/Carlos Bats	ESP31247	13-1-9-(12)-6-10	39
6. Martin Bermudez de la Puente/Angela Pumariega	ESP31016	10-2-20-9-5-(39)	46
7. Teo Matheu/Pedro Cabrer	ESP28389	17-20-7-4-(21)-7	55
8. Pablo Fresneda Arqueros/Eliezer Fernandez	ESP26260	3-(dsq)-5-25-19-5	57
9. Pietro Fantoni/Marinella Gorgatto	ITA15790	18-14-2-(20)-13-14	61
10. Carlos Soto Valero/Gregorio Belmonte Cuenca	ESP29989	11-(ocs)-10-31-8-3	63
11. Fran Palacio/Jaime Alvarez-Hevia	ESP28622	14-(26)-6-24-9-11	64
12. Manu Hens/Maj Kristin Hansen Borgen	BEL31274	9-(ocs)-4-7-3-43	66
13. Alejandro Fresneda/Javier Lopez	ESP24555	22-5-13-17-(28)-9	66
14. Mafalda Pires de Lima/Tomas Pires de Lima	POR28767	7-(46)-18-6-23-20	74
15. Jose Guerrero Macias/Pablo Martinex Iribarne	ESP28216	16-16-(48)-14-16-12	74
16. Marcos Miguez Gonzalez/Jose Ramon Pardo Gald	ESP28910	26-7-14-28-7-(38)	82
17. Antolin Alejandro de Ona/Francisco Martin-Lagos	ESP29870	29-8-11-22-(37)-19	89
18. Diego Pereira/Goncalo Ribeiro	POR30530	15-(40)-21-34-4-16	90
19. Juanma Barrionuevo/Alejandro Diaz	ESP28373	6-21-29-(49)-14-22	92
20. Miguel Guimaraes/Fausto Neves	POR31300	32-18-15-11-17-(27)	93
21. Pedro BarretoSofia Barreto	POR30554	19-10-19-21-(56)-29	98
22. Toni Pons Faner/Guillermo Lopez	ESP30269	21-32-12-15-20-(33)	100
23. Diego Perez Martinez/Javier Perez Martinez	ESP30346	41-17-27-5-(30)-13	103
24. Steffen Skjonberg/Maria Ohrn	NOR30660	54-4-28-(30)-22-4	112
25. Christian Skjoldvang Andersen/Celina Skjoldvang	DEN29916	24-27-(31)-16-31-17	115
26. Sergio Barrionuevo/Federico Galvez	ESP28145	20-41-26-(47)-15-26	128
27. Francesco Scarselli/Pablo Lambertenghi	ITA31323	25-(56)-30-19-18-36	128
28. Dario Bruni/Emanuel Zampiero	ITA30706	42-(39)-39-10-25-18	134
29. Bartolome Mari-Mayans Ruiz/Rebeca Gomez	ESP30200	43-(33)-16-27-26-23	135
30. Fabio Rochelli/Daniela Semec	ITA30983	28-12-27-26-(39)-35	138
31. Alberto Martinez Albadalejo/Maria Valverde	ESP28996	31-36-22-38-12-(41)	139
32. Yannick Lauman/sDries Crombe	BEL30793	36-28-24-(40)-29-30	147
33. Alberto Schiaffino/Andrea Schiaffino	ITA31294	30-37-(42)-18-27-37	149
34. Agustin Zabalua/Juan Luis Granados	ARG28260	35-29-25-32-(47)-28	149
35. Thierrry den Hartigh/Katia Royer	BEL31226	34-31-36-13-38-(49)	152
36. Pablo Garcia Meca/Lucas Rodriguez Verastegui	ESP29292	12-6-51-46-(ocs)-40	154
37. Jordi Triay Pons/Lluis Mas Barcelo	ESP29698	4-25-23-(dnf)-dnc-dnc	164
38. Jose Luis Coelle Nunez/Rocio Coello Nunez	ESP29958	23-(50)-47-29-44-21	164
39. Marc Terrasa Pol/Ivan Moreno Costa	ESP30476	46-23-33-(36)-34-31	167
40. Carlos Ordonez/Francisco Jimenez	ESP30950	44-35-34-(48)-43-15	171
41. Andrea Gemini/Giovanna Gangitano	ITA30403	40-(44)-35-23-42-34	174
42. Enrico Michel/Antonia Contin	ITA31284	51-3-(52)-43-35-46	178
43. Luis Durban/Alejandro Lozano	ESP28807	45-24-45-42-24-(48)	180
44. Ignacio Iturrioz/Ntalia Diaz Rodriguez	ESP29967	52-15-50-(dnf)-41-32	190
45. Jose Ballester/Vernon Cardan Ming	ESP29107	48-45-32-33-32-(47)	190
46. Wim Saeys/Dirk DeBock	BEL30357	37-30-44-35-48-(52)	194
47. Guy Celia/Eric Bohmer	ESP31174	39-(43)-41-39-33-42	194
48. Stefano Longhi/Eleonora Zuzic	ITA30774	47-19-(49)-41-45-44	196
49. Rodrigo Almida/Luicano Secchin	BRA31261	49-(ocs)-40-46-36-25	196
50. Miguel Costa/Victor Mateo Fructuoso	ARG29825	53-38-43-(51)-40-24	198
51. Jean Jacques Freault/Cyril Laprebendere	FRA30757	33-48-(dnf)-37-46-50	214
52. Joaquin Armengot Alvarez/Rafael Calvo Martinez	ESP28994	27-34-54-dns)-50-51	216
53. Rita Leal de Faria/Antonio Barros	POR29959	50-47-38-44-(49)-45	224
54. Wim Ghys/An Van Daele	BEL30758	38-42-46-50-(dnc)-dnc	232
55. Pablo Mesa del Castillo/Anabel Mesa del Castillo	ESP26973	55-49-53-51.5rdg-(dnf)-dnc	264.5



