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THE COVER: Junior Worlds competitors waiting for the wind in Mar Menor, Spain.

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From the Commodore

During August & September, SCIRA held three major events attended by a very good number of competitors of an excellent skill level.

I was able to follow the last day of races in Kolding, Denmark for the European Championship in mid-August. 12 countries with 56 teams attended this regatta with high competition. After many years, the winners are from Northern Europe breaking a long list of South European winners. We were surprised that the majority of the races were sailed in light to medium conditions.

September 8-11, Mar Menor hosted the 2nd Women's World Championship in Spain, and we were again surprised, this time to find the opposite of the conditions expected; heavy wind, rain and black clouds on the horizon. It was really difficult and tough sailing and also tough to manage the regatta and be SCIRA Representative. All the races were double triangles to give as much safety to the competitors, and to also comply with the present SCIRA rule (1 race on the first day with charter boats), and we were lucky to sail 6 races and still have a drop race. The entrants were from 9 countries with 24 boats all of high level. We saw beautiful competition and the podium was open to five crews until the last race.

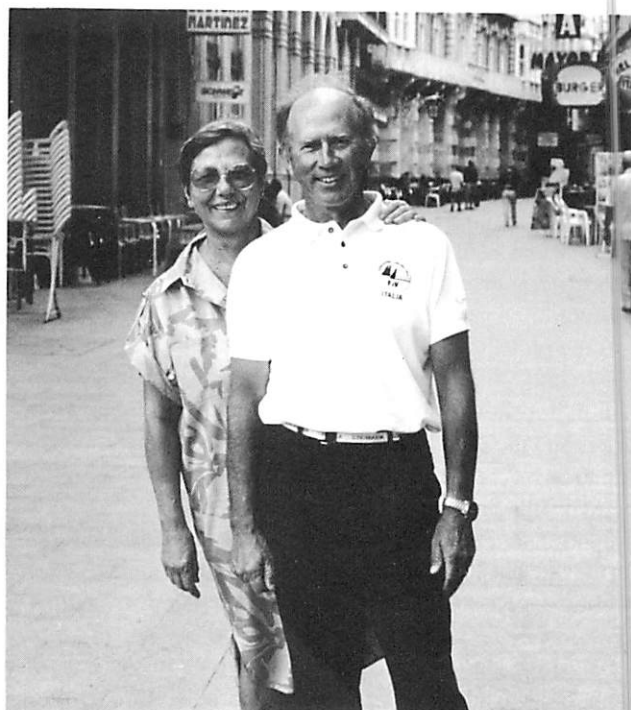
The Women's closing and Junior's opening ceremonies were joined and it was nice to have the large crowd of people, of different generations, standing under the same flag.

The Juniors had the promised usual Mar Menor conditions; warm, medium wind. There were 25 entrants coming from 14 different SCIRA nations. The competition was again of the highest level and I can tell you that seeing the races, it was quite impossible to understand it was a junior competition! Again, this championship was decided on the last race.

SCIRA International was represented in all three events by the Commodore and the Executive Director and I can tell you that it was good for the Class as we had the opportunities to meet many Board members, National Secretaries, measurers and of course the sailors, and discuss their needs and ideas.

We had friendship and attention, but we also faced some difficult problems, most of them were solved immediately, but after this experience, we can improve upon our organization adopting some steps, not influencing our present rules, that could help many sailors, organizers and regatta managers.

The temporary change to the Junior World Deed of Gift concerning boats for junior competitors worked well. 7 boats were chartered from direct contact with owners, 4 were char-



Commodore Brezich & wife Plinia in Cartagena, Spain tered from the host club, and the rest were brought by the junior sailors themselves. The chartered boats were all of the latest generation (28000+) in good condition that we inspected and accepted.

I think SCIRA can be proud to have had held such good international events with large fleets and keen competition.

—Giorgio Brezich

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AROUND THE SNIPE WORLD



Eastern European Secretary and Russian National Secretary Alexei Fomin presented this photo of the new Yacht Club being built in Moscow on the Moscow river. Home of Snipe fleet #832.

1996 European Championships

Kolding, Denmark
August 12-16, 1996

Held in the small town of Hjøllsmunde, this edition of the European Championship had a record 12 nations competing with 56 crews. New to the Championship were 2 teams from Russia and one from newly reorganized Switzerland. Organized by Kolding Sejlclub, Hjøllsmunde became the temporary regatta site as the protected fjord in Kolding wasn't able to handle the large regatta.

Sailors took over a parking lot as headquarters and the organizers rolled in a motor home to serve as the regatta office proving once again that Snipe sailors make the best of all situations. The course was a quick sail from the site, but provided unexpectedly light conditions. Kristoffer Spone and Janett Krefting of Norway, fresh off a perfect regatta in Moss, started the Europeans with 4 straight firsts. 2nd place was equally shared by 4 teams, with light wind and rainy conditions on the first day and heavy air for the second.

On the last day Fernando Rita/Javier Sintes and David Saura and Victor Moncloa were hot on the trail for a top spot. The final race found Spone/Krefting covering Rita/Sintes with the two teams hitting the left side on the final leg, both posting deep 32 and 46 positions. Spone's covering allowed Saura/Moncloa to get away from the pack and finish first.

Junior teams, one allowed per country, proved just as competent as their senior competitors. Paco and Marina Sanchez of Spain had 3 top 10 finishes in the 56 boat fleet to finish an impressive 6th overall. Karl Otto



European Champions: Fernando Rita, Javier Sintes, Janett Krefting, Kristoffer Spone, David Saura, Victor Moncloa

Book/Jostein Groedem of Norway stayed consistently in the top 1/3rd and Peter Top Iversen/Niels Lund of Denmark finished 12th overall, giving all junior teams a good regatta in preparation for the Junior Worlds to be held one month later.

Housing consisted of most teams renting summer homes on the small hill overlooking the racing area. A barbeque in the middle of the week found all the teams vying for the best chant with plenty of beer and wine flowing.

The prizegiving was held at the Kolding Hotel in Kolding, a beautiful old building and a great setting for the ceremony.

Kristoffer and Janett shared the podium flanked on each side by Spain's Rita/Sintes and Saura/Moncloa, having taken the Per-

petual from a 10 year South European lock. This was their regatta!

Local organizers provided a great venue and excellent race committee work for another European Championship. Janett and Kristoffer, with this win, earn a place at the 1997 World Championships in San Diego. The competitors are all looking forward to the 1998 European Championship in Porto, Portugal.

photos:

below left: Regatta leader board kept everyone updated.

below right: Spone/Krefting jib - mylar with added touches for viewing the tell-tales.

European Championship Snipe Class Kolding Denmark 1996											
Sail nr	Start nr	Crew	Sponsor	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	T
1	1	Spone/Krefting	ED	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	2	Rita/Sintes	PHILIPS	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
3	3	Saura/Moncloa	PHILIPS	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
4	4	Spone/Krefting	ED	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
5	5	Rita/Sintes	PHILIPS	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
6	6	Saura/Moncloa	PHILIPS	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
7	7	Spone/Krefting	ED	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
8	8	Rita/Sintes	PHILIPS	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
9	9	Saura/Moncloa	PHILIPS	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
10	10	Spone/Krefting	ED	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
11	11	Rita/Sintes	PHILIPS	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
12	12	Saura/Moncloa	PHILIPS	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
13	13	Spone/Krefting	ED	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13
14	14	Rita/Sintes	PHILIPS	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14
15	15	Saura/Moncloa	PHILIPS	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
16	16	Spone/Krefting	ED	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16
17	17	Rita/Sintes	PHILIPS	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17
18	18	Saura/Moncloa	PHILIPS	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18
19	19	Spone/Krefting	ED	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19
20	20	Rita/Sintes	PHILIPS	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
21	21	Saura/Moncloa	PHILIPS	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21
22	22	Spone/Krefting	ED	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22
23	23	Rita/Sintes	PHILIPS	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23
24	24	Saura/Moncloa	PHILIPS	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24
25	25	Spone/Krefting	ED	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25
26	26	Rita/Sintes	PHILIPS	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26
27	27	Saura/Moncloa	PHILIPS	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27
28	28	Spone/Krefting	ED	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28
29	29	Rita/Sintes	PHILIPS	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29
30	30	Saura/Moncloa	PHILIPS	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
31	31	Spone/Krefting	ED	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31
32	32	Rita/Sintes	PHILIPS	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32
33	33	Saura/Moncloa	PHILIPS	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33
34	34	Spone/Krefting	ED	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34
35	35	Rita/Sintes	PHILIPS	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35
36	36	Saura/Moncloa	PHILIPS	36	36	36	36	36	36	36	36
37	37	Spone/Krefting	ED	37	37	37	37	37	37	37	37
38	38	Rita/Sintes	PHILIPS	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38
39	39	Saura/Moncloa	PHILIPS	39	39	39	39	39	39	39	39
40	40	Spone/Krefting	ED	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40
41	41	Rita/Sintes	PHILIPS	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41
42	42	Saura/Moncloa	PHILIPS	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42
43	43	Spone/Krefting	ED	43	43	43	43	43	43	43	43
44	44	Rita/Sintes	PHILIPS	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44
45	45	Saura/Moncloa	PHILIPS	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45
46	46	Spone/Krefting	ED	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	46
47	47	Rita/Sintes	PHILIPS	47	47	47	47	47	47	47	47
48	48	Saura/Moncloa	PHILIPS	48	48	48	48	48	48	48	48
49	49	Spone/Krefting	ED	49	49	49	49	49	49	49	49
50	50	Rita/Sintes	PHILIPS	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
51	51	Saura/Moncloa	PHILIPS	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51
52	52	Spone/Krefting	ED	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	52
53	53	Rita/Sintes	PHILIPS	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53
54	54	Saura/Moncloa	PHILIPS	54	54	54	54	54	54	54	54
55	55	Spone/Krefting	ED	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55
56	56	Rita/Sintes	PHILIPS	56	56	56	56	56	56	56	56