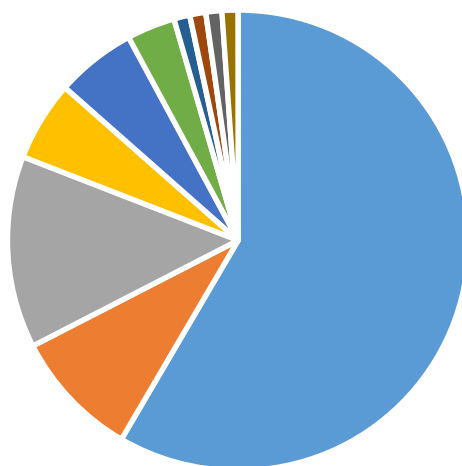
European Championship 2016

Silver Fleet

<i>Skipper/Crew</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Q - Final Finishes</i>	<i>Total</i>
1. Juan Deben Tiscar/Gerardo Prego Menor	ESP30987	56-(15)-4-8-1-1	70
2. Ivo Gattulli/Paola Passariello	ITA30001	57-9-1-3-12-(27)	82
3. Manuel Madrid/Alberto Fructuoso	ESP28757	67-2-(16)-7-3-6	85
4. Alejandro Triggiano/Mariana Safar	ARG31222	68-4-2-1-(23)-18	93
5. Erwin Everaert/Jan Everaert	BEL30265	61-3-6-11-(19)-12	93
6. Miguel Cid Montoya/Carmen Mateo Suarez-Pumariego	ESP30869	64-(11)-7-9-9-4	93
7. Giuseppe Prosperi/Marco Onorato	ITA29195	60-6-9-6-(14)-14	95
8. Juan Cajade Frias/Pepe Losada Doval	ESP29327	79-(37)-8-4-2-5	98
9. Josep Pons Faner/Helenio Hoyos	ESP30227	59-(ocs)-22-10-4-3	98
10. Jukka Kotisalo/Tommi Isotalo	FIN30558	63-8-10-13-(20)-11	105
11. Jose Palacio/Ignacio Brana	ESP28278	65-(26)-2-6-20	119
12. Guillermo Cervantes/Arturo Barranco	ESP28809	73-(32)-3-12-11-21	120
13. Miguel Graca/Teresa Inacio	POR31199	77-1-(31)-23-18-10	129
14. Jerome thomas/Floriane Lefloch	FRA30114	66-29-13-14-13-(dnc)	135
15. Javier Contreras Jimenez/Maria Fiestas	ESP29998	89-12-(21)-15-7-16	139
16. Jose Enrique Pomares Moreno/Gines Rodriguez	ESP30166	96-17-17-(29)-5-7	142
17. Per Edwall/Simon Edwall	SVK30068	75-(36)-25-26-10-13	149
18. Manuel Camacho/Esperanza Perez Crespo	ESP30074	74-13-12-(30)-30-24	153
19. Gines Valverde Maiquez/Jose Juan Valverde	ESP29402	80-18-23-25-(ocs)-8	154
20. Marisa Sanchez Ferrer/Santiago Pujalte Parra	ESP28764	84-20-18-(24)-17-15	154
21. Antonio Viegas/Francisco Mouricio	POR28365	69-(ocs)-33-5-25-23	155
22. Antti Mikkonen/Matias Mikkonen	FIN31099	58-5-15-(dnf)-27-55	160
23. Domingos Barralho/Luis Olveira	POR31296	72-7-27-(32)-24-32	162
24. Piotr Slowik/Roger Slowik	POL30290	78-(38)-19-22-15-35	169
25. Tomas Garcia Bernal/Jorge Juan Soriano Gomez	ESP27376	62-14-11-(dnc)-28-dnc	170
26. Felice Sciancalepore/Ernesto Angeletti	ITA29935	70-(41)-39-18-21-26	174
27. Luiz Queiroz/Antonio Pereira	POR28681	81-25-20-(dnc)-dsq-2	183
28. Juan Guerra Cabrera/Juan Guerra Suarez	ESP29506	88-27-24-17-(dnc)-33	189
29. Svend Andersen/Pia Skjoldvang	DEN29939	86-(43)-29-20-26-28	189
30. Fernando Juarez Marrero/Raul Naranjo Sosa	ESP29924	94-31-(40)-19-29-17	190
31. Jose Manuel Rilo Gonzalez-Valles/Diego Carral	ESP29519	83-(44)-28-35-42-9	197
32. Juan Chumilla Ripoll/Maria Poblaciones	ESP29759	82-23-37-21-(40)-36	199
33. Jorn Haga/Randi Stray	NOR13923	92-10-42-37-(dsq)-19	200
34. Luigi Gangitano/Francesca Ruggiero	ITA30438	85-39-44-16-16-(dnc)	200
35. Senne Deboeure/Andrew Deboeure	BEL30714	91-35-(36)-28-34-30	218
36. Umberto Ricci/Vittorio Brunelli	ITA29079	103-(46)-35-38-22-22	220
37. Birgern Jansen/Janett Krefting	NOR30090	76-19-45-33-(dnc)-dnc	228
38. Nicolas Garcia/Adriana Quiroga	ARG30947	87-(ocs)-14-36-39-dnc	231
39. Jose Pedro Pinheiro/Catarina Pinheiro	POR31324	97-24-(43)-42-31-37	231
40. Mats Gothlin/Marten Gothlin	SVK29416	93-28-34-39-37-(ocs)	231
41. Rafael Ramon Borja/Francisco Caballero	ESP29991	90-33-38-(45)-41-29	231
42. Pablo Gutierrez/Ignacio Gutierrez	ESP28913	109-(22)-5-dne-8-dne	232
43. Andre Callot/Eric Callot	BEL31225	95-21-32-31-(dnc)-dnc	234
44. Pedro Pontes/Paulo Barbosa	POR30820	100-16-(46)-46-35-39	236
45. Pedro Campos/Antonio Manuel Ramalho Vieira	POR29371	99-42-(49)-34-43-25	243
46. Javier Fernandez/Juan Manuel Montoro Lorente	ESP29434	105-34-(48)-40-33-31	243
47. Sue Roberts/Steve Roberts	GBR29611	104-30-(51)-43-32-38	247
48. Paula Correa Sanchez/Elena Quevedo Pasarin	ESP28463	98-48-30-27-(dsq)-dnc	258
49. Pedro Mateo Beltri/Pedro Mateo Alcaraz	ESP29334	101-(dnf)-41-44-38-34	258
50. Antonio Pena Lopez/Jose Manuel Lorente Canovas	ESP29385	106-(47)-47-41-36-40	270
51. Fernando Celdran/Estefania Navarro	ESP30148	108-45-(52)-47-44-42	286
52. Placido Marquez/Jorge Botey Cuevas	ESP28486	107-49-(53)-48-45-41	290
53. Francisco Ramirez/Alvaro Perez de Sevilla	ESP29372	71-(dnc)-dnc-dnc-dnc-dnc	291
54. Jean Pierre Etcheber/Marion Beaudoin	FRA30015	102-40-50-(dnf)-dnc-dnc	302