1996 European Championships

Results

	Skipper/Crew	Country	Sail #	Finishes	Total
1.	Kristoffer Spone/Janett Krefting	Norway	29016	1-1-1-1-19-(32)	22
2.	Fernando Rita/Javier Sintes	Spain	28919	2-7-6-3-6-(46)	24
3.	David Saura/Victor Moncloa	Spain	28910	4-3-(p20)-14-9-1	30.75
4.	Thomas Iversen/Thomas Rasmussen	Denmark	29107	15-12-(dsq)-5-2-9	42
5.	Damian Borrás/Javier Misgro	Spain	28898	(17)-15-11-6-5-p20	51
6.	Paco Sanchez/Marina Sanchez	Spain	28764	7-(26)-9-18-12-5	51
7.	Frederik Segerstroem/Carl Terneus	Sweden	28816	(28)-19-3-2-3-25	52
8.	Karl Otto Book/Jostein Groedem	Norway	29088	13-4-(21)-9-10-18	54
9.	Birger Jansen/Carinne Juliussen	Norway	28810	11-(p20)-5-15-17-7	55
10.	Enrico Solerio/Tommaso Maiga	Italy	28959	p20-5-12-(33)-1-10	58.75
11.	Per/Lars Joergensen	Denmark	28372	9-8-13-11-20-(27)	61
12.	Peter Iversen/Niels Lund	Denmark	29020	6-22-4-4-29-(dsq)	65
13.	Antonio Estades/Bernado Llado	Spain	28618	18-9-17-19-(24)-9	72
14.	Jonathan Persson/Andreas Gotfredsen	Denmark	28818	(36)-17-2-7-32-19	77
15.	Frank Eriksen/Erik Ankjar	Denmark	28362	26-23-19-8-13-(44)	89
16.	Gabriele Bernadis/Stefano Pontalti	Italy	28867	37-(pms)-13-15-13	89
17.	Mikhail Azarov/Valentin Zoobkov	Russia	29105	(40)-6-18-22-34-11	91
18.	Ola Nygard/Erling Nesse	Norway	28037	25-28-28-10-4-(45)	95
19.	Ben VanCauwenberg/T. Goossens	Belgium	28813	32-2-16-20-(dnf)-30	100
20.	Christian Thomsen/Helle Thomsen	Denmark	28151	20-(dsq)-39-27-11-3	100
21.	Sebastian Mesquida/Miguel Zornoza	Spain	28284	22-(dsq)-22-16-22-23	105
22.	Claus Carpelan/Risto Valjus	Finland	28707	(48)-34-14-25-16-17	106
23.	Mattias Alm/Frederik Hansson	Sweden	27458	10-20-46-23-7-(dsq)	106
24.	Antonio Bari/Gianmaria Bertanzon	Italy	6313	35-13-7-24-(dnf)-28	107
25.	Lars Angur/Rickard Oberpichler	Sweden	28861	23-25-36-12-(37)-14	110
26.	Reidar Berthelsen/Christin Sundet	Norway	28775	12-18-(42)-30-18-36	114
27.	Maurizio Bodino/Paolo Torielli	Italy	28488	29-16-20-(dnf)-23-31	119
28.	Tiago Roquette/Pedro Roquette	Portugal	28028	5-(dsq)-29-dnf-26-6	121
29.	Michael Kallesoe/Poul Evers	Denmark	28288	(p20)-36-8-21-33-p20	125
30.	Henrik Andersen/Joan Larsen	Denmark	27698	(45)-14-15-41-36-20	126
31.	Ville/Jarna Aalto-Setälä	Finland	26650	21-27-23-(dnf)-31-26	128
32.	Sveta Malibuk/Sveta Krestiachina	Russia	29106	16-24-37-(44)-41-20	139
33.	Harald Walder/Knut Doresius	Norway	28452	33-30-(44)-35-30-12	140
34.	Lennart Andersson/Torbjoern Larsson	Sweden	26798	27-39-24-17-(dnf)-35	142
35.	Peter/Harald Stuffer	Italy	29054	(49)-33-32-34-8-38	145
36.	Bjoern Eresund/Maria Rosberg	Sweden	29089	31-35-26-31-(38)-33	156
37.	Mats Goethlin/Johan Andersson	Sweden	27808	24-31-31-29-42-(dsq)	157
38.	Cristobal Bosch/Pedro Allets	Spain	28149	p20-(dsq)-34-32-dsq-4	157
39.	Stephan Irgens/Monica Bigard	Switzerland	28470	46-29-(47)-42-21-24	162
40.	Ezio Braga/Stefano Parodi	Italy	28817	p20-(dsq)-33-39-14-22	164
41.	Tomas Berg/Joergen Hurtig	Sweden	27459	8-21-54-dnf-25-(dsq)	168
42.	Peter/Marius Waersten	Norway	28279	38-40-52-45-28-21	172
43.	R. Marques de Torres/Mikael Lindved	Spain	28387	41-32-(51)-26-35-39	173
44.	Sampo Valjus/Reetta Aalto-Setälä	Finland	28704	39-45-30-36-27-(dsq)	177
45.	Lode D'Hooe/Ratinckx	Belgium	28956	30-38-38-(46)-43-29	178
46.	Jan Ole Stangeland/Boerre Sundet	Norway	27266	(52)-41-25-28-49-37	180
47.	Miguel Bunteda Graca/D. Monta-Nelas	Portugal	28462	3-(dsq)-40-38-40-dsq	182
48.	Anne Romain/Sebastian Monteil	France	29004	43-42-(50)-43-45-41	214
49.	Filip Svensson/Jens Ekengren	Sweden	29080	50-(dsq)-41-37-53-34	215
50.	Silvie le Bour/Gilles Boisaubert	France	28690	42-43-45-(dnf)-39-dsq	217
51.	Maxim Romain/Stephane Colonna	France	29005	54-37-35-dnf-39-(dsq)	220
52.	Matti Pehkonen/Kati Rantamäki	Finland	27323	51-(dsq)-27-dnf-47-42	222
53.	Carlo Picciocchi/Paolo Fergnani	Italy	28773	(53)-46-43-45-46-47	227
54.	Ketil Krantz/Oeystein Sivertsen	Norway	27546	47-44-(58)-52-55-40	238
55.	Brian/Ian Gregory	Great Britain	20641	55-(dsq)-52-dnf-51-48	261

2nd Women's World Championship

Book/Juliussen Repeat as Women's Champions

Mar Menor, Spain

September 8-11, 1996

Mar Menor, Spain, host to the 2nd Women's World Championships, promised everything; warm water, temperate conditions, average wind and a close race course. But Mother Nature decided to give the Women a run for their money and instead dished out rain, thunder and winds ranging from 10-25 knots.

The women competitors gathered on the patio for opening ceremonies at the Centro de Alto Rendimiento (CAR), an exceptional sports facility which houses, trains and runs competitions of various sports. All the competitors were housed in the dormitory which encouraged the friendly atmosphere so many enjoy. After speeches by local dignitaries and SCIRA officials, the women were ready to begin racing.

The first day of sailing was the only day the teams saw the expected conditions. With the wind at 10-12 knots, the race began with Mary Brigden Snow/Jerelyn Biehl of the USA leading the 1st triangle, only to be passed on the 2nd weather leg by Lisa Foulke Pline/Sherry Eldridge also of the USA, to take 1st. The sister duo of Marisa/Marina Sanchez of Spain finished 3rd and returning for their 2nd Worlds, sisters Paula/Monica Marino of Uruguay posted a solid 4th. Past World Champions Pauline Book/Carine Juliussen finished 5th in what would eventually become their drop race.

A storm arrived overnight and the sailors waited onshore while rain squalls and 25+ knot winds ravaged the day. Finally in the afternoon, the wind subsided to 15 knots to



start race 2. Again, Brigden/Biehl led the 1st triangle, but were passed this time by Book/Juliussen with a shift from the left. The Sanchez sisters sailing fast, pinned Brigden/Biehl at the finish and slid in for a 2nd. Pline/Eldridge sailed their drop race of 5th.

More of the same conditions for the following day - heavy rain and wind postponed the start until 4pm. This race had the Russian team of Svetlana/Svetlana leading the competitors around the entire race. Russian vodka flowed freely in the evening celebrating their victory! But their win was almost lost, as Pline/Eldridge, lurking in 3rd the entire race, crossed the leaders 15 boatlengths from the finish, only to find a shroud pin missing and limped across the finish line in 3rd. In retrospect, if they had posted a 1st, they may have won the Championship!

The final day again didn't promise good conditions. Although the wind had dropped to 10-12 knots for the 1st race of the day, it

photo: all the Spanish Women's competitors.

was under rainy skies. At one point the rain was so heavy, there were no wind marks on the water! Pline/Eldridge led the race with Book/Juliussen and Brigden/Biehl and Sanchez sisters of Spain close behind. Visibility was poor to non-existent and a search for the mark slipped Book/Juliussen into 1st to win the race. For safety reasons, the sailors were led back to shore, but after a 1-2 hour break it was back out to finish the Championship. Going into the last race, the scores were tight. Any of the top 4 teams could win. The start was a solid 18+ knots that increased as the race progressed. All teams had their mains eased and were using any de-powering techniques known. Book/Juliussen rounded 1st with Brigden/Biehl 2nd, Pline/Eldridge 3rd and Sanchez sisters in 4th. The screaming reaches had all the teams flying, then a hard grind upwind. On the 2nd triangle reaches, puffs of 25+ hit the fleet and several boats capsized, many able to right themselves and finish the race with a few others with masts stuck in the shallow mud. With Book/Juliussen posting 2 wins on the final day, they won their 2nd Women's Worlds back to back.

Pline/Eldridge finished 1.75 points behind to capture 2nd and the Sanchez sisters and Brigden/Biehl tied for 3rd with 11 points, with Spain winning the tie-breaker. They Russian team finished in 5th and sisters Paula/Monica Marino 6th. Kara Shadwick/Sherry Welch from the USA posted almost all top 10 finishes to give them 7th overall. The two Italian teams of Giacometti/Ondina Zago and Manola Reis/Marina Simoni finished 8-9 respectively and Yvonne Otterbeck/Monica Oklum of Norway rounded out the top 10. Yvonne had been at the 1994 Junior Worlds as a crew, the only female in competition.

The committee was impressed with the abilities and high level of competition shown by the women. Spain was proud of its 3rd overall and having 10 of 24 local competitors. Japan sent 3 crews, France 1 and Italy 2 rounding out the international list of countries.



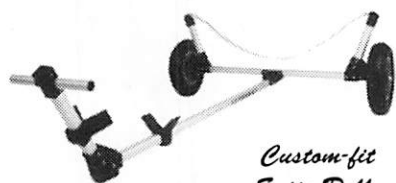
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photo left: Japanese sailors enjoying the sun, one of the few days it was out!