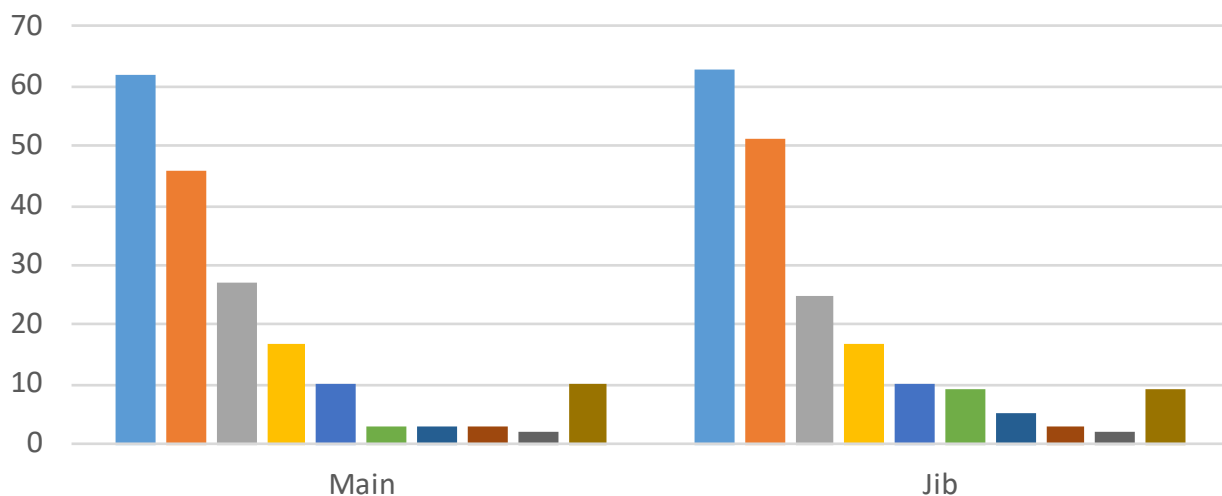
Hulls at Europeans



■ Persson ■ DB Marine ■ Proto ■ Zeltic ■ Araez/P
■ Skipper ■ J2 Company ■ Torben ■ Lillia ■ Araez/J

Shown here are charts of the various equipments used at the European Championship. While this is not 100%, it is a good indicator of what the fleet preferences were.

Sails



■ Olimpic ■ Pires de Lima ■ North ■ Elite ■ Quantum
■ Starvoiles ■ Other ■ Mateu ■ Zaoli ■ Varios





Persson moves production to Belgium

The Snipe and its riggings, such as the Sidewinder or the Teardrop masts, are like the wind and the waves one on one connected. A continuous production of these elements is crucial for the Snipe class and his Serious sailing and Serious fun community. Bearing that in mind, the production of the Sidewinder and Teardrop masts has been moved to Belgium as of September 2016.

Jan Persson

Jan Persson is truly a Snipe legend: great as a sailor, outstanding as a professional craftsman of Snipe boats and riggings, and even more exceptional as a person.

Not only the production of Sidewinder and Teardrop masts, but also the MiniMAX booms and additional Snipe riggings have been under his competent and careful control for the past few years.

A number of concerns such as his age, the continuity of the availability, but also the high employee costs in Denmark made him consider to transfer the production.

Persson Marine Belgium

Thanks to the good relationship that we have built over the last years at multiple

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Snipe Women's Championship

By Lisa Pline

August 2016

photos by Giuseppe Amato

Ciao, Bel Lago di Bracciano! The 2016 Women's Championship hosted by Sailing Team Bracciano is one that competitors will not soon forget. Gorgeous landscape, crystal clear water, no powerboats, perfect Snipe breezes, top-notch competition, and gracious Italian hospitality! Who wouldn't love an event that each perfect day on the water ends with "Fruits & Beers" or perhaps a cold flute of Prosecco? And how many regattas have both a Saturday night dinner and a Sunday night Tango? As is apparently typical for Bracciano, the lake would be glassy upon arrival to the club at noon, with the thermal building quickly to 10-15 knots by 3pm. The courses were the SCIRA-prescribed 60-75 minutes, so getting 2-3 races per day meant racing until 6pm or later. For the mostly lighter women's teams, that made



for some long days of hard hiking! The perfectly round volcanic lake that was 10 kilometers in diameter and 200 meters deep made for nice long legs, but a constant race committee challenge for the course changes that were required almost every race in the thermal that oscillated chaotically right during the day. Nineteen (19) teams sailed representing 8 countries: 7 Italian teams, 4 American teams, 2 boats from Finland, and 1 each from Brazil, Portugal, Norway, Belgium, and Germany. It was truly a "Serious Sailing, Serious Fun" event!