Women's World Results

	Skipper/Crew	Country	Sail #	Finishes	Total
1.	Pauline Book/Carine Juliussen	Norway	28810	(5)-1-4-1-1	6.25
2.	Lisa Foulke Pline/Sherry Eldridge	United States	26926	1-(5)-3-2-2	7.75
3.	Marina/Marisa Sanchez	Spain	28764	3-2-(5)-3-3	11
4.	Mary Bridgen Snow/Jerelyn Biehl	United States	29104	2-3-2-4-(dnf)	11
5.	Sveta Maluok/Sveta Krestjashina	Russia	29106	6-(7)-1-6-4	16.75
6.	Paula/Monica Marino	Uruguay	22777	4-4-8-5-(dsq)	21
7.	Kara Shadwick/Sherry Welch	United States	27772	7-6-(12)-9-5	27
8.	Giacometti/Ondina Zago	Italy	28912	11-8-6-(ret)-6	31
9.	Manola Reis/Marina Simoni	Italy	29000	10-11-7-(12)-9	37
10.	Yvonne Otterbeck/Monica Oklum	Norway	26973	12-(17)-9-8-8	37
11.	Isabel Estades/Inmaculada Salom	Spain	28618	8-9-(14)-14-7	38
12.	Aurora Rodriguez/Pilas Casares	Spain	26262	13-15-(dsq)-7-10	45
13.	Kuntko Yamada/Mio Sakamoto	Japan	28577	(17)-14-10-17-11	52
14.	Maria Franco/Elena Garcia Molina	Spain	28948	14-13-(dsq)-11-ymp	53
15.	Sayaka Kurosaki/Fuyuko Ishimoda	Japan	27994	(18)-18-16-10-12	56
16.	Goelle Pellon/Elise Frebault	France	27948	(19)-12-17-16-14	59
17.	Maria Alarcon/Dolores Alarcon	Spain	28660	16-10-(dsq)-13-dnf	64
18.	Fernanda Debellian/Paula Bersch	Brasil	25021	9-(pms)-16p20-15-dnf	65
19.	Motoko Takeda/Mari Kobayashi	Japan	28758	(20)-20-13-19-13	65
20.	Sandrina Bertish/Marina Martinez	Spain	27922	15-(dnc)-15-18-dnc	73
21.	Elena Cuenca/Ana Villa	Spain	28200	23-16-19-20-(dnc)	78
22.	Cristina Bagur/Pili Cavaller	Spain	26999	22-19-18-(dnc)-dnc	84
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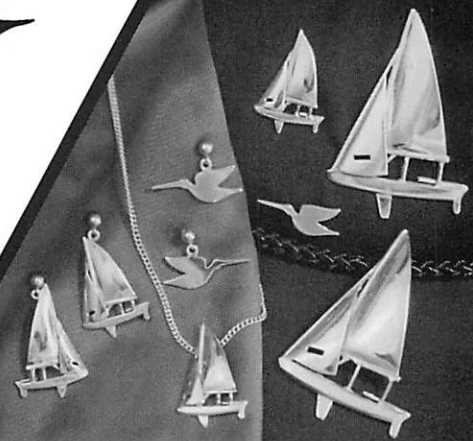
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2.	Javier/Nicolas Ocariz	Argentina	28647	1-1-2-1-2-12-(pms)	18.25
3.	Federico/Francisco Romero	Argentina	28983	(9)-3-5-4-3-4-3	22
4.	Mark Ivey/Elizabeth Potter	United States	25715	6-8-4-(pms)-8-2-7	35
5.	Vasconcellos/Vasconcellos	Brazil	27665	5-6-8-7-4-6-(pms)	36
6.	Peter Iversen/Niels Lund	Denmark	29020	14-2-10-3-5-(dsq)-2	36
7.	Karl Otto Book/Steina Johannessen	Norway	29088	(13)-7-3-13-6-3-5	37
8.	Paco/Marina Sanchez	Spain	28764	2-(10)-9-8-10-5-4	38
9.	Carlos Miguel/Tiago Borjes	Portugal	28405	7-11-6-6-12-(15)-6	48
10.	Pablo Fresneda/Pablo de Villar	Spain	28920	4-5-7-5-(pms)-dsq-1	49
11.	John Warnock/Lisa Harrison	United States	28679	8-14-11-10-(dnf)-8-11	62
12.	Pablo Defazio/Juan Luis Marabotto	Uruguay	28024	(17)-12-12-16-9-9-8	66
13.	Gustav Carlsson/Emil Svensson	Sweden	29083	11-9-16-(18)-7-13-10	66
14.	Diego Massironi/Mateo Ferrari	Uruguay	27784	12-13-13-11-(15)-14-12	75
15.	Diogo Talone/Joao Araujo	Portugal	27387	16-(22)-17-12-11-18-13	87
16.	Nikolaj Myhre/Nicolas Hansen	Denmark	28374	10-16-15-9-(dsq)-10-pms	88
17.	Andrej Mocilnik/Luca Riccobon	Italy	28771	15-18-21-(dsq)-18-7-9	88
18.	Shingo Seto/Keisuke Tsuchiya	Japan	27171	18-(19)-cnf-15-16-11-14	93
19.	Peter Aardal/Vivian Rasmussen	Norway	26771	(21)-17-19-14-13-17-20	100
20.	Filip Svensson/Jeris Ehengren	Sweden	29084	19-21-20-(pms)-14-16-16	106
21.	Denoal Blayo/Tanguy Leglatin	France	26802	(20)-20-18-17-19-21-22-17	108
22.	Diego Cerruti/Marco Fazio	Italy	28773	(24)-15-22-19-21-22-17	116
23.	Henrik Sadzik/Alex Francis	Great Britain	24152	23-(24)-24-21-17-20-21	126
24.	Yannick Brossard/Clemend Metzinger	France	23285	22-(25)-25-cnff-20-21-19	132
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13th Snipe Junior World Championship

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September 12-15, 1996

The 13th Junior World Championship opened with completely different conditions than those faced by the Women in the days earlier. Beautiful clear skies, warm temperatures and calm breezes started each day, often with the postponement flag flying waiting for the wind to fill!