It was clear from the beginning that the Brazilian team of Juliana Duque & Amanda Sento Sé were the ones to beat for the



regatta. They sailed clean and fast for a decisive victory, finishing with 11 points in an 8 race/1 drop series. The real drama was for who would take 2nd-4th place. Going into the last day the Portugese boat of Mafalda Pires de Lima & Carmen Mateo (of Spain) and Italians Maelle & Lucille Frascari, junior sailors from Planet Sail



in Bracciano, were in a tie with 12 points each. The tie-breaker math went all the way down to who beat who the last race which favored the Italians. Anette Melsom Myhre

and Janett Krefting representing Norway were seemingly well back in 4th with 20 points. Perhaps not realizing that Norway could be in contention, the Portugese team hunted the Italian team match-racing style in the first race of the last day, driving both teams well back creating the need for the Italians to have a worse drop race than the 7th that had been their previous drop, giving the Portugese a one-point lead after Race 7. Meanwhile, Norway capitalized on the opportunity with a strong 2nd place finish in the 7th race. With a 4:30 "last start" time, it became clear that there would be one final race. Brazil sailed in knowing they had won the regatta with the ensured drop. Going into the last race, Portugal had 20 points, Italy had 21 points, and Norway had 22 points. Perhaps mentally exhausted by the drama of the day, Portugal did not have a good last race, starting left, sailing deep in the fleet for most of the race, doing a 720 for a leeward mark foul but working their way back up to a 6th place finish by the last leg. Italy had a strong 4th place, and Norway scored the comeback of the year with a 1st place finish that moved them from 4th to 2nd for regatta. Italy placed 3rd and were the Top Junior team, with Portugal ending up 4th. The final trophy of 5th place was won by USA's Lisa & Lexi Pline, one of two Mother/Daughter teams sailing in the event.



Grazie Mille to the regatta organizers, Sailing Team Bracciano, the SCIRA officials Pietro Fantoni and Antonio Bari, PRO Alessandro Testa, the Race Committee and the International Jury for a fantastic event. The women sailors all are looking forward to meeting again in 2018!



Note: SCIRA is held to ISAF regulations and to grant a World title, there must be 30 competitors from 2 continents & 5 nations. Because these conditions were not met, the World title could not be granted.



Women's Championship 2016

Skipper/Crew	Country	Finishes	Total
1. Juliana Duque/Amanda Sento Se	BRA31163	1-2-2-1-2-2-1 (dnc)	11
2. Anette Melsom Myhre/Janett Krefting	NOR30312	3-(7)-4-3-4-6-2-1	23
3. Maelle Frascari/Lucille Frascari	ITA30232	9-5-1-2-3-1-(13)-4	25
4. Mafalda Pires de Lima/Carmen Mateo	POR28767	2-1-8-5-1-3-(11)-6	26
5. Lisa Pline/Lexi Pline	USA31313	(11)-3-3-8-5-4-7-5	35
6. Sarah Barbarossa/Antonia Contin	ITA31284	6-(8)-7-6-6-5-4-3	37
7. Chita Wahlroos/Pii Wahlroos	FIN30891	4-6-5-9-(11)-10-3-2	39
8. Bridget Wiatrowski/Jessica Clafin	USA30404	8-4-13-7-9-7-5-(14)	53
9. Helena deMunck/Giovanna Gangitano	BEL30686	(14)-9-6-4-10-8-6-10	53
10. Hanna-Leena Lehtinen/Mai Jarvinen	FIN30833	5-11-12-11-13-(ret)-10-8	70
11. Lara Dallman-Weiss/Kim Calnan	USA29687	12-(14)-9-10-7-11-9-13	71
12. Kerry O'Brien/Ann Walt Stallings	USA30470	7-10-15-12-8-9-(16)-12	73
13. Alizee DelGizzo/Arianna Buzzetti	ITA29571	10-12-14-(17)-14-13-8-9	80
14. Helena Burilova/Silvia Pederiva	ITA30581	16-13-10-(18)-12-14-14-7	86
15. Illaria Maraner/Liviana Osti	ITA27130	13-(15)-11-13-15-12-12-11	87
16. Chiara Amato/Sharon Mattia Cannamela	ITA30343	(18)-16-17-14-17-16-15-15	110
17. Silvia DelPozzo/Laura Altobelli	ITA30075	15-18-16-15-18-15-18-(ret)	115
18. Margit Hautman/Ute Kammel	GER27024	17-17-18-(dnf)-dns-dns-dnc-17	126
19. Sofia Luciani/Martina Cristoferi	ITA28865	19-(ocs)-ocs-16-16-ocs-ret-16	127



New SCIRA Merchandise available

Approved by the Promotions Committee, what better way to carry your groceries or even wet sailing gear than in this recyclable bag featuring the awesome photo of Matias Capizzano from the 2015 Worlds. A great conversation piece, everyone will want to know about the Snipe!

The bags will sell for \$10 USD and could even be used as regatta bags for registration. Contact the SCIRA office for bulk purchases or just order online through the secure order system on www.snipe.org



Italian Nationals

Report by **Pietro Fantoni**

Brenzone, July 7-10, 2016. Results after 8 races (1 discard)

Italian Championship:

1. Enrico Michel & Antonia Contin, 23
2. Pietro Fantoni & Marinella Gorgatto, 44
3. Paolo Lambertenghi & Antonio Bari, 45
4. Fabrizio Onofri & Francesco Tomasini, 47
5. Francesco Scarselli & Marco Rinaldi, 64

Open Italian Nationals:

1. USA Augie Diaz & Julia Melton, 22
2. BRA Alexandre Tinoco & Victor Perez Campos, 22
3. ITA Enrico Michel & Antonia Contin, 23
4. BEL Manu Hens & Maj Kristin Hansen Borgen, 33
5. ITA Pietro Fantoni & Marinella Gorgatto, 44

Top 3 Juniors:

1. Lapo Savorani & Federico Milone
2. Alessandro Bari & Leonardo Franzini
3. Michele Meotto & Alberto Cassandro

The Italian Nationals 2016 was held on Lake Garda (Circolo Nautico Brenzone), more precisely in Castelletto di Brenzone, a small and beautiful village on the eastern coast of Lake Garda.

37 boats were on the starting line; in addition to Italian teams - down in numbers compared to previous years - teams from the United States, Brazil / Spain, Belgium / Norway and Poland / Spain, were all attracted by the fame of Lake Garda and the beauty of the landscape.

Sailing on this lake, in perfect conditions for sailing, surrounded by steep mountains, with a coastline dotted with picturesque villages is an experience that everyone should have.

The typical wind of Lake Garda is called "Ora" (the classic wind blowing from the south starting around noon). In this part of the lake this wind is not as strong as in Riva and Torbole, in the northern part of the Lake.

During the regatta the Ora never missed. For the first two days, it started around 12-15 knots and decreased in intensity throughout the day, while the last two days were a bit



weaker. No races were sailed in the "Peler", the wind that typically blows from the north early in the morning.



Deserved victory went to Augie Diaz and Julia Melton (USA) with three bullets. Alexandre Tinoco (BRA) with Victor Perez Campos (ESP) tied on points (but with only two firsts). Third was the first Italian team, but only a point behind the first two, Enrico Michel and Antonia Conin. For Enrico this is the tenth Italian title (he won the first 27 years ago!).

Fourth were Manu Hens (BEL) and Maj Kristin Hansen Borgen (NOR) and fifth (second Italian team) Pietro Fantoni and Marinella Gorgatto. Third of the Italians was the local Paolo Lambertenghi (from Torbole) with Antonio Bari.



The Junior Italian title went to Lapo Savorani and Federico Milone.





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2017 Snipe US Nationals

September 15-17, 2016

Rush Creek Yacht Club, Heath Texas

Whoever said there is no sailing in Texas clearly hasn't been to the Rush Creek Yacht Club outside of Dallas. A small, family oriented club home to fleets of Scows, J70's, Flying Scots, and for one week in September Snipes.

22 teams of Snipe sailors made the annual migration to the Nationals, coming from all corners of the country to the beautiful Lake Ray Hubbard. Unfortunately, no one remembered to pack the wind.

Most of the competitors started arriving on Monday and Tuesday to allow for a few days of practice before the racing started, little did they know that Mother Nature had other plans. High pressure system rolled into the area the same time we did and raised the thermostat while blocking out the breeze testing the heat tolerance level of the fleet. Luckily the pool was cool, the clubhouse was air-conditioned and the beer was well chilled.

PRO Gil Greenwood and his team of Race Committee volunteers did everything they could to get in a race every time the conditions would allow it. This entailed numerous trips out to the race course and ample time floating on the lake looking for enough breeze to set a course. The first day the fleet was skunked. Not even enough breeze to start a race. It did give ample time for the sailors to test out the pool toys and make sure the wall mounted margarita maker were working just fine. Day 2 turned out to be better and in the late afternoon Gil was able to sneak in 2 races before the wind evaporated completely. Ernesto Rodriguez and his hotshot high school crew Alex Sidi were able to pull off two bullets for those races showing the rest of the fleet how it's done in the light air. While frustrating everyone took the conditions in stride and there was discussion of settling the title with GFU style race in the harbor that night using the full moon as a guide.

In an effort to squeeze any potential breeze that Saturday night bring into a race the PRO opted to move up the first start by



one hour to 9am. While not a popular decision in the bar Friday evening 21 boats followed the signal boat out of the marina onto the lake Saturday in hopes of starting a race in the morning breeze. Unfortunately right as the marks were starting to go into the water the wind once again evaporated and the fleet was left to drift for 2 hours before heading in to cool off and eat lunch. The 22nd boat never left the dock that morning, actually, they weren't even out of bed when the postponement flag was raised. Alex Padgett, the RCYC Jr. Director and his crew of Bruno Mello, both holding tie to the Atlanta Fleet but now living elsewhere, decided the night before that there would be no breeze at 9am and took the opportunity to enjoy a leisurely morning.

By late afternoon as the cutoff time was starting to bear down on the racers the PRO decided to give it one more try and dropped the postponement flag on shore. We herded everyone back out to the lake just as the breeze started to build enough to consider a start. By the time the marks were in the water and the fleet had arrived at the start line the PRO logged 5 kts and up went the warning. The wind gods gave in and let us have our third race. With lead changes at each mark it proved to be an interesting one as well. By the last leg as the signal boat was chasing the fleet to the finish Peter and Connie Commette had established the lead and ended the regatta with a bullet.



That evening at the awards dinner, the sailors celebrated the camaraderie of the fleet and swapped stories of past regattas while watching the sun set on the lake for the last time. PRO Gil Greenwood passed around the top panel of an original cotton mainsail for the sailors to sign for Steve and Mary Snider from the Tulsa fleet who were disappointed to not be able to come to the dinner. They were long time Snipe sailors from District 2 and unfortunately ALS has sidelined Steve from sailing but he still



follows all of the results and regatta reports.

Congratulations to Ernesto Rodriguez and Alex Sidi from the Miami Snipe Fleet #7 for winning the 2016 Snipe US Nationals. Though it was only a 22 boat fleet there were at least 8 World Championship titles, 4 Hemisphere titles, 15 North Americans titles and 20 Snipe US National titles scattered amongst the competitors. There are many 100 boat fleets that cannot claim that pedigree. Our other trophy winners were

- Macklanburg Duncan Award for the Snipe Nationals Principal Race Officer: Gil Greenwood, Tulsa, Oklahoma
- National Secretary's Award for the Snipe National Regatta Chair: Mary Anne Hopper, Rush Creek YC
- Master Endurance Award for the most senior member for the fleet: Gonzalo "Old Man" Diaz, Miami Snipe Fleet (this was the Old Man's 47th Nationals and at the age of 87 challenges the fleet to find someone to please take the title from him next year in Winchester)
- Masters Award for the top placing Masters division sailor: Ernesto Rodriguez, Miami Snipe Fleet
- Cleave R. Slausen Memorial Trophy for 2nd Place Skipper and Crew: Augie Diaz and Christine da Silva, Miami Snipe Fleet
- Portage Lakes Yacht Club Trophy for Champion Crew: Alex Sidi, Miami Snipe Fleet
- Charles Heinzerling Trophy for the Champion Skipper, Ernesto Rodriguez, Miami Snipe Fleet



This was the first experiment with the shorter national's schedule, only three days of racing and one day of measurement instead of the traditional 5 days of racing and 2 days of measurement. The SCIRA USA Board is allowing hosts to bid for a shorter event if it better fits their schedule to encourage bids from other parts of the country.