The 25 junior teams representing 14 SCIRA nations were ready to sail, having passed measurement and other qualifications. The first race started in 8-10 knots and had the Argentine team of brothers Javier and Nicolas Ocariz posting the first of their 3 first place finishes. Sailing a lavender Persson, they could do no wrong in the first 5 races with nothing worse than a 2nd. But close on their heels was the Brazilian team of Andre Fonseca and Pablo Furlan. During the 2nd race,



as tough as the top 3. Pablo Fresneda and Pablo de Villar of Spain held top finishes until a PMS and DSQ brought them down.

Frederico and Felipe Vasconcellos of Brazil were tough in the shifty breezes, but were caught over the line early on the last start. Mark Ivey and Elizabeth Potter of the US carried a nice lead in the 6th race only to finish 2nd by the shifting conditions. The trash bag incident and PMS kept them out of the top 3.

Local favorites

Paco and Marina Sanchez of Spain were consistently in the top 10, but a warning and

then penalty 720 by the jury for Rule 54 infraction slowed down their efforts. Others showing promise were Peter Iversen and Niels Lund of Denmark and Karl Otto Book and Steina Johannessen of Norway.

It was nice to see several juniors return from the past World Championship in Japan, including Ivey, Iversen, Sanchez, Myhre of Denmark and Svensson of Sweden. The calibre of racing shown by the juniors was exciting, and their sportsmanship on and off the race course was excellent. Committee members were convinced that had the juniors had the conditions the women had, they could have handled the breeze just as well.

Credit must be given to all the Spanish volunteers who ran the regatta from Chairman A. Contreras, Race Committee Chairman Diego Cuenca, President of Los Urrutias, Hilario Alarcon Pomeroy and the numerous volunteers, registration and organizers who ran 2 superb regattas. Bravo!



Fonseca/Furlan had passed the Ocariz brothers for first when their outhaul let loose, pushing them back to 5th by the time it was fixed. Consistency by brothers Federico and Francisco Romero of Argentina pulled these top 3 within points of each other throughout the Championship. The Romero brothers used a 9th as their throwout, with nothing worse than a 5th in the other races.

Racing was tight and except for the few mishaps during the regatta; Brazilians broken outhaul, a broken main halyard by US sailor John Warnock and a trash bag acting as an anchor on US sailor Mark Ivey's rudder, the remainder of the Championship went smoothly.

With lighter conditions, the Race Committee, headed by Diego Cuenca, dealt with shiftier conditions than those experienced the week before. The wind direction came from all angles, and the sailors were testing their tactical maneuvers.

The fight for the next tier of sailors was just

photo below: many of the junior competitors gather to help the champions celebrate!

photo at left: Steina Johannessen and Karl Otto Book of Norway with Lisa Harrison of the USA.

photo above: World Champions Andre Fonseca and Pablo Furlan react after clinching the title.



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The Class has been growing again over the last couple of years, thanks to the efforts of National Secretary Andre Callot and has seen the influx of a few good sailors from other classes.

Just as last year, the wind direction didn't improve the conditions. Blowing across the width of the lake, it limited even further possibility of maximizing the length of the beats.

On Saturday, 4 races were sailed in a force 3-4, but in very shifty conditions. The day's events were clearly dominated by Jean Martin Grisar, who came from the Laser class only last year. He won two races and finished second once, after having been called back for a premature start. This allowed him to sail a bit more conservatively during the second day, as all the other contenders for the title had already scored their discard.

	Skipper/Crew	Sail #	Fleet	Finishes	Total
1.	Jean Martin Grisar/Guy Celis	28156	RYCB	2-1-4-1-(6)-3-5	26.7
2.	Alex/Tim Schoenmakers	27789	KLYC	(dnc)-5-2-2-3-2-8	38.7
3.	Lode D'Hoore/Wim Ghijs	28956	RYCB	(pms)-8-1-5-2-5-2	40
4.	Herman Van Dormael/Hugo Meirte	26811	VVW-GAL	5-(pms)-8-9-5-1-1	49
5.	Andre Callot/Eric Callot	28813	RYCB	1-2-17-4-12-(pms)-4	60
6.	Thierry Den Hartigh/Greet Jansen	27141	RYCB	6-4-(19)-3-4-8-7	60.4
7.	Jan Everaert/Mieke Gosseelincx	22217		8-6-15-(dsq)-1-4-6	66.4
8.	Carl Winters/Eric Uytersprot	27293	RYCB	7-3-9-(11)-7-9-3	67.4
9.	Dirk De Bock/Dina De Bock	20214	RYCB	4-7-3-8-(10)-6-9	67.4
10.	Benoit Ronault/Anne Romain	29004		(pms)-9-5-6-8-7-12	81.7
11.	Lieven Dossche/Jeroen Dossche	28046	VVW-GAL	9-10-6-7-(dnf)-10-10	87.7
12.	Ben Van Cauwenbergh/Tom Goossens		RYCB	3-12-10-12-9-11-(18)	89.7
13.	Patrick Laumans/Martine Wouters	26835	KLYC	10-13-11-14-11-13-(14)	108
14.	Paul Saeys/Wim Saeys	28627	KLYC	11-14-13-(15)-13-12-11	110
15.	Kris Voets/Marijke Van Noten	21539	VVW-GAL	12-15-7-13-16-(18)-13	112
16.	Dirk Vermeylen/Jan Hauspie	27263	VVW	(dsq)-11-12-10-14-14-19	116
17.	Maxim Romain/Thomas Vernhes	19005	Du Havre	13-16-(21)-16-15-16-15	127
18.	Yves Nelis/Patrick Nuyens	21536	RYCB	16-18-14-18-(19)-17-17	136
19.	Louis Duflou/Monique Cooremans	20637	KLYC	15-17-18-17-18-19-(20)	140
20.	Sebastien Monteil/Christelle Rogala	22272		dnc-dsq-16-(dnc)-17-15-16	147
21.	Christopher Compeers/Koen De Bock	20580	VVW-GAL	17-19-20-19-22-21-(22)	154
22.	Joris Claes/Alexandro De Smet	22195	KLYC	14-dsq-dnf-dnc-20-(dnf)-21	161
23.	Manu De Ferm/Kristof De Ferm	2729	VVW	DNC-DNC-DNC-(DNC)-21-20-23	172

The second day the wind dropped and conditions were very fluky at times, causing large swings in the positions. Jean Martin did exactly what he had to do and stayed in touch with the front in each race, thus securing the title.