The SCIRA USA Board of Directors accepted a bid from the Winchester Boat Club for the 2017 US Snipe National Championship, the 2017 US Snipe Jr. National Championship, and the 2017 US Snipe Special Junior National Championship. The event, which will be co-hosted by Snipe Fleet #77, will take place August 19-25 with the Junior event being contested August 19-20 and the Seniors on August 21-25.

2016 SCIRA USA Snipe Nationals

Rush Creek Yacht Club, Heath Texas

September 15-17, 2016

Place #	Skipper	Crew	Fleet	Races	Total
1	31130	Ernesto Rodriguez/Alex Sidi	7	1-1-4	6
2	30288	Augie Diaz/Christine da Silva	7	4-3-3	10
3	29442	Peter/Connie Commette	7	6-8-1	15
4	31297	Doug Hart/Diego Escobar	495	12-2-2	16
5	29108	Steve Stewart/Gus Wirth	495	2-5-9	16
6	30337	George Szabo/Diana Waterbury	495	3-4-12	19
7	9908	Asher Zittler/Watt Duffy	257	7-6-6	19
8	30618	Don Bedford/Treat Bedford	495	14-7-5	26
9	30568	Steve Tautz/Alice Bush	640	5-15-7	27
10	31309	Andrew Klein/Deborah Meuse	77	9-10-13	32
11	30477	Gene Soltero/Keisha Meyer	1	8-11-15	34
12	30611	Sean Adams/Jenny Adams	330	19-9-10	38
13	29956	Andrew Sommer/Jess Hardin	1	10-13-16	39
14	29323	David Baker/Suzanne Baker	640	17-12-11	40
15	30336	Gonzalo Diaz/Patti Bess	7	15-18-8	41
16	29908	John Upton/Nikki Bruno	1	13-16-18	47
17	31244	Eliot Payson/Lauren Schoene	640	16-17-14	47
18	29369	Alex Padgett/Bruno Mello	330	18-14-17	49
19	31157	Martin Bebb/Taylon Starr	1	11-21-19	51
20	30218	Mark Williams/Ricardo Bandeira	1	20-19-20	59
21	31188	Mike Slouka/Ed LoCricchio	640	21-20-21	62
22	29696	Greg Wallace/Brian Hannan	1	22-22-22	66



The Day in the life of the SCIRA office.....

At the recent Sailors Open Forum, a question was asked about what the SCIRA office does....While this answer is a bit complex, I'll try to break it down so Snipe sailors can get a feeling for what goes on in the office daily and year-round. Believe it or not, I've now been in this position as Executive Director for 23 years. Big changes have happened since the first trip to the 1993 Worlds in Porto Alegre with the help of Commodore Terry Timm and Vice Commodore Horacio Garcia Pastori. Class officers and members have helped usher in many of these changes..

- The Class transitioned from phone and faxes to email & the internet
- www.snipe.org was one of the first Classes to create a website (thanks to Alex Pline & Steve Keckler)
- The Class moved membership registration to an online system saving the class postage & printing costs, and is now hosted on a cloud based system.
- Global Measurement program and measurer's guidebook was created
- Implementation of sail royalties, realizing over \$100k in revenue since its inception in 1996
- Implementation of Snipe merchandise helping spread the brand & loyalty of members as well as gaining \$50k
- Created a regatta management package that is sent to all major regatta organizers.
- Dedicated websites have been created for Worlds, European and WH&O regattas
- The day-to-day business varies. Emails to be read/ responded to start each day with inquiries from members, National Secretaries, Class officers and World Sailing. The recent months have been busy helping regatta hosts prepare for the Women's Championship, WH&O, European and World Master events by verifying membership of all sailors and boat registration & MDS status. Planning for these regattas begins 9-12 months prior with the drafting & approval of the Notice of Race and the creation of information for the website as well as promotion for the events through the website, social media and the National Secretaries. Following the events, the website must be updated with the results as well as articles and photos for the Snipe Bulletin.

The Snipe Bulletin is now quarterly, and the request for submissions and the layout, printing & mailing is coordinated the



months prior to printing.

For the major events, the agendas are coordinated with the Commodore and General Secretaries as well as soliciting information from the National Secretaries prior to the meeting. Minutes are taken by the Executive Director and distributed to attendees for approval. For the bi-annual Board of Governors meeting held at the World Championship and the National Secretaries meeting, proposals and coordination are involved.

Changes in the Class Constitution and Bylaws now allow the Board to vote on ballots throughout the year, so ballots and discussion are managed in the SCIRA office to allow the Board to make informed votes on the proposals submitted.

The SCIRA office interfaces with ISAF/World Sailing on many fronts; most recently to work to ensure the Snipe remains in the Pan American Games and to propose and agree upon the country qualifiers for that event. Annually the Snipe

Class has to submit a class report to World Sailing with statistics, champions and other information. SCIRA has been





has recently begun to build Snipes and is interested in creating a fleet. The Class office also works with regional officers to expand into areas such as Slovenia and Austria. So as you can see, the office work varies from day to day, but the work is never finished. It is a privilege to work with SCIRA members and as a Snipe sailor myself, this truly is the best boat!

Photos- opposite page: Upper left: original filing cabinets with 30,000+ MDS' on file.

Lower left: drawer 1 with MDS' #1-7800. Snipe #1 MDS pulled

This page: top: original boat cards with member name/address.

Middle: Snipe merchandise ready to sell

Lower: Snipe plans



working with World Sailing on suggesting revisions to the regulations for women's and junior world championships as our events have not met World Sailing minimums and we cannot award these World titles. To encourage and support youth & women's sailing, the SCIRA office is working for a solution.

Each November, the Treasurer and Executive Director work with the Board to create the budget for the coming year. Annually the Financial Statements are published in the Snipe Bulletin and of members may ask for a copy at any time. In addition, coordination with the nominating committee for the election of officers per the Constitution is handled within the SCIRA office from September to December each year.