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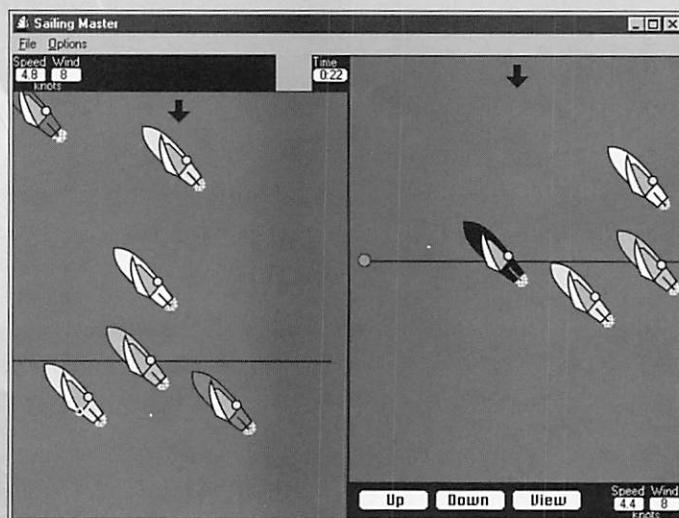
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Looking at the results, it may seem that nothing has changed in the last few years, as the top four boats are basically the same, but this year's competition was closer and more difficult than in any other this author has sailed before.

The racing course, in the middle of the lake, proved to be interesting, with the wind shifting regularly 15 degrees left and right of the average direction, never being more than 12 knots, with a short chop. The start was not important, but to look for the puffs and use them efficiently, especially downwind.

Enrico Michel and his wife Ondina Zago won the title exactly in this way, showing great care in choosing their courses downwind; despite some poor starts, they were able to always finish in the top four. Second place went to Giorgio Brezich and Manola Reis (Ondina and Manola will compete in the Women's Worlds); they won two races, but had two bad finishes (consistency always pays).

For the first time, two male/female crews were at the top of the Class in Italy. This seems to be a trend for the future as we had two more teams in the top ten and many wives, girlfriends and daughters competing in the regatta.

Antonio Bari and Gianmaria Bertanzon took third place despite a big rush - they received a PMS in the first race where they had finished second. Top juniors were Andrej Mocilnik and Luca Riccobon from Trieste.