Currently the Rules Chairman and Executive Director are finalizing a 6-year project with ISAF/World Sailing to convert our rules to the ISAF template and we plan to have the Rulebook ready in January of 2017. This has been a huge undertaking as the Snipe still allows people to build a boat from wood, which makes our rules and general restrictions a bit more complicated. Since 2005, Sherri Campbell has joined the SCIRA office and as a certified public accountant, has provided a higher level of financial oversight and support SCIRA.

New fleets charters have been issued once the Bylaw requirements are met. Coordination with builders and sailmakers on any rule changes or issuance of sail numbers or sail royalties is a monthly occurrence. Our office is located in Point Loma, with the Quantum sail loft in the same building and North and Ullman Sails close by. Management of the MDS status with the owners, builders, National Secretary, Chief Measurer and Rules Chairman is a constant task. A few years ago all 30,000+ MDS' were scanned in the office as digital files.

Members submit orders for building plans, books and Snipe merchandise which has to be billed & packed for delivery. Often the Class office receives requests for historical research of a boat or other information as well as phone calls with people interested in joining the Class or looking for a Snipe. Costa Rica



Costa Rican Snipe Making Progress

Phil Jarman sent the following photos of progress in Costa Rica with this text: "One plank a day is the speed of advance together with all the frame work/renovations here. We should have the hull off the building form in several weeks, right side up and startign the deck supports."



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German Open 2016

May 20-22

Lake Caldonazzo

A positive balance for the Snipe Class German Open Championship sailed on Lake Caldonazzo in an intense three days on May 20 to 22 in the beautiful location of Lake Caldonazzo. The international event organized by Associazione Velica Trentina (AVT), home base for many years of a large group of fans of the Snipe, in cooperation with the German Snipe Class Association celebrated the 15th consecutive edition. In addition to the home sailors, many participants came from sailing clubs of Italy, Germany, Belgium and Poland. Plenty of sun wind, and competitors granted the success of the regatta allowing the Race Committee to sail seven races.

DAY 1. Friday. A strange and light wind from the north has allowed two slow races, the first with a final squall which didn't allow several boats to finish within the time limit.. The Belgian/Norwegian crew Hens / Hansen, winners of the past edition, started fine with a first and second, but also the local sailors were at the top with Gabriele Bernardis - back this year at the helm of his beloved SNIPE - in second position. The Polish crew Manczak Przemystan won the second race, with Rochelli / Semec and Lambertenghi / Debiassi just behind them.

DAY 2. Saturday. After pleasing sunbaths on the boats and large "islands" of SNIPE slowly moving on the flat water, the wind finally came later than usual. The race committee still managed to give two starts with Hens / Hansen dominating the day, Giuliano Demattè /Marco Dei Rossi and Fantoni / Giovanna Gangitano exchanging in second place, while Manczak and Lambertenghi finished third in the two races.

DAY 3. Sunday. The best day of the event. In addition to a beautiful sun a good and constant breeze allowed three very fast and exciting races, which highlighted the athletic fit and concentration of the competing crews. Top scorers of the day were the Rockets (Fabio Rochelli and Daniela Semec from Trieste) winning all the races, the first with considerable leading over the whole group. Second were Antonio Bari (first race) with the young crew and new captain of the Punta Indiani fleet Leonardo Franzini, Manu and Maj Kristin (second and third race). Manczak and Lambertenghi exchanged the third position, while the national champion and Vice Commodore Pietro Fantoni was forced to abandon due to the failure of the mainsheet.

At the top of the final standings was BEL 31274 Manu Hens and Maj Kristin Hansen, RYCB with 7 points, second



ITA 30983 Fabio Rochelli, Daniela Semec, SVBG with 10 points and third POL 30644 Piotr Manczak, Blaszka Przemystan, ZLKS with 15 points. Lambertenghi Debiassi, CVT were fourth, while three local crews finished in the top ten: Bernardis / Casagrande, Bari / Franzini, and Piazza / Pedesini from AVLL. Honors to the only women crew, the local Ilaria Maraner/Liviana Osti.

During the prize giving the President of the AVT Roberto Emer thanked all the competitors, the excellent Jury chaired by Gino Costantini, with Paul Egua (Italy) and Helmut Gelmini (Austria) and the Race Officials Roberto Girardi and Paola Angeli as well as the many volunteers (aka "SHERPAS") – true heritage of the Velica Trentina - expertly coordinated by the Admiral Dalmazio Sauro, which contributed to the excellent success of the event. The SCIRA Vice. Commodore Pietro Fantoni, the European Secretary Zbigniew Rakocy, the National Secretary for Germany Günther Hautmann and the councillor of the City of Pergine Valsugana Sergio Paoli were also present. Special thanks and a present (a gold pin of the SCIRA) were given to Herbert Hörterich, since 2002 the bridge linking the AVT, the German and the European Snipe Associations and chief organizer for AVT.

The Belgian winner Manu Hens thanked everyone with kind words of appreciation for the event, not only from the sport and racing point of view, but also for the wonderful hospitality and the beautiful atmosphere of friendship, helpfulness and warmth who built up in the three days, fully shared also by the large Polish team, and announced as of now his registration for the 2017 edition. Goodbye to the 2017 G. O. (16th German Open - 9 - 11 June 2017), not forgetting the next Snipe event organized by the AVT, the 2016 Italian National Master Championship which will be sailed in the beautiful Lake of MOLVENO host of the 2017 Snipe European Masters Championship.

For AVT article by Ivano Dallaserra



Why Join the Snipe Class Association?

Sailors constantly ask, "Why Should I Join SCIRA?" Below we've outlined the many reasons to support this 85 year old Association.

Let's be clear: Your International SCIRA dues are as follows:

Junior: \$10

Senior: \$15

Boat decal: \$10

SCIRA Int. has kept the dues low to assist your national associations if they feel the need add a fee to help run their national office. But let's breakdown why you need to support your Snipe Class

Benefits of a Strong Class Association

- A strong class association means lots of boats to race against, near you and around the world!
- A strong class association with lots of racing attracts the world's best sailors - giving you the best racing possible!
- A strong class association means major events scheduled at the best sailing locations and moving all over the continental regions - there will always be a big event near you!
- A strong class association means solid class rules making all boats as identical as possible - you are competing against other sailors, not their check books!
- A strong class association means lots of people looking to buy boats keeping the resale value of your boat high.
- A strong class association keeps an eye towards the future and works with the builders to make improvements where needed while preserving as well as possible the competitiveness of older boats

To be strong, a class association needs the support of its sailors!

What are some of the direct benefits of membership?

- You receive the Snipe Rulebook with the current class rules, class constitution, international Deeds of Gift & history, guidelines for events, contact information for your country and class officers
- You receive the Snipe Bulletin, the quarterly publication which gives a wrap-up of international events sailed around the world as well as information from the international officers and office.
- You will have access to the class website containing all the latest news as well as an up-to-date calendar of events. Regional and country websites are also listed and you can access archived copies of the Snipe Bulletin as well as useful articles on how to rig and sail your boat faster.
- Your membership makes you eligible to sail in any of the 100+ major Snipe Class regattas scheduled every year throughout the world, including open, masters, youth and women's events.

You get direct benefit by joining the Snipe Class!

What does SCIRA do with your membership dues?

- The first \$5 of your dues go to pay the SCIRA office staff who work incredibly hard to: make sure our events get scheduled every year and that these events follow the high standards of the Snipe Class, ensuring all the boats are the same by complying with Class rules, keeping track of rules change proposals, and interfacing with World Sailing on various levels. and to have a knowledgeable person available to answer a question by phone or email.
- A little over \$5 goes to the quarterly assembling, printing & mailing of the Snipe Bulletin and the Rulebook every four years.
- Around \$1 goes to support promotion, ranging from stickers, decals, merchandise & the website.
- Most of the remaining \$4 goes to all the things it takes to run an organization of 3000 members, from some travel cost, class measurement support all the way to mundane office expenses.

Your memberships dues are used to keep the Snipe as THE doublehanded dinghy to sail and race throughout the world!

Why should you join SCIRA?

- To enable the Snipe Class to remain a strong class association and continue to make the Snipe the pre-eminent doublehanded dinghy of our time.
- To gain the benefits of membership outlined above
- To protect your investment in your boat, making sure that if the time comes to sell then you can be certain that the high demand driven by a strong class will enable you to get the best price for your boat.

SCIRA is what it is today because of the support of its members. Keep that tradition alive, join or renew your membership today!



Preliminary Allocations for entries for 2017 World Championship

based upon September 30 boat registrations and per the
Hub Isaacs Deed of Gift

Average # of regis-
tered boats for the past
2 years - entries

1-5	1
6-15	2
16-30	3
31-50	4
51-100	5
101-200	6
201-300	7
300+	8

Worlds Entries - 2017							
	2016 Boats	2015 Boats	total	time quota 2017 Worlds	entry quota 2017 Worlds	world or other champs	qualified champions
Argentina	51	61	112	55	5		
Bahrain	12	10	22	11	2		
Belgium	52	47	99	49.5	4		
Brazil	157	95	252	131	8	2	World Champ Nelson; Tavares/Rodrigues Corvellec, Jr World 1st; Lemos Monteiro/Domingos Gomes
Canada	15	5	20	10	2		
Chile	7	0	7	3.5	1		
Colombia	13	0	13	6.5	2		
Croatia	7	9	16	8	2		
Cuba	6	6	12	6	2		
Denmark	7	9	16	8	2		
Ecuador	16	16	32	16	3	1	2015 WJ: Edgar Olmedo/Julian Flores
Finland	31	35	66	33	4		
France	29	31	60	30	3		
Germany	9	1	10	5	1		
Italy	142	126	268	134	8		
Japan	404	404	808	404	8		
Norway	78	74	152	76	5		
Peru	10	3	13	6.5	2		
Poland	26	19	45	22.5	3		
Portugal	23	30	53	26.5	3		
Romania	12	3	15	7.5	2		
Spain	157	199	356	172.5	8	3	2015 2nd entry; Euro: Bacharoff/Felipe del Castillo; 2nd Jr World: Antunes Lopez; World Champ in Helsinki
Sri Lanka	11	0	19	9.5	2		
United States	394	363	757	368.5	8		
United Kingdom	20	20	40	20	3		
Uruguay	8	0	8	4	2		
Venezuela	0	0	0	0	1		
Total	1797	1421		89	30	8	additional requests for entry
				total reqs:	7		
				former world champions:	12		
				possible competitors:	116	8	

** per deed of gift, host country only allowed one additional pending it does not
have among its other reg. line Jr, B, Euro or WJWC Champ.

***former world champion skipper automatically qualify if a reg. member. Not included in country time quota
Actual champions must be the entry, not open entry.



2016-17 Snipe Racing Calendar

2016

Major Regattas

Championnat Ile de France	October 8-9	Choisy, FRA
Host Cup	October 8-9	Baerum, NOR
Trofeu Maria Guedes de Queiroz	October 8-9	Cascais, POR
ITA National Regatta	October 15-16	Lignano, ITA
World Masters	October 19-22	Nassau, Bahamas
Halloween Regatta	October 29-30	Atlanta, GA, USA
Carolyn Nute Memorial	October 29-30	Mission Bay, CA, USA
Memorial Confoulan	Oct 31-Nov 1	Cazaux, FRA
Trofeo Armada	December 3-5	Murcia, ESP

National Championships

Spain	October 28-31	Menorca, ESP
Colombia- Juniors	November 5-7	Santander, COL
Ecuador	November 12-13	Salinas, ECU
Japan	November 17-20	Wakayama

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South Americans	April 7-16	San Isidro, BsAs, ARG
European Cup	July 21-23	Poznan, POL
European Masters	July 28-30	Moveno Lake, ITA
Junior World Championship	August 1-7	La Coruna, ESP
World Championship	August 7-14	La Coruna, ESP



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