—Ezio Braga

Italian National Secretary



	Skipper/Crew	Sail #	Fleet	Finishes	Total
1.	Enrico Michel/Ondina Zago	28912	SVOC	4-2-2-1-3-(dnc)	11.75
2.	Giorgio Brezich/Manola Reis	29000	S. Triestina	(12)-1-7-7-1-3	18.50
3.	Antonio Bari/Gianmaria Bertanzon	6313	CUS Trento	(pms)-4-5-6-6-1	21.75
4.	DeMatte/Andreatta	29131	AV Trentino	(8)-6-4-3-4-5	22
5.	Miguel Costa/Giampaolo Spera	28863	Bellano	3-3-1-8-10-(30)	24.75
6.	Gabriele Bernardis/Daniele Santini	28867	FV Riva	1-(12)-3-4-7-12	26.75
7.	Enrico Solerio/Tommaso Maiga	28959	YC SanRemo	13-5-6-2-(14)-11	37
8.	Fabio Nocera/Mauro Maurizi	26141	Alitalia	2-(dsq)-13-12-2-8	37
9.	Barone/Brunelli	28683	Vela Roma	9-8-(12)-9-5-7	38
10.	Ezio Braga/Carlo Parodi	28817	AVAV Luino	15-7-11-(17)-8-4	45
11.	Enrico Podesta/Guido Gatti	28323	S. Margherita	6-(20)-14-5-9-15	49
12.	Niccolo Belloni/Angelo Belloni	28970	S. Margherita	11-(18)-8-13-17-2	51
13.	Corrado Perini/Luca Oselladore	26508	Chioggia	7-15-(19)-14-16-10	62
14.	Carlo Conelli/Mariella Parachini	28705	DVBV	5-10-17-15-(22)-22	69
15.	Pizzarello/Martinelli	28860	Vela Roma	25-11-18-(27)-13-9	76
16.	M. Pizzarello/Daniele Gratton	28946	Vela Roma	21-19-9-(28)-23-6	78
17.	Federico Tozzi/Roberto Tozzi	28355	LNI Ostia	10-32-15-10-(pms)-21	88
18.	Francesca Cappello/Stefano Longhi	28774	STV	20-(30)-16-19-19-16	90
19.	Bernardis/Cattaneo	28275	FV Riva	19-17-20-20-(40)-14	90
20.	Fabrizio de Fio/Stefania Ratto	29033	AVVV	16-22-31-11-(33)-26	106
21.	Luciano Zoccoli/Claudia Gilardoni	28862	AVB	17-23-34-(42)-20-19	113
22.	Lorenzo Longhi/Rita Quattri	28819	CV Orta	29-9-(39)-23-21-33	115
23.	Luca Monteggia/Adelise Gaja	26814	CVBV	(34)-33-10-16-28-32	119
24.	Giacometti/Pontonutti	28771	SVOC	31-(42)-24-18-11-38	122
25.	Marco Bressan/Mariateresa Bressan	26831	CUS Trento	(pms)-35-29-22-18-18	122
26.	Alessandro Baldi/Gabriele Natali	28477	CV Artiglio	22-16-23-33-(38)-34	128
27.	Pallavicini/Lombardo	27121	Vela Roma	27-14-21-(51)-25-41	128
28.	Fabio Annibal/Mario Malossi	29081	YC Adriaco	26-31-25-21-30-(ret)	133
29.	Oreste Vaglini/Andrea Campani	28772	Cral Solvai	42-13-32-31-15-(dnc)	133
30.	Ciufo/Mazzacuva	28685	ASNS	14-40-35-46-12-(53)	147
31.	Andrej Mocilnik/Luca Riccobon	2881	SNT Sirena	18-26-26-(dsq)-ret-13	147
32.	Carlo Bicciochi/Paolo Fergnani	28773	VCN	39-(50)-40-35-23-20	158
33.	Roberto Spigoli/Anita Pulcini	25340	ASNS	(53)-45-27-30-41-23	166
34.	Stefano Penzo/Matteo Sambo	28613	Chioggia	30-34-(dnf)-54-31-17	166
35.	Paolo Pinelli/Renato Pinelli	2650	STV	(48)-37-47-29-26-28	167
36.	Silvano Zuanelli/Massimo Tararotti	27131	AV Trentina	35-38-(50)-24-48-25	170
37.	Maurizio Sambo/Marina Simoni	28612	STV	43-39-36-(44)-29-29	176
38.	Luciano Massone/Antonio Rossi	27102	SV Ortona	(45)-25-42-43-43-24	177
39.	Paolo Cardoni/Valerio Mosco	26815	V. Talamone	28-44-41-39-(ret)-27	179
40.	Riccardo Grande/Filippo Martinez	28864	Vela Roma	38-21-56-36-(ret)-31	182
41.	Paolo Colangelo/Emanuele Cecchini	29858	AVVV	33-24-54-25-49-(dnf)	185
42.	Stefano Venditti/Cristina Casadio	28611	AV L. Ledro	36-27-30-(dsq)-27-dnc	186
43.	Gino Costantini/Giovanni Moro	26346	CDVMuggia	24-41-38-(53)-34-52	189
44.	Giovanni Cespa/Marina Onesti	7082	CTRemo	32-36-46-40-36-(54)	190
45.	Fornelli/Dello Siesto	26826	Vigna di Valle	23-29-28-(dnc)-dnc-46	192
46.	Sposato/Minio Palvello	26140	V. Talamone	41-51-(dsq)-32-32-37	193
47.	Renato Bruni/Adriana Bruni	28273	CV Cremona	46-(47)-44-34-42-36	202
48.	Irredento/Savelli	27129	STV	37-43-(51)-45-44-39	208
49.	Pietro Scrimiero/Sara Scrimieri	28953	ASNS	50-(58)-45-41-39-40	215
50.	Alessandro Rodati/Silvio Dunanton	26506	DVV	40-(60)-37-47-46-48	218
51.	Luciano Magliari/Paolo Di Girolamo	28145	ASNS	44-54-(57)-37-47-43	225
52.	Alberto Belleni/Andrea Riccardi	27015	AVVV	(pms)-28-22-dsq-dsq-35	227
53.	Paolo Moro/biuseppe Schettini	20951	CVA	(56)-52-49-56-35-42	234
54.	Matteo Pini/Carlo Pini	27122	C. Solvay	49-49-43-(50)-45-50	236
55.	Stefano Lillia/Luca Callori	28957	AVAL	47-48-33-49-(pms)-dnf	237
56.	Fabio Bisia/Andrea Pribaz	26827	DV Duino	60-(61)-26-54-44	244
57.	Andrea Cosci/Rinaldo D'harmant	22768	CV Lazio	55-55-48-48-(56)-47	253
58.	Giampaolo Cantini/Franco Frinolli	25855	CV Talamone	(pms)-53-63-38-50-49	253
59.	Stefano Geraci/Luisa Ardito	25794	CV Lazio	(dnc)-dnc-55-58-37-45	261
60.	Livia Illing/Guido Guerrieri	26349	AVVV	52-59-58-52-55-(dnf)	276
61.	Girolamo Fiesi/Leonardo Rivituso	28313	ASNS	51-46-62-(dnc)-dnc-51	276
62.	Valerio DeSantis/Roberta Candela	26139	ASNS	57-57-(61)-55-53-55	277
63.	Aduo Marconi/Federico Costalli	27120	C. Rosignano	59-56-52-61-51-(dnc)	279
64.	Fabrizio Feliziano/Mauro Feliziani	27124	CV Talamone	54-(dsq)-53-57-52-dnc	282
65.	Emilio Babbini/Lina Stefanini	28190	Vela Cremona	61-62-59-60-57-(dnc)	299
66.	Dario Stermin/Federico D'Amico	26501	YC Adriaco	58-63-64-59-ret-(pms)	308

